



DRIVER'S BRIEFING NOTES

2023 NORTHERN TERRITORY DIRT KART TITLES

Friday 21st July 2023 to Sunday 23rd July 2023

Drivers & Pit Crew it is your responsibility to read & understand the Driver's Briefing Notes.

Parents/Pit Crews of Junior Competitors please ensure your drivers have read & understood the below information.

This race meeting will be run in accordance with the AIDKA 2023 Rule Book as published on the AIDKA website.

1. RACE ORDER

The Race Order is as detailed at the bottom of these Drivers Briefing Notes.

It is the Drivers responsibility to be familiar with the order and to be at the Grid ready to compete. If any driver is not on their allocated position on the outgrid by the white flag of the preceding race, the grid will be adjusted with all other karts moved up. If the driver attends the grid after this time, they will start rear of field.

Please note that when attending the Outgrid to placing your kart into your grid position, please be aware Pole Position is always on the **LEFT-hand side**. It does not alternate with the change of race direction.

2. EVENT FORMAT

As per the prospectus for this event the format is **6 heats drop your worst**. Winners determined by highest points calculated over the heats after the worst heat is dropped. This process happens automatically within QuickGrid.

Grid Draws as per QuickGrid.

Heats will be 8 laps. Laps numbers may be altered if required by the Chief Steward.

Racing in both directions. Heat 1 will be Anti-Clockwise, with race direction alternating each round.

3. PRACTICE

All competitors will be given 3 laps in the **Anti-clockwise** direction. Karts to grid up for practice using heat 1 grids.

3 Laps in the clockwise direction for **Interstate Drivers only** to be completed in race order.

4. ENGINE & CHASSIS SEALS

Engine & Chassis Seals will be issued during Driver Registration. They must be fitted to the engine/chassis prior to the **first heat**.

Blue Seal = Chassis

Red Seal = Engine

If you need another engine seal during the meeting, please see **Tony Dunn** (he will be introduced at Drivers Briefing on day 1 of competition). Only 1 replacement engine seal will be issued per class (or 2 engine seals for twin engine classes). The replacement engine seals are blue, and do not feature a barcode. **ALL** sealed engines must be presented for engine measuring if you finish in the top 6.

5. FUEL TESTING

Fuel Testing will be conducted over the weekend. Drivers will be chosen randomly for Fuel Testing.

Please ensure you are complying with the following Supplementary Regulation regarding Fuel issued on 4th July 2023:

Under Rule 24.11 AIDKA are implementing a controlled fuel for the 2023 Northern Territory Dirt Kart Title hosted by Top End Dirt Karts from Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd July 2023.

The following fuels only are permitted to be used at this event:

- *Premium Unleaded (PULP) 98 or 95 (produced by major refineries)*
- *VP C9*

6. SCALES

Drivers will be instructed to go to the scales by the Scales Marshall or another official. Drivers will be chosen randomly for weighing.

Please follow instructions and attend when requested. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from your heat race.

Maximum kart weight may be checked during the meeting, this will be done before the start of the race as the kart is presented on the outgrid.

7. CAUTION FLAGS

Flags will be used for signalling around the track.

Yellow flags to control form up and will warn of any on track incidents. When a yellow flag is shown, drive with caution and do not overtake, until past the next Flag point not showing a yellow flag.

Red flags will be used in the case of a red flag incident. In the case of a red flag stoppage, no unauthorised persons are to enter the race arena unless instructed by an official.

8. **PUSHERS AND BAULK LINES**

It is the driver's responsibility to ensure you have pushers when attending the Outgrid.

The Quad Bike will NOT be used to push karts from the Outgrid. Once karts have left the Outgrid, if they do not start, they may be pushed by the Quad Bike.

All karts must enter the track from the outgrid. No karts are to be placed on the track to be pushed away.

If your kart is not under its own power by the marked location (baulk line), you are required to remove your kart from the track. This is indicated by a **BLUE PAINTED TYRES** and will be identified by Chief Steward during the Driver's briefing on day 1 of the event.

As per Appendix A Rule 25 any karts stopping due to contact on the formation laps will be given an opportunity to restart. No kart is to receive assistance to start once the baulk line is passed in all other situations (excluding assistance to start following a red-light situation)

If your kart comes to a stop once on track, the driver is to raise their hand to signal to other drivers, and when safe to do so, remove their kart from the track.

9. **STARTS**

Approach the starter at a **consistent** speed in two straight lines. The pole position holder determines the speed of the rolling start. This speed shall not be excessive as to make it difficult for the karts at the rear of the field to keep formation.

No kart, including the pole position holder, will accelerate or break formation until the start signal is given.

10. **RESTARTS**

As per Rule 14.10 a restart will occur when 3 or more of the field stop in the first corner following the start of the race.

The first corner is defined by **WITCHES HATS** on the outside of the track and the infield in both directions. The Chief Steward will point these out during the Driver's briefing on Day 1 of the event.

As per Appendix A Rule 25 any karts stopping due to contact on the formation laps will be given an opportunity to restart.

11. **JUNIOR ASSISTANTS**

Officials require six (6) Parents/Pit Crew on the infield of the track to assist Drivers remove their karts from the track if they come to a stop. The pushers for the karts on the first 6 grid places will be required on track for this role. A maximum of 6 parents or guardians are required on the infield.

Parent/Pit Crews to stand behind infield tyre barriers and are to provide assistance in kart removal. They are not permitted to coach, take photos, video, or offer advice to officials or drivers.

12. **RED FLAG STOPPAGES**

In the event of a red light:

- the drivers shall raise their hand, reduce their speed safely to a slow pace and return to the main straight (finish line).
- Where they will stop to the inside of the track.
- If the accident is between themselves and the finish line, then they must safely stop their kart **prior** to the accident/incident and not pass the accident/incident.

Drivers are **NOT** to block the ambulance entry point onto the track. Please ensure you stop clear of the entry gate (which will be pointed out to you during the Drivers Brief on the first day of competition) Please keep this area clear.

If required drivers will be permitted to add tear offs during the stoppage. No kart is to be allowed to have any mechanical adjustments made to it that requires tools of any kind once the kart has been pushed off from the outgrid, including (but not limited to) fuel, chain lube and cable ties.

13. RACE FINISH

Once the chequered flag is shown, slow to a reasonable speed to return to the Ingrid. Slow your kart on track before entering the Ingrid. Await further instructions from the in-grid Marshall.

No parents or pit crew are permitted to enter the Ingrid until advised by the Ingrid Marshall. No items are to be passed to any driver's whilst they are on the ingrid.

14. REPORTING TO OFFICIALS

Should you be required to report to the Officials you will receive a slip from the in-grid marshals. Please report to the Officials Tower with a Drivers Representative. In the case of a competitor being under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian is also required to attend.

Please ensure you bring your AIDKA digital licence and logbook when attending the Official's tower.

15. RACING INFRINGEMENTS AND PENALTIES

Rule infringements that result in a penalty will be by either points deduction or relegation of finishing position.

16. GROMMETS

Please ensure your tear offs are secured. Failure to do so may result in a penalty.

17. KART RETRIEVAL

A recovery vehicle with a trailer will be used for kart retrieval. Karts will be restarted on the track by the quad bike where possible.

18. TRANSPONDERS

Transponders are mandatory for all drivers excluding Midget and Rookie drivers.

Every driver for which transponders are mandatory must have a functioning MYLAPS Karting compatible transponder fitted to their kart for the purpose of timing/scoring during each race at an event. Drivers who fail to comply will not be permitted to enter the racetrack.

Please familiarise yourself with rules 13.13 with special attention to rules 13.13.8, 13.13.8a, 13.13.8b and 13.13.8c.

Transponders are compulsory for all Practice Sessions.

19. KART NUMBERS

Remember as per Rule 13.13.12 the use of transponders does not negate the requirement for legible numbers. Please ensure your numbers are clean and legible at all times during the meeting.

Ensure the kart number you nominated (available to be viewed via the nominations listing on the AIDKA App) matches what is on your kart. This is your responsibility.

20. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Fire extinguishers are located on the

- 1 on the Outgrid
- 2 located around the pit area,
- 3 on the infield (behind the **RED tyre bundles**)

These locations will be pointed out during the Drivers Brief Meeting on day 1.

21. RESULTS BOARD

The results board is located on the side of the disabled toilets on the grassed area beside the canteen. These results are the official results.

Any driver has who has any concerns in reference to their class results has 60 minutes (from the time the results are posted) to contact an Official via a Drivers Rep. No issues outside of the timeframe will be reviewed.

22. DRIVERS REPRESENTATIVES

All Drivers must be accompanied by a Driver Representative when called to Chief Steward. Or alternatively if you have any issues or questions, please speak to a Drivers Representative.

Drivers Representatives will be wearing an orange vest

Drivers Representatives are:

Ashley Driver	Jade Blazely
Bren Rodda	Craig Garraway

The Drivers Representatives for this meeting will be introduced during the Drivers Brief Meeting. Drivers Reps will be wearing a high vis vest. Some Drivers Reps will have a Drivers Rep Flag displayed at their trailer.

Additional Drivers Rep's may be appointed as required during the weekend.

23. CODE OF CONDUCT / BEHAVIOUR

All persons attending the titles need to familiarise themselves with the AIDKA Code of Conduct as outlined in the AIDKA 2023 Rule Book. The expectation is that all will adhere to the Code of Conduct as written, this includes the documented Social Media Policy.

The plan is for everyone attending to have a fun and enjoyable weekend with their mates and fellow competitors.

Please familiarise yourself with rules 11 to 11.7 of the AIDKA Rule Book.

24. CLUB GROUNDS

Please respect the club facilities at all times.

Bins are available for rubbish disposal. It would be **GREATLY APPRECIATED** if you could bring the rubbish bins near your pit bay to the club entry at the completion of racing each day ready for rubbish collection.

25. MIDGET & ROOKIES COMPETITORS

Rookies will be included into the race order on Saturday as required.

Midgets will be included into the race order on Saturday as required.

We cannot guarantee how many runs they will be given. We will endeavour to let you know during drivers briefing where we expect this class to go out during the round/s. However, we ask these competitors to be ready at all times as they may be called to the outgrid at short notice.

Officials require six (6) Parents/Pit Crew on the infield of the track to assist Drivers. **They must spread out to ensure all the track is covered.**

Parent/Pit Crews to stand behind infield tyre barriers and are to provide assistance in kart removal. **They are not permitted to coach, take photos, video, or offer advice to officials or drivers.**

** Important - Rookie Competitors, **CANNOT** be restarted if they come to a stop or spin at any time during the race. Parents are required to move the kart off the track and position the driver safely behind the tyre barrier.

26. AIDKA SMOKING POLICY

Please remember that AIDKA Smoking Policy applies to this event from Thursday 20th July 2023. Please familiarise yourself with the policy, and in particular the non-smoking areas.

This policy applies to E Cigarettes as well.

The policy can be viewed at <http://www.aidka.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/AIDKA-Smoking-Policy-March-2023.pdf> or via the AIDKA App (Under Documents)

27. INFIELD SPECTATOR AREA

Unique to Top End Dirt Karts is an infield spectator area. Entrance to this area is from the main straight opposite to the Lap scoring Box. Please follow the instructions of the officials to access this area.

28. ADDITIONAL DRIVERS BRIEFING NOTES

The Officials of the meeting may need to issue additional Drivers Briefings at the completion of racing. Updates will be advised via AIDKA App, and the AIDKA Facebook Page.





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RACE ORDER

125 MEDIUM – (2 Groups)

JUNIOR LIGHT – (2 Groups)

KT HEAVY

125 LIGHT

JUNIOR HEAVY

100 OPEN

125 HEAVY – (2 Groups)

KT MEDIUM

STATESMAN

KT LIGHT

KT TWIN



Rookies will be inserted into Saturday's schedule as required

Midgets will be inserted into Sunday's schedule as required

Midget & Rookie Parents/Guardians –there will be no guarantee as to how many heats these classes will participate in.