



# 2025 NORTHERN TERRITORY DIRT KART TITLES

## DRIVERS BRIEFING NOTES

**Event Date: 15th to 17th August 2025**

DRIVERS & PIT CREW it is YOUR responsibility to read & understand the Driver 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 current AIDKA 2025 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.

### 2. EVENT FORMAT

As per the prospectus for this event the format is **4 heats and Final**. Grid Draws as per QuickGrid. All points accumulated to decide overall placings

**Heats will be 8 laps. Final will be 12 laps.** Laps numbers may be altered if required by the Chief Steward.

Racing in both directions. Heat 1 will be Anticlockwise.

### 3. DRIVER REGISTRATION

Registration/Sign in will occur Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025 between 4:00pm and 6:00pm, and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025 between 9:00am and 10:00am. To ensure the event starts on time it would be appreciated if Registration could be completed Thursday where possible. Failure to sign in during either of these times time will result in exclusion from the event (with the exception of Midget & Rookie competitors).

Three stations will be set up for competitors.

**Station 1** – Indemnity Form. Please have your logbook and digital licence ready when you are registering. **Any person over 18 MUST sign the indemnity form themselves. Any person under 18 will need a parent/guardian to sign the indemnity form.**

**Station 2** - Engine & Chassis Seals. (refer to section 5 below for more information regarding Engine & Chassis Seals). This is not applicable for Midget & Rookie Competitors.

**Station 3 – Fuel & Oil Declaration.** If you wish to check what you declared or make a change to what you nominated there will be an official available at Driver Registration to assist you with this. This is not applicable for Midget & Rookie Competitors.

#### 4. PRACTICE

All competitors will be given 3 laps in the **Clockwise direction**. Karts to go out for practice using heat 1 groups and using heat 1 grid positions.

**All Travelling Competitors (Interstate & Alice Springs Kart Club Members)** will also be given 4 Laps in the **Anti-Clockwise direction** (to be completed in race order.) There will only be 1 group per class for this practice.

#### 5. 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 (Tony will be introduced at the Drivers Briefing on Friday and will be located in the pit area near the grids) Only 1 replacement engine seal will be issued per class (or 2 engine seals for twin engine classes).

**Drivers & Pit Crew please familiarise yourself with Appendix F ahead of attending the Titles.**

When fitting the seals to the chassis and engine do not pull the seal tight (like you would a cable tie). You should be able to put a finger through the middle of the seal gap. It should be relatively loose fitting with 10 -15mm of cable left after trimming the excess. For a demonstration of the correct procedure, refer to the instructional video on the AIDKA website. <https://www.aidka.com.au/engine-seal-fitting-video/>

#### 6. FUEL TESTING

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

Please ensure you are complying with the 2025 AIDKA Rule Book, particularly Rules 24.2a to 24.2h.

#### 7. SCALES

Drivers will be instructed to go to the scales by the Scales Marshall and/or Ingrid Marshall. Drivers will be chosen at random for weighing.

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

Maximum kart weight will be checked during the meeting. This may be done after individual karts are placed on the outgrid.

#### 8. CAUTION FLAGS

Flags will be used for signalling around the track.

Yellow Flags will be used to control form up and will warn of any on track incidents.

Red Flags will be used in the case of a red flag incident. In the case of a red-light stoppage, no unauthorised persons are to enter the race arena unless instructed by an official. Entry to the race arena will be via the Outgrid gate only.

Blue Flags will be given by the starter to indicate if you are being lapped. If you receive the blue flag, hold your race line.

## 9.     **PUSHERS AND BAULK LINES**

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

All karts must make a genuine attempt to be started from the outgrid to enter the track. No karts are to be placed on the track to be pushed away.

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.

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 TYRE BUNDLES ON THE OUTSIDE AND INFIELD OF THE TRACK** and will be identified by Chief Steward during the Driver's briefing on Friday. For any karts that fail to start by the baulk line, the quad bikes will stop pushing. The kart driver will then need to remove their kart from the track.

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). Pushers will be released from the Outgrid under the instructions of the Outgrid Marshall as and when required.

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.

## 10.    **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.

A white line will be marked on the track to assist starts. More details will be spoken about at the Drivers Brief on Friday.

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

Karts are to remain in formation during the form up laps. When approaching the start in both directions, breaking formation to weave on the track (e.g., clear motors etc) is not acceptable, and karts doing this may be penalised.

## 11.    **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 an **ORANGE PAINTED TYRE BUNDLE ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE TRACK** and an **ORANGE CONE ON THE INFELD** in both directions. The Chief Steward will point these out during the Driver's briefing on Friday 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.

## 12. JUNIOR ASSISTANTS

Officials require eight (8) Parents/Pit Crew of Junior drivers 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 8 grid places will be required on track for this role. A maximum of 8 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.

## 13. RED FLAG STOPPAGES

In the event of a red flag:

- 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 Friday) Please keep this area clear.

Karts will remain within the race arena for the duration of the red flag stoppage, and **pushers/pit crew will only be released under the instruction from the Outgrid Marshall**. Please follow the instructions of the officials. Please note as per Rule 14.17 all restarts are to go back to the lap prior to the race stoppage. Only Drivers that are recorded as completing the lap prior will be eligible to restart provided, they have not been a kart which has rolled over or deemed to have caused the race stoppage.

At the Chief Stewards discretion, 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. Pushers/pit crew are required to restart the kart only. Pushers/pit crew cannot touch the kart under a red-light stoppage for any other purpose.

## 14. RACE FINISH

Once the chequered flag is shown, slow to a reasonable speed to return to the Ingrid. No driver shall continue racing after the chequered flag is waved. This includes racing your way to the front to be the first kart into the ingrid. Slow your kart on track before entering the Ingrid. Await further instructions from the Ingrid Marshall.

- When racing in a **CLOCKWISE** direction, a cool down lap after the chequered flag **IS** required.
- When racing in an **ANTI-CLOCKWISE** direction a cool down lap after the chequered flag is **NOT** required.
- After crossing the finish line, slow to a reasonable speed and return to the ingrid, unless directed otherwise by an official.

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 whist they are on the ingrid.

**Upon the karts entering the Ingrid, the driver is to remain seated in their kart until all clear is given by the Ingrid Marshall or appointed Official.**

## 15. REPORTING TO OFFICIALS

Should you be required to report to the Officials you will receive a slip from the Ingrid Marshall. Please report to the Officials Room 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 room.

## 16. RACING INFRINGEMENTS AND PENALTIES

Rule infringements that result in a penalty will be by points deduction during heat racing.

## 17. VIDEO REVIEW

Video reviews of any incidents will not be considered by the officials at this event.

## 18. GROMMETS

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

## 19. KART RETRIEVAL

Karts that stop during a race will be restarted using quad bikes after the race. Any karts that cannot be restarted will be retrieved using the recovery trailer.

At the completion of the race, and where possible, drivers are asked to move their kart to the inside of the track to assist with retrieval.

## 20. TRANSPONDERS

Transponders are mandatory for all drivers excluding Midget & 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 this 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.

We would also like you to understand rule 13.13.10 – If for any reason a driver has to change their transponder at any time during the event, they must notify the Lap Scorer and/or Chief Steward to change the details before participating in any other races at that event. This must be done at least 1 full race before that driver is scheduled to race. This includes if you have nominated the incorrect transponder ID on your nomination.

**Transponders are compulsory for all Practice Sessions.**

**To assist tower staff with checking transponders, we ask that competitors check their event on the Speedhive app after each practice run to ensure their transponder is functioning correctly and allocated to the right kart.**

## 21. 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.

## 22. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Fire extinguishers are located in the below locations and are indicated by a red tyre bundle.

- 2 on infield
- 1 located near the Outgrid.
- 1 located near the Ingrid.

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

## 23. RESULTS BOARD

The results board is located wall of the toilet block near the canteen.

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.

## 24. 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.

The Drivers Representatives for this meeting will be introduced during the Drivers Brief Meeting on Friday. Drivers Representatives will be wearing an orange vest.

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

## 25. ENGINE MEASURING PROCESS

At the completion of the final, karts will be held on the ingrid until the final points are calculated, and **provisional** Top 6 Point scorers determined. Please be patient during this process.

Once this is completed the Top 6 Point Scorers will receive a tag for their engine with the **provisional** finishing positions listed.

These karts & drivers will then be directed through to scales and fuel testing. Once this is done the karts will be taken through to engine measuring. **Please ensure you follow the instructions of the officials.**

**Whilst in the engine measuring compound area please note only the driver, and a maximum of 1 pit crew is permitted.**

Please note: Any engine used over the event must be presented to engine measuring with the engine seal intact.

Whilst we understand the excitement (or disappointment) around competitors receiving their overall placings we require that **ALL PIT CREW, FAMILY AND FRIENDS** stand away from the ingrid area whilst we clear the ingrid and scales area and get the required karts into the engines measuring compound area. Please allow our officials to work without interruption or interference. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Any Junior Parents exiting the track after the final must remain outside of the Ingrid until the all clear is given. Junior parents are to enter the pit area via the Outgrid.

**No items are to be passed to any driver's whilst they are on the ingrid.**

## 26. CODE OF CONDUCT / BEHAVIOUR

All persons attending the titles need to familiarise themselves with the AIDKA Code of Conduct as outlined in the AIDKA 2025 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.

## 27. PIT ACCESS

All persons entering the pit area are required to be wearing a wrist band displaying that they have signed the appropriate indemnity form.

All persons in the pits are required to wear fully enclosed footwear. **Crocs are not an acceptable form of footwear.**

No dogs are allowed in the confines of the Pit area. The only exception to this rule is for recognised and identifiable Assistance Dogs.

## 28. CLUB GROUNDS

Please respect the club facilities at all times. Bins will be located around the premises. Please use these bins and leave nothing but footprints.

## 29. MIDGETS & ROOKIES

Midget competitors are able to sign in during the Thursday / Friday driver registration sessions, however there will also be a short sign in opportunity available on Saturday between 9am and 9.30 (if required)

Rookie competitors are able to sign in during the Thursday / Friday driver registration sessions

Midgets & Rookies have been scheduled into the race order (see below). However please note this is a guide only, and the number of runs may be altered if required.

As per Rule 14.14 Rookies can only be restarted on the first lap provided it can be safely done, unless there are less than 10 karts participating and it can be done safely.

## 30. ADDITIONAL DRIVERS BRIEFING NOTES

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



# RACE ORDER

**KT Medium**

**Outlaw**

**Statesman**

**KT Light (2 Groups)**

**Rookies** (Friday Only) / **Midgets** (Saturday Only)

**200 Open**

**Junior Light**

**125 Medium**

**Junior Heavy (2 Groups)**

**125 Heavy**

**100 Open**

**Rookies** (Friday Only) / **Midgets** (Saturday Only)

**KT Heavy**

**125 Light**

*Race order may be subject to change if required.*

Midget & Rookie Parents/Guardians – Midget and Rookies have been included into the above race order. However, the number of runs may be altered as required, the above race order is purely a guide.