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2023
SPORTING REGULATIONS



1. CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

1.1 The Championship take the form of a four stage knock out competition.
The stages are as follows:

1.2 QUALIFYING

This stage will run from 0:01 on the 1st of June 2023 until 0:00 on the 31st of August 2023. Drivers may not enter more than once. If a driver attempts to qualify at more than one circuit, their second entry will be considered null and void.

1.3 LOCAL FINALS

Local Finals will be held at all TeamSport and ScotKart tracks on the 13th of September 2024 for all Cadet and Junior categories, and the 14th of September 2023 for all Adult categories. Qualifying drivers from each category will be eligible to compete in the Regional final being run for their home track.

1.4 REGIONAL FINALS

There will be 9 regional finals run between the 7th October 2023 and the 22nd October 2023. Qualifying drivers will be eligible to compete in the National Finals.

1.5 NATIONAL FINALS

This event will be held on the weekend of the 11th November 2023 at TeamSport Warrington.

1.6 The Championship will be run exclusively by TeamSport Indoor Karting in association with Motorsport UK.





2. COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Entrants must be in possession of a valid Motorsport UK K-I Licence and TeamSport Indoor Karting Elite membership, or if under 16 years old, a TeamSport Race Academy membership. Should a competitor's membership expire during the competition, it must be renewed to enable the competitor to carry on competing.

2.2 All entrants under 16 years of age must, in addition to the above criteria, be in possession of a TeamSport Indoor Karting Race Academy 'Advanced' Licence.

2.3 Drivers may compete in the Cadet category from their 8th birthday, or the year of their 8th birthday. Drivers may continue to compete in the Cadet category in the year of their 12th birthday should their birthday fall after the 31st August 2023.

2.4 Drivers may compete in the Junior category from their 12th birthday, or the year of their 12th birthday. Drivers may continue to compete in the Junior category in the year of their 16th birthday should their birthday fall after the 31st August 2023. Drivers must be able to satisfy the minimum height requirement to drive a senior kart in accordance with TeamSport Indoor Karting's regulations.

2.5 Drivers aged 12 or over on the 1st of June 2023 may be considered eligible to compete in the Cadet class should they be unable to fulfill the minimum height requirement to compete in the Junior category. In such instances, each case will be considered by the Championship organisers.

2.6 Drivers aged 16 or over as of the 1st of June 2023 will be eligible to compete as an Adult driver and will compete in one of three weight classes:

- 2.6.1 **Lightweight** Drivers weighing under 75kg
- 2.6.2 **Middleweight** Drivers weighing no less than 75kg
- 2.6.3 **Heavyweight** Drivers weighing no less than 90kg



2.7 Drivers will be required to weigh in throughout the competition. Drivers must select their weight category upon entry into the competition, which commences on the 1st June 2023.

- 2.7.1 *Drivers will be required to complete a mandatory weigh in during sign in for every stage of the competition starting with, and including, the Local Final.*
- 2.7.2 *Further weight checks will be carried out at random throughout the competition.*
- 2.7.3 *Driver weights are to include any race gear that the driver wishes to use, including gloves, helmets, boots, and body protection; with the exception of seat inserts. Any equipment must be used in 'factory' condition and fit for the purpose for which it was designed.*
- 2.7.4 *Any driver found to be using artificial ballast will be excluded.*
- 2.7.5 *Drivers are allowed a 0.5kg contingency in minimum weight and will not suffer any penalty for this fluctuation. Any driver found to be outside this tolerance will be subject to a penalty, which may range from a points deduction or grid penalty to exclusion.*
- 2.7.6 *All circuits will carry out weight checks using the same make and model of scales to ensure consistency throughout the competition.*
- 2.7.7 *Only approved seat inserts will be allowed.*
- 2.7.8 *All competitors must sign in, at the specified time on the day of the event, at the venue and attend the drivers briefing prior to the start of the competition. Any driver not attending the Drivers' briefing will not be allowed to race.*

The competition is not open to current TeamSport employees, their immediate family members, or anyone who has left the employment of TeamSport within 6 months of the start of the competition.

It is the competitors responsibility to ensure that they comply with the conditions of entry throughout the competition

Competitors will be supplied with a visor strip at Regional Finals. It is compulsory for drivers to wear this from Regional Finals through to the conclusion of their participation in the competition.





3. TRACK REGULATIONS

3.1 THE RULES OF THE TRACK ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 3.1.1 *The track is considered to be dangerous. Normal TeamSport Standard Operating Procedures apply to all track activity.*
- 3.1.2 *Karting is a non-contact sport. It is the responsibility of all drivers to ensure that they drive with respect for this rule and avoid contact with karts and barriers. Any driver deemed to be gaining an unfair advantage or driving in a manner incompatible with general safety will be subject to a penalty/penalties.*

3.2 EACH OF THE FOLLOWING IS CONSIDERED TO BE A BREACH OF THE REGULATIONS AND WILL LEAD TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION BEING TAKEN:

- 3.2.1 *Bribery or attempt, directly or indirectly, to bribe any person having official duties in relation to an event or employed in a manner in connection with an event or acceptance of or offer to accept a bribe by an official or employee.*
- 3.2.2 *Any dishonest act or proceeding in connection with an event and/or motorsport in general.*
- 3.2.3 *Driving in a manner incompatible with general safety and/or departing from the standard of a reasonably competent driver.*
- 3.2.4 *Any contravention of a flag or light signal.*
- 3.2.5 *Misbehaviour or unfair practice.*
- 3.2.6 *Abusive behaviour or language, physical assault, or threats of physical assault within a TeamSport site.*
- 3.2.7 *For any driver to bet on an event in which they are entered.*

3.3 PENALTIES THAT MAY BE INFLICTED ARE, IN ORDER OF INCREASING SEVERITY:

- 3.3.1 *Reprimand*
- 3.3.2 *Time Penalty (or position/lap/Grid penalty)*
- 3.3.3 *Disqualification*
- 3.3.4 *Exclusion*

3.4 POWERS

3.4.1 The Clerk of the Course and/or his deputy has the power to impose penalties in accordance with the Track Regulations (4) including:

- 3.4.1.1 *Penalise any Competitor reported for not complying with flag signals.*
- 3.4.1.2 *Penalise any Competitor found guilty of breaching 3.2.3. This does not preclude the Competitor also being reported to the Clerk of the Course for further penalties.*
- 3.4.1.3 *Penalise any Competitor or entrant found guilty of abusive language or behaviour or physical assault or threat of physical assault. This does not preclude the Competitor from being reported to the Clerk of the Course for further penalties.*
- 3.4.1.4 *Impose a time penalty of up to 30 seconds upon any Competitor found to have gained an unfair advantage (whether inadvertently or not). This does not preclude the Competitor being reported to the Clerk of the Course for alternative penalties.*
- 3.4.1.5 *Impose a penalty for any Competitor who fails to attend or reports as late to a scheduled Drivers' meeting, briefing, practice session or race.*

3.5 CAMERA FOOTAGE

- 3.5.1 *The Clerk of the Course may use CCTV if available. The footage will be used by the Clerk of the Course for judicial purposes. This footage is not available for use by any Competitors or Entrants.*
- 3.5.2 *No personal footage from either driver mounted cameras or spectators' cameras will be considered for judicial purposes.*

3.6 PROTESTS AGAINST A FELLOW COMPETITOR

- 3.6.1 *The Clerk of the Course, acting in his official capacity, may take such action as he may deem proper in any circumstances regardless of whether a protest has been lodged or not.*
- 3.6.2 *Any protest must be made in writing and will incur a fee of £10.00*
- 3.6.3 *Every protest, which must be made in writing, must include the grounds for the protest, must be signed by the party making the protest, must be accompanied by the fees set out in 3.6.2, and must be made within the time limit set out in 3.6.5.*
- 3.6.4 *Any protest that is upheld will have the fee refunded. Any fees not refunded will be given to a charity of the Organisers' choice upon the conclusion of the meeting.*
- 3.6.5 *Any protest must be made within 10 minutes of the end of the race in which the incident in question happened. Protests must be submitted as set out in 3.6.3.*
- 3.6.6 *The outcome of a protest will be reached within 30 minutes of the protest being lodged, or by the end of the stage of the competition in which the protest was lodged, whichever comes first.*
- 3.6.7 *The Clerk of the Course and/or Timekeeper may amend the above time limits if they think that the circumstances make the lodging of a protest physically impossible. If he decides to deal with a protest 'out of time', by doing so he will be deemed to have extended the time limit.*
- 3.6.8 *The decision on application of penalties rests with the Clerk of the Course and Timekeeper and is final. There is no system of appeal.*

The right to protest lies solely with the Entrant or Competitor who is a party to an act or omission of another Competitor in an event in which they have taken part.

3.7 FLAG SIGNALS



Yellow Flag/lights: Incident on track
All drivers are to slow to walking pace. Overtaking is not allowed. Full Circuit yellows are used. Drivers deemed to have gained an advantage under yellow flag conditions may be subject to a penalty.



Red Flag/lights: Race has been stopped.
All drivers to stop in a controlled manner on track. Drivers deemed to have gained an advantage under Red flag conditions may be subject to a penalty.

For the Regional Finals and National Finals, the following procedure will apply:

Upon issue of a red flag, all competitors will stop in a controlled manner. At this point, racing is paused. When the track is ready to resume racing, competitors will be instructed to reassemble on the dummy grid in the order of the last full lap, and the race will be restarted using the normal start procedure. The time will recommence when the race restarts.

Red flags will be issued for the following reasons:

- Injury to a driver or marshal
- Mechanical Failure
- Full track blockage



Green Flag/lights: Circuit is clear for racing.



Black/White diagonal Flag: Warning.
A warning to a Competitor that their behaviour is suspect and that they may be subject to a Black Flag on further reports. The competitor will receive a 1-point deduction from their points score.



Blue Flag/Leader Behind Board: Allow driver behind to pass.
Driver must make way for the race leader(s) as soon as practicably possible.



Green flag with Yellow Chevron: False start.
All drivers to slow to walking pace, refrain from overtaking, proceed to the grid and stop as directed by the Event Stewards/Marshals.



Checkered Flag: End of race/practice.
Return to the pits.





4. EQUIPMENT

- 4.1 Competitors will compete using the karts provided by TeamSport Indoor Karting.
- 4.2 The karts for each class will be:
- 4.2.1 **Cadet** – 120cc Honda Cadet karts or Electric equivalent – BIZ or SODI Chassis (Circuit Dependent)
 - 4.2.2 **Junior** – 200cc Honda BIZ or Sodi karts or Electric equivalent
 - 4.2.3 **Lightweight** – 200cc Honda BIZ or Sodi karts or Electric equivalent
 - 4.2.4 **Middleweight** – 200cc Honda BIZ or Sodi karts or Electric equivalent
 - 4.2.5 **Heavyweight** – 200cc Honda BIZ or Sodi karts or Electric equivalent
- 4.3 Drivers must wear overalls, gloves and shoes that meet or exceed TeamSport Indoor Karting's minimum requirements.
- 4.4 Drivers must wear helmets that meet or exceed TeamSport Indoor Karting's minimum requirements.
- 4.5 Cadets must wear a chest or rib protector that meets or exceeds TeamSport Indoor Karting's minimum requirements.
- 4.6 Drivers may use additional equipment such as neck braces and rib protectors. This equipment must fulfill only the use intended by the manufacturer. It may not be modified in any way.
- 4.7 Seat inserts may be used in accordance with TeamSport Indoor Karting's guidance detailed in the Risk Assessment.
- 4.8 Driver mounted cameras may be used. The mounting of these cameras must comply with the guidance detailed in TeamSport Indoor Karting's Risk Assessment.

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4.8 KART ALLOCATION

- 4.8.1 All karts used in the Championship will be tested prior to use in the competition to ensure parity.
- 4.8.2 Karts will be allocated to competitors using a kart rotation system that is designed to ensure that Competitors do not drive the same kart more than twice during a Race Meeting.
- 4.8.3 Should the Chief Marshal receive more than one report regarding the performance of a kart, said kart will be withdrawn from competition subject to an inspection by the Duty Mechanic.
- 4.8.4 Drivers will not be allowed to select their kart.



★ 5. POINTS

5.1 Points will be allocated in heat races and will be allocated according to finishing position:

1st 20 Points

2nd 19 Points

3rd 18 Points

4th 17 Points

5th 16 Points

6th 15 Points

7th 14 Points

8th 13 Points

9th 12 Points

10th 11 Points

11th 10 Points

12th 9 Points

13th 8 Points

14th 7 Points

15th 6 Points

16th 5 Points

Disqualified 0 Points

5.2 In the event of a tie in points, the highest number of highest positions will be used to award the position.

5.3 SEMI FINALS

Grids will be determined by points scored in the heats, with the highest points scorers taking pole position for their respective Semi Final

5.4 FINALS

In a meeting where Semi Finals precede the Finals, finishing position in the Semi Final, as well as lap times posted during the Semi Finals will be used to determine the start positions for the Finals. To take Pole position for a Final, a Competitor must win their Semi Final as well as post the fastest lap time out of all the Semi Final winners during their Semi Final. Once the order of the Semi Final winners has been decided, the order of the second place finishers in the Semi Finals will be ordered using their fastest laps in the Semi Finals, and so on down to last place.

In a meeting that does not feature Semi Finals, grids will be determined by points scored in the heats, with the highest points scorers taking pole position for their respective Finals.

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5.5 FORMATS

The formats for each of the stages of the competition are:

5.5.1 **Qualifying**

Drivers must submit a minimum of three lap times from at least three separate visits to their 'home' track. This must be done between 00:01 on the 1st of June 2023 to 00:00 on the 31st of August 2023. All drivers over the age of 16 will be required to weigh in at the point of entering the competition and will be allocated to the appropriate category.

Local Final

5.5.2 **The format will be a Mini Grand Prix+ format, which consists of a 15-minute practice, 15-minute qualifying, followed by a 15-minute race. At sign in, competitors will be split into two practice/qualifying groups.**

Drivers will complete their practice and qualifying and will then be allocated their start positions according to the fastest lap time set in the qualifying session.

In each category, there will be an 'A' and 'B' final. The fastest 50% of points scorers will automatically qualify for the 'A' final. The winner of the 'B' final will qualify to start at the back of the 'A' final. The finals will be 15 minutes long.

5.5.3 **Regional Final**

The format will be a 15-minute practice and qualifying session. This will be followed by a 2 x 10-minute heats per driver. Start positions for each heat will be determined by the fastest lap times set during the qualifying session.

Each driver will take part in a 12-minute Semi-Final. The top drivers from each Semi-Final (Top 6 in the adult categories and Juniors and top 5 in the Cadets) will progress to the Final. Grid positions will be allocated by a combination of finishing position in the Semi-Final and fastest lap in the Semi-Final (e.g., to take pole position for the Final, the driver must win their Semi-Final and hold the fastest lap of all the Semi-Final winners, from laps recorded in the Semi-Finals). Finals will be 15 minutes long.

National Final

5.5.4 **The format will be a 15-minute practice and qualifying session. This will be followed by a 2 x 10-minute heats per driver. Start positions for each heat will be determined by the fastest lap times set during the qualifying session.**

Each driver will take part in a 12-minute Semi-Final. The top drivers from each Semi-Final (Top 6 in the adult categories and Juniors and top 5 in the Cadets) will progress to the Final. Grid positions will be allocated by a combination of finishing position in the Semi-Final and fastest lap in the Semi-Final (e.g., to take pole position for the Final, the driver must win their Semi-Final and hold the fastest lap of all the Semi-Final winners, from laps recorded in the Semi-Finals). Finals will be 15 minutes long.





6. PRIZES

- 6.1 The prizes provided for the competition are non-exchangeable, non-transferable, and is not redeemable for cash or other prizes.
- 6.2 Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the prize schedule for each category within the competition, and will be awarded by finishing position in the National Final.
- 6.3 In the case of Prizes that are not able to be awarded on the day of the culmination of the competition, the winner will be notified by email on or before 20th November 2023. If a winner does not respond to TeamSport Indoor Karting within 14 days of being notified by TeamSport Indoor Karting, then the winner's prize will be forfeited and TeamSport Indoor Karting shall be entitled to select another winner in accordance with the process described above (and that winner will have to respond to notification of their win within 14 days or else they will also forfeit their prize). If a winner rejects their prize, the winner's prize will be forfeited, and TeamSport Indoor Karting shall be entitled to select another winner.
- 6.4 TeamSport Indoor Karting retains the right to substitute the prize with another prize of similar value in the event the original prize offered is not available.
- 6.5 The winners may be required to take part in promotional activity related to the BIKC and the winners shall participate in such activity on TeamSport Indoor Karting's reasonable request. The winner consents to the use by TeamSport Indoor Karting and its partners, both before and after the closing date of the Competition for an unlimited time, of the winner's voice, image, photograph and name for publicity purposes (in any medium, including still photographs and films, and on the internet, including any websites hosted by TeamSport Indoor Karting and its partners) and in advertising, marketing or promotional material without additional compensation or prior notice and, in entering BIKC 2023, all entrants consent to the same.





7. FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

- 7.1 By entering the BIKC, you are also agreeing that TeamSport Indoor Karting may, if appropriate, use any photographs or video footage taken by TeamSport employees or by authorised event photographers and videographers. Such material will be used in our marketing literature, website and advertising. You shall ensure that all members of your group are also aware of this as this may include spectators at the events.
- 7.2 If you, or a member of your group, do not wish photography or video footage to be used for this purpose for any reason, you must notify TeamSport Indoor Karting in writing to the email address info@team-sport.co.uk.
- 7.3 Prior to each final event racers will be asked to complete a consent form to agree to use of any photography or video footage taken at the event. For individuals wishing not to be included they are required to complete and sign a No Consent form. Any competitor who has not signed a No Consent form will be deemed to have agreed to usage.





8. CANCELLATION OF THE EVENT

- 8.1 TeamSport Indoor Karting reserves the right to modify the programme of events up to and including the day of any of the events. It may be necessary, due to unforeseen circumstances, to alter the programme or venue.
- 8.2 The Clerk of the Course and his Deputies have a duty to prevent unnecessary danger, and must act according to this duty. Subject to this, in the case of force majeure, or for safety reasons, The Clerk of the Course may postpone, abandon or stop any event, or part thereof.
- 8.3 TeamSport Indoor Karting reserve the right to postpone, abandon or stop an Event, at any time, if any circumstances arise where the safety of participants/spectators is considered to be at risk, for example (including but not limited to) severe weather conditions. It is possible that in such a situation an Event could be terminated before completion. However unlikely such circumstances may be, and whether or not any such circumstances may be deemed foreseeable (i.e. where it was obvious that such circumstances would happen or both of us knew it might happen), and irrespective of how much of the Event was incomplete, participants/spectators will not be entitled to a full or partial refund of monies paid to TeamSport Indoor Karting unless TeamSport Indoor Karting, in evaluating the elements of the Event that did not take place and the reasons for them not taking place, deem that an appropriate refund of the monies paid to TeamSport Indoor Karting is due. If deemed appropriate, the refund will be made in line with the proportion of the Event that did not take place. In such occurrence, TeamSport Indoor Karting cannot entertain and will not be liable for, from you or any member of Your Group any claim for loss of monies or costs of any description (such as for travel or accommodation, either individually or collectively), or disappointment or loss of opportunity, incurred as a result of such an Event termination.
- 8.4 TeamSport Indoor Karting shall not be liable for any loss, damage or expense which you or Your party may incur arising from a change or cancellation to your arrangements which occur due to unusual or unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control and that of our suppliers. Such events would include, for example, war, threat of war, riots, civil strife, pandemics, industrial disputes, terrorist activity, fire or adverse weather conditions, natural or nuclear disaster, or similar events beyond our control.



9. SPECTATORS

- 9.1 Spectators are allowed to enter the Event venue subject to capacity limits put in place by TeamSport Indoor Karting. Spectators must remain in the designated spectating areas for the duration of the Event. Spectators are not under any circumstances allowed to stand on the side of the track or go onto the track or pit lane at any time. The designated spectating areas at each Event are controlled and determined by the Event venue. Spectator viewing at an Event may therefore be limited or restricted, dependent on the designated spectating areas allocated by the Event venue.

