



EXECUTIVE DESK

(Brett Aird, Karl Jennings, Peter Hill, Alex Jones & Annette English)

Our thoughts are with our Northern Karters who have been affected by the recent flooding. We are working with the Townsville Kart Club Executive to help out where we can.

During the rain event Towers Kart Club was to run its first meeting in a number of years and unfortunately had to cancel. Although the track was unaffected, the roads to the track were cut. The next meet for Towers is the 6th April and we wish them every success.

We have also put out the tenders for the Junior Development Program. This program has been running for 4 years at state level and many drivers & parents have found the events extremely worthwhile. If you know of someone that may be interested in being the 2019 trainer please refer them to the Karting Qld Website for the details.

The next State Karting Council meeting is also fast approaching, if you would like something discussed at a state level please let your club secretary know.

OFFICIALS COORDINATOR (Mark Hogan)

Medical Certificates.

In the 2019 KA Manual there was a change to the criteria for when a medical certificate is required. The previous requirement was based on age, this has been removed. All Senior Drivers with an A grade license and any driver who answers Yes to any of the medical questions is now required to have a medical certificate. There has been an issue identified in the latest CMS update where Junior A grade Drivers are not being allowed to renew without a medical certificate. This is being investigated and should be fixed shortly. In the meantime, if this is affecting you, please contact the State Admin who will assist in working around this issue.

System of Gridding.

Competition Rules, Chapter 1 Rule 21 has been amended in relation to the time for a kart to clear the Out Grid at the commencement of a race.

Once the first Kart has crossed the Baulk Line, a Driver will have one (1) lap to clear the grid. The one (1) lap will end once the main group of Karts has passed the out-grid gate.

The previous rule allowing 2 minutes to clear the Out Grid often resulted in Karts at smaller track doing multiple laps under reduced speed and plugs fouling. This rule will ensure consistency of application and remove any significant delays in starting races.

TECHNICAL ADVISOR (Shaune English)

When scrutineering karts I'm often asked 'why?' or told 'that's a stupid rule'. While some people may not believe it, the rules are mostly there for safety and often result from incidents where things have gone wrong.

An example came to light late last year. A junior driver reported to the medical officer complaining of fuel splashing in his eyes during the race. When I contacted the family I was advised that the fuel line to the overflow bottle disconnected at the tank and as the kart went around corners the fuel splashed out and onto his helmet. The child was light and had a full fuel tank for the extra weight.

For every question of why, there is an example of what can or did go wrong. Yes the karts are getting better and parts fall off less often, but it still happens. So next time the Scrutineer asks you to secure something or put a tether cable on something, remember it's for your safety and the safety of others on the track.

Homologation Updates:

<https://www.karting.net.au/administration/technical>

The homologation documents for the KA100 motor were updated on the 31/01/2019. The majority of the update related to merging the previously issued technical bulletins into the one document.

There was also a new Homologation document for the Torini Supermaxx TX250 engine which is approved for use in 4SS Heavy Class.

A MINUTE WITH REV IT UP

Bundaberg, Emerald & Gladstone Kart Clubs started the race season off with running a Rev it Up Day. Each club ran it in their own unique way and all have reported how successful it was.



Got questions or would like to see something in the newsletter, let your club secretary know or email admin@kartingqld.com.au .