

ROTAX[®]



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PRO TOUR



2015



2015 ROTAX PRO TOUR SERIES SPORTING REGULATIONS

CLASSES

MICRO MAX

MINI MAX

JUNIOR MAX TROPHY

JUNIOR MAX

ROTAX 125 LIGHT

ROTAX 125 HEAVY

DD2

DD2 MASTERS



Article 1 - Introduction & Jurisdiction

- a) This Series shall be known as and referred to as the “Rotax Pro Tour”.
- b) The Australian Karting Association trading as Karting Australia (“**KA**”) in conjunction with International Karting Distributors (“**IKD**”) will organise the Rotax Pro Tour.
- c) Each Meeting in the 2015 Rotax Pro Tour (“**Series**”) shall be conducted under the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA, the Rules of KA, these Sporting Regulations for the Series; Addendum’s and Bulletins (the “**Rules**”) as may be issued by, or in conjunction with, the organising committee of each Round and any Driver Briefing notes issued by the Clerk of the Course at a Meeting.
- d) This Series has been sanctioned by KA as a National Series.
- e) These Sporting Regulations (the “**Series Regulations**”) are specific to the Rotax Pro Tour and are formulated for the Classes to compete at a level commensurate with a National Series.
- f) Unless otherwise specified, the definitions in the KA Manual shall apply to these Series Regulations.
- g) KA and/or IKD with the approval of KA may modify the Series Regulations, from time to time.
- h) The Rotax Pro Tour is conducted to meet the following objectives:
 - i. To provide a National Series that determines which Drivers will qualify to receive a Rotax Max Challenge Grand Finals invitation.
 - ii. To provide a National Series that gives Competitors experience for International competition in Rotax Classes.
 - iii. To promote karting as a sport to be enjoyed as a participant, an official and as a spectator.
 - iv. To create a karting sporting platform that is attractive to Competitors and sponsors and that enhances the aims and objectives of Karting Australia to grow and develop the sport of karting.
 - v. The conduct of the Series Events within each Meeting should be the benchmark for quality in karting administration, promotion and operation of race meetings. In achieving this it is intended to improve the experience, attitude and standard of karting officials and officiating on a national basis.
- i) The right to associate the name of any company, sponsoring entity, organiser or brand with the Series for all Classes is exclusively reserved for IKD save for that of KA and the affiliated State of KA that is the host State of each Round.

Article 2 - Events

- a) The Series will be contested over seven (7) rounds of Competition (“**Rounds**”).
- b) Rounds will be conducted in Australian States as determined by KA and IKD.
- c) In 2015, Rounds of the Series will be conducted in: Victoria, Queensland and New South Wales.
- d) The date and venue for each Round will be:

Round 1	23 - 25 January	Todd Road, Victoria
Round 2	20 – 22 March	Dubbo, New South Wales
Round 3	1 – 3 May	Albury/Wodonga, Victoria
Round 4	5 – 7 June	Warwick, Queensland
Round 5	17 - 19 July	JR Memorial - Eastern Creek, New South Wales
Round 6	21 - 23 August	Puckapunyal, Victoria
Round 7	2 - 4 October	Grand Final - Ipswich, Queensland

- e) KA and IKD reserve the right to vary the date, time and venue for any Rounds at their discretion.
- f) The classification of the Series Champion will be established through the results obtained by a driver in all Rounds of the Series.
- g) The classification of the Manufacturers Cup will be established through the results obtained in all Rounds of the Series.

Article 3 - Organisation & Administration

- a) The Series will be promoted by IKD.
- b) The following personnel have been appointed to the Series by KA and/or IKD and have the authority to administer the various aspects of these Series Regulations in accordance with the Rules.
 - i. Series Manager: Ian Black (IKD)
 - ii. Series Coordinator: Donald Stevens (IKD)
 - iii. Series Steward: Chris Robinson
 - iv. Series Clerk of the Course: Graeme Monds
 - v. Series Commentators: Liam Meegan, Matt Payne
 - vi. Series Media Coordinator: Brinley Gread
- c) Subject to the agreement of KA and IKD, the Series personnel listed above may be added to or replaced in the Supplementary Regulations for a Meeting.

Article 4 - Competitor & Driver Eligibility

- a) To be eligible to Compete in a Round of the Series, each Competitor and/or Driver must hold a current International or National Competition licence.
- b) Only KA Licence holders Competing in the Series are eligible to receive the Rotax Max Challenge Grand Finals (“**RMCGF**”) invitation.
- c) A Driver may only Compete in a Class if they hold a Minimum KA Competition licence grade as listed below.

Class	KA Minimum Licence Requirement		Kartsport NZ Minimum Licence Requirement
Micro Max	Cadet 9	C Grade	Tier 2
Mini Max	Cadet 12	C Grade	Tier 2
Junior Max	Junior	B Grade	Tier 1
Junior Max Trophy	Junior	B Grade	Tier 1
Rotax 125 Light	Senior	B Grade	Tier 1
Rotax 125 Heavy	Senior	B Grade	Tier 1
DD2	Senior	B Grade	Tier 1
DD2 Masters	Senior	B Grade	Tier 1

- d) A Driver who finished in the top 20 of the 2013/14 Rotax Pro Tour Rankings in the Junior Max Class is not eligible to compete in the Junior Max Trophy division.
- e) A “Pit Crew Licence” will be required by each mechanic, pit crew member, parent and guardian who requires access to the Race Track Area, the in-grid, out-grid, technical and scrutineering areas and Parc Fermé areas at a Meeting. The Mechanic and Pit Crew licence will be available through the KA CMS.

Article 5 - Kart Eligibility

- a) Each Kart must comply with the provisions of the Rules to be eligible to Compete in the Series.
- b) The following Classes and Class divisions are eligible to Compete in the Series.
 - i. Micro Max
 - ii. Mini Max
 - iii. Junior Max Trophy
 - Only the Intrepid Freedom 30mm Control Chassis as supplied by IKD and detailed in the Technical Guidelines available at www.rotax.com.au is permitted to be used.
 - iv. Junior Max
 - v. Rotax 125 Light
 - vi. Rotax 125 Heavy
 - vii. DD2
 - viii. DD2 Masters
- c) IKD may, subject to the prior approval of KA, determine any and all additional Classes to compete on the event program at any Round.
- d) Competitors must use a Denso Iridium IW24/IW27/IW29/IW31 spark plug for the duration of the Meeting. Karts will be randomly checked throughout the Meeting to ensure adherence to this requirement. Spark plugs must be original as supplied by the manufacturer and no machining or removal of the washer is permitted.

Article 6 - Series Registration

Competitors

- a) Each Competitor will be required to register (regardless of the number of Meetings in which they intend to compete) on the official registration form for the Series available at www.rotax.com.au.
- b) The Series encourages Competitors to Compete in all Rounds, however registration after the first Round will be accepted.
- c) When registering, a Competitor will nominate a preferred competition number (one or two digits only) for each Class or division in which they intend to Compete which they shall retain for all rounds of the Series. In the event that more than one Competitor nominates the same competition number, IKD will allocate the competition number to the Competitor who submitted their request at the earliest time.

Manufacturers

- a) All Chassis manufacturers are eligible for the Manufacturers Cup.

Fees

- a) There is no fee for Competitors to register for the Series.
- b) Competitors will be required to pay an entry fee to Compete at each Round.

Article 7 - Entry for a Round

- a) Details of the entry method and closing date for entries will be listed in the Supplementary Regulations for each Round of the Series.
- b) The entry fee payable to the Organiser will be listed in the Supplementary Regulations for each Round of the Series.

Article 8 - Circuits and Practice Restrictions

- a) Unless otherwise specified in the Supplementary Regulations for a Meeting, the Race Track shall be closed to all Competitors from 12.01am on the Monday prior to the Round and shall remain closed until the first official session of the Round.
- b) The only exception to this shall be as authorised by KA or IKD for the purpose of promotion only.
- c) Unless otherwise specified in the Supplementary Regulations for a Meeting, the Race Track will be closed to Karts after the last session on Friday and the last session on Saturday and will remain closed until opened for official on-track activity the following day.

Article 9 - Administrative Checking & Scrutineering

- a) Administrative checking and scrutineering will take place at the time and venue listed in the Supplementary Regulations.
- b) Engine and chassis seals will be issued and it is the Competitor's responsibility to ensure they are correctly fitted prior to the commencement of Qualifying.
- c) Competition numbers and sponsors stickers are required to be in place from the commencement of free practice. The placement of official sponsor's stickers on the bodywork of competing Karts is compulsory when so advised in Supplementary or Further Regulations.
- d) It is the Competitor's responsibility to have a mechanic, or representative, available at the time requested by the Chief Scrutineer for the dismantling of engine(s) to enable technical inspections and verifications to occur.

Article 10 - Driver's Briefing

- a) It is compulsory for each Driver and where necessary their parent or legal guardian to attend the Drivers' briefings. The date and time of the Driver's Briefing will be advised in Supplementary Regulations for each Round.
- b) Drivers who fail to attend a briefing or sign the attendance sheet will be referred to the Stewards of the Meeting.

Article 11 - Parc Fermé

- a) The area of Parc Fermé includes, but is not limited to: the In-grid, Out-grid, weigh scales area, mechanical breakdown lane, technical inspection area, full Race Track Area with the safety fence and such other areas nominated in the Supplementary Regulations or notified by Addendum or Bulletin.

- b) Only persons with the correct accreditation may enter Parc Fermé and with the prior approval of the Chief Scrutineer or their representative. Controls are in place as to the nature of equipment and materials that may be brought into Parc Fermé. These controls are communicated by the Rules and will be interpreted and enforced by the responsible Parc Fermé officials.

Article 12 - In and Out Grid Entry

- a) Entry to the In-grid and Out-grid will be restricted to two (2) pit crew per Driver for each Class.
- b) All nominated pit crew entering the In-Grid or Out-Grid areas must have their pit crew licence on display at all times.
- c) Entry to the In-Grid or Out Grid areas shall only be granted at specific times as detailed in the timetable, which will be available at the Meeting.

Article 13 - Additional Data Logging

- a) KA and/or IKD may require the fitment of technical equipment for the purpose of data logging to ensure the conformity of certain equipment.

Article 14 - Fuel and Lubricants

- a) The Fuel permitted to be used at each Round will be listed in the Supplementary Regulations.

Article 15 - Timing and Qualifying

- a) Qualifying will be conducted over a single session as advised in the Supplementary Regulations, using the AMB or other KA approved timing system.
- b) It is the Competitor's responsibility to fit and maintain their timing transponder in accordance with the Rules.
- c) It is compulsory for all Competitors to affix an AMB compatible transponder to their Kart in a working condition from the start of the Friday practice session at each Meeting. Failure to do so will result in exclusion from the next practice session. In the event of it being the final session a \$200 fine will apply.

Article 16 - Heats, Pre-Final and Final

- a) Starting positions for the heats are awarded according to the classification obtained in Qualifying.
- b) Starting positions for the Pre-Final are awarded according to the classification obtained from the three (3) heat races.
- c) Starting positions for the Final are awarded according to the classification obtained from the Pre-Final.

Article 17 - Race Distances

- a) The Heats will be conducted over the following approximate distances:
 - Micro Max, Mini Max and Junior Max Trophy - 10km
 - Junior Max, Rotax 125 Light, Rotax 125 Heavy, DD2, DD2 Masters - 12km
- b) The Pre-Final races will be conducted over the following approximate distances:
 - Micro Max, Mini Max and Junior Max Trophy - 15km
 - Junior Max, Rotax 125 Light, Rotax 125 Heavy, DD2, DD2 Masters - 18km
- c) The Final races will be conducted over the following approximate distances:
 - Micro Max, Mini Max and Junior Max Trophy - 18km
 - Junior Max, Rotax 125 Light, Rotax 125 Heavy, DD2, DD2 Masters - 22km
- d) The actual Race Distances expressed as a number of Laps will be detailed in Supplementary Regulations.

Article 18 - Non-competition

- a) It is the spirit and intent of the competition that all Races should be contested to the fullest.
- b) Where a Driver is considered to have missed or retired from a race in an attempt to gain an advantage, they may be required to appear before the Stewards of the Meeting for the appropriate action and/or penalty.

Article 19 - Series Points

- a) Points shall be awarded to Competitors in each Class and/or division at each Round of the Series as follows:

Finishing Position	Rounds 1 - 6 PRE-FINAL	Rounds 1 - 6 FINAL	Round 7 PRE-FINAL	Round 7 FINAL
1	1275	1700	1500	2000
2	1179	1572	1387	1850
3	1090	1454	1283	1711
4	1008	1345	1187	1582
5	932	1244	1098	1464
6	862	1150	1015	1354
7	797	1064	939	1252
8	737	984	869	1158
9	682	910	803	1071
10	630	842	743	991
11	583	778	687	916
12	539	719	635	847
13	498	665	587	783
14	460	657	543	724
15	425	608	502	670
16	393	562	464	620
17	363	520	429	573
18	335	481	397	530
19	309	445	367	490
20	285	410	340	450

- b) A Competitor in Micro Max and Mini Max can compete in a total of 14 point scoring races (7 x Pre-Finals & 7 x Finals) in the Series, however, only their 8 highest scoring results will be used to calculate their ranking.
- c) A Competitor in all other Classes and/or divisions can compete in a total of 14 point scoring races (7 x Pre-Finals & 7 x Finals) in the Series, however, only their 10 highest scoring results will be used to calculate their ranking.
- d) Each Competitor wishing to qualify for the RMCGF must comply with the 2015 Race for the World Finals Terms and Conditions available at www.rotax.com.au

Article 20 - Manufacturers Cup

- a) Points are awarded to the chassis manufacturer for the 3 podium finishers of each eligible Class and/or division at each Round as follows:
 - i. 1st Place – 25 points
 - ii. 2nd Place – 20 points
 - iii. 3rd Place – 16 points

- b) Manufacturers Cup Points will only be allocated the following Classes and/or divisions:
 - i. Micro Max
 - ii. Mini Max
 - iii. Junior Max
 - iv. Rotax 125 Light
 - v. Rotax 125 Heavy
 - vi. DD2
 - vii. DD2 Masters.
- c) The Manufacturers Cup champions will be awarded their trophy at the Rotax Pro Tour Grand Final.

Article 21 - Tied Points

- a) In the event of a tie in points, the winner will be determined by the Driver who has the highest result in the Final at the Rotax Pro Tour Grand Final (in the relevant Class and/or division).
- b) If still tied, it will be determined by the highest result in one of the previous Finals (Rounds 1 to 6 - starting from the most recent event and working backwards through the results that are in the current Year.)

Article 22 - Trophy Presentation

- a) The placing for each round will be determined by the placing obtained in the Final.
- b) Unless a Driver has the prior approval of IKD, a 1000 point penalty will be applied to a Driver's ranking points when a Driver who is receiving a trophy or prize does not attend the podium presentation on time, wearing their race suit at each Series Round. This applies to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place. The Driver will be referred to the Stewards of the Meeting for determination of penalty.

Article 23 - Recognition of State Champions

- a) The highest point scorers of two (2) Rounds within the same State in Micro Max, Mini Max, Junior Max, Rotax 125 Light, Rotax 125 Heavy, DD2 and DD2 Masters shall be awarded the State Champion in their respective Class and/or division.
- b) In the case where there are three (3) rounds in one (1) state, IKD and KA will nominate the two (2) rounds that are to be contested for State Championship status.
- c) The nominated rounds to form the State Championships are:

Victoria

Round 3	1 – 3 May	Albury/Wodonga, Victoria
Round 6	21 - 23 August	Puckapunyal, Victoria

New South Wales

Round 2	20 – 22 March	Dubbo, New South Wales
Round 5	17 - 19 July	JR Memorial - Eastern Creek, New South Wales

Queensland

Round 4	5 – 7 June	Warwick, Queensland
Round 7	2 - 4 October	Grand Final - Ipswich, Queensland

- d) State Championship trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters only.

Article 24 - Series Champion

- a) The Rotax Max Australian Challenge Champion (1st place getter in the Series point score) will be recognised and awarded at the Rotax Pro Tour Grand Final.
- b) The Rotax Max Australian Challenge Champion will be allocated the Number 1 for Rotax Pro Tour events in that Class and/or division in the following year and will receive a Champion's Plate.

Article 25 - Presentation

- a) Competitors must present themselves and their equipment in a clean, well maintained and professional manner at all times during each Round.

IMPORTANT NOTE

These Series Sporting Regulations are correct at the time of publication but are subject to change by KA.