

APPENDIX 3 – INTRODUCTION TO KARTING

The following programs – “Bring a Mate”, “Come & Try” and “Dealer Trade” are, along with “Junior Sprockets” and “Junior Sprockets Plus”, Karting Australia’s approved programs and activities that are designed to introduce new, potential participants to the sport of karting.

Bring a Mate is Karting Australia’s priority club-based introduction to karting program. It can be conducted as a stand-alone activity (utilising the pro forma Bring a Mate Supplementary Regulations) or it can be incorporated into a Club Day simply by including the session in the Supplementary Regulations for the event. It is the most simply organised and most cost effective of the three programs detailed in the following pages.

Bring a Mate Rules

- 1 Preamble
 - a) It is designed to let people who have never raced a kart before experience the thrill of karting in the safe, controlled environment of a KA sanctioned event on any KA licensed Circuit.
 - b) It can be simply conducted by any KA affiliated Club at any KA Licensed Circuit with a minimal number of licensed Officials.
 - c) As the program name suggests, BRING A MATE needs essentially two types of person:
 - (i) A currently licensed “Junior” or “Senior” Driver who will provide the equipment for their “MATE”; and
 - (ii) A friend or acquaintance of the licensed Driver – their MATE, who is interested to experience the thrill and excitement of driving a competition kart on a real race track.
 - d) Should the Club wish to do so, it can invite any of the local kart shops to participate on a BRING A MATE day provided that they are the holders of a current “DEALER TRADE LICENCE”, by providing the equipment that is necessary for some of their potential senior clients.
 - e) BRING A MATE is open to women and men, girls and boys so long as they are in the year of their twelfth (12th) birthday or older.
 - f) BRING A MATE is a nationally developed program that is produced locally by the Karting Australia affiliated Clubs that regularly conduct competition karting in Australia.
- 2 Supervision
 - a) At least one (1) Karting Australia Licensed Official (at Level 4 or better) must directly supervise a Come and Try Activity and must be present at the Circuit at all times when a Come and try Activity is in progress.
- 3 Permitted Karts
 - a) Please refer to the Karting Australia Manual (Class Rules) for any age restrictions within each Karting Category and/or Class.
 - b) Please note: New Drivers over the age of 15 years (‘Senior’) are not permitted to drive a kart with an engine that is more powerful than 125cc - Restricted or 4 Stroke kart as designated in the Karting Australia Manual.
- 4 Karts on the Track
 - a) The number of karts permitted to drive on the Track at the same time is limited to a maximum of 25% of the Track Density.
 - b) Drivers must stay approximately 50 metres from the kart in front of them unless they slow significantly or stop in which case they may be overtaken.
 - c) When leaving the out-grid drivers must leave in a controlled manner under the direction of an official.
 - d) Weaving across the track and sudden changes of direction are not permitted.
 - e) When exiting the track or if the driver is slowing and has an issue on the Track they should raise their hand so that the driver behind can clearly see that they are not continuing as normal.
 - f) If a Driver spins out or stops on the Track and cannot restart the Kart they must get out of your kart when safe to do so and move to a place of safety. They must keep all safety apparel (including the helmet) on until they return to the pits.
 - g) Senior and Junior/Cadet (9 and 12) aged New Drivers are not permitted to be on the Track at the same time
 - h) Cadet (9 and 12) aged New Drivers are permitted to be on the Track at the same time. Karting Australia licensed drivers are not permitted to be on the Track at the same time as New Drivers.
- 5 Key Elements of a “Bring A Mate” Day at a Local Club
 - a) It will be run under a simple set of Supplementary Regulations that are prepared by the host Club using a pro-forma standard form developed by Karting Australia. The Supplementary Regulations must be approved by the SKA with which the Club is affiliated.
 - b) An event Permit must be issued by the SKA.
 - c) The BRING A MATE Program is a Demonstration, no competitive element is involved. Timing is not permitted.
 - (i) At the end of the day this is about the experience and nothing more.
 - d) The nominated official (as designated in the Supplementary regulations) will conduct a briefing and short Induction Program for all MATES.
 - e) MATES will be required to complete a Disclaimer and Indemnity Form to receive a “Bring a Mate Single Event Licence” and sign a Disclaimer and Indemnity Form as provided by Karting Australia.
 - (i) The Club will issue a Bring a Mate licence covering the MATE for the day’s on-track activities.
 - f) The program will be run to an on-track timetable that provides separate sessions for both the Licensed Driver and their MATE/S.

- (i) Licensed Drivers and MATES will not be on the Track at the same time (i.e. MATES run solely with other MATES.)
 - g) The Club must provide first aid services in accordance with the KA Manual.
 - h) Just like at an organised Race Meeting, the role of the Officials is primarily to ensure that the event runs smoothly, safely, on time and in accordance with the Regulations so that everyone has a good time.
 - i) Ideally the Club will organise for one or more of the local kart shops to attend the day so that they can talk to MATES about what they need to do to *GET STARTED IN KARTING*.
 - j) The Club should use the BRING A MATE day as a promotional opportunity to attract new members – both competitors and volunteers/Officials.
 - k) If safety equipment is to be shared between MATES it is to be sanitised in between use by each MATE and shared by a maximum of five (5) MATES per activity.
- 3 BRING A MATE Single Event Licence
- a) Prior to issuing a BRING A MATE Single Event Licence the MATE will receive a simple written induction with verbal instructions (a briefing) from the nominated Official in attendance at the day.

Come & Try Rules

- 1 Preamble
- a) Come and Try Days or Come and Try activities (“Come and Try Activities”) are designed to introduce potential new participants (“New Drivers”) to the sport of karting under controlled conditions.
 - b) In general, most Come and Try activities conducted by KA affiliated clubs are covered by the KA National Insurance Program. However, please check with KA and/or AJG Sport prior to any activity if you are in doubt.
- 2 Procedures for Come and Try Days
- a) If a stand-alone Come and Try Activity is intended to be conducted, or if it is intended to be conducted as part of a Club social day, the organising body must complete and have approved, Supplementary Regulations detailing all matters surrounding the activity including the names and responsibilities of the KA Licenced Officials who will be in attendance to organise and run the activity.
 - b) If a Come and Try Activity is intended to be conducted as part of a Race Meeting the details of the Come and Try Activity must be included in the Supplementary Regulations for the Race Meeting and approved by KA or the SKA.
 - c) All persons wishing to participate in a Come and Try Activity must have pre-registered with the Host Club for the activity through an online ticketing system.
- 3 Supervision
- a) At least one (1) Karting Australia Licenced Official (at Level 4 or better) must directly supervise a Come and Try Activity and must be present at the Circuit at all times when a Come and try Activity is in progress.
- 4 Permitted Karts
- a) Please refer to the Karting Australia Manual (Class Rules) for any age restrictions within each Karting Category and/or Class.
 - b) Please note: New Drivers over the age of 15 years (‘Senior’) are not permitted to drive a kart with an engine that is more powerful than 125cc - Restricted or 4 Stroke kart as designated in the Karting Australia Manual.
- 5 Karts on the Track
- a) The number of karts permitted to drive on the Track at the same time is limited to a maximum of 25% of the Track Density.
 - b) Drivers must stay approximately 50 metres from the kart in front of them unless they slow significantly or stop in which case they may be overtaken.
 - c) When leaving the out-grid drivers must leave in a controlled manner under the direction of an official.
 - d) Weaving across the track and sudden changes of direction are not permitted.
 - e) When exiting the track or if the driver is slowing and has an issue on the Track they should raise their hand so that the driver behind can clearly see that they are not continuing as normal.
 - f) If a Driver spins out or stops on the Track and cannot restart the Kart they must get out of your kart when safe to do so and move to a place of safety. They must keep all safety apparel (including the helmet) on until they return to the pits.
 - g) Senior and Junior/Cadet (9 and 12) aged New Drivers are not permitted to be on the Track at the same time
 - h) Cadet (9 and 12) aged New Drivers are permitted to be on the Track at the same time. Karting Australia licensed drivers are not permitted to be on the Track at the same time as New Drivers.
- 6 Preparations
- a) New Drivers must be given a briefing on kart driving and Circuit safety (including Flag Signals as detailed in the Karting Australia Manual) immediately prior to the start of the Come and Try Activity.
 - b) Apparel
 - (i) Drivers must at all times when on the Track be wearing racing apparel that complies with Karting Australia Rules.
 - (ii) This means:
 - Full face Helmet with visor,

- One piece driving suit providing neck to wrist to ankle coverage; or, solely for Introduction to Karting Activities two (2) pieces of clothing that provide neck to wrist and ankle coverage and protection as follows:
 - Lower body coverage and protection:
 - Long pants made of medium or heavy-duty cotton drill material or denim; and
 - Upper body coverage and protection:
 - Long-sleeve shirt made of medium or heavy-duty cotton drill material or denim done up to the neck and buttoned down at the wrist that provides neck to wrist and waist coverage and protection; or
 - Crewneck, long-sleeve sweatshirt (must not be a hoodie) that provides neck to wrist and waist coverage and protection; or
 - A snug fitting zip up or snap button jacket (without a hood) that is done up to the neck and that provides neck to wrist coverage and protection.
 - The pants should either taper to the ankles or be tucked into the Driver's socks.
 - The upper body coverage should be tucked into the pants.
 - Gloves that resist abrasion and provide full finger protection
 - Closed shoes.
- c) Hair
- (i) Long hair must be securely retained either with a hair net, hood, balaclava or driving suit at all times.
 - (ii) If required, New Drivers must read and have explained to them the wording of the Indemnity form provided. New Drivers must acknowledge the terms and conditions of the indemnity must sign the indemnity form before being permitted to drive a kart.
 - (iii) If a New Driver is under 18 years of age, the New Driver and their guardian must both sign the indemnity form before the New Driver is permitted to drive a kart.
- 7 Shared Equipment
- a) It is recommended for New Drivers to use their own safety helmet and safety equipment wherever possible.
 - b) All safety equipment provided by the Host Club must be sanitised thoroughly prior to being used by the first New Driver in the Activity.
 - c) Single-use (or self-provided) Balaclavas are recommended be used by all New Drivers unless they are using their own helmet.
 - d) Latex Gloves are recommended to be worn by all New Drivers under any gloves provided by the Host Club. Alternatively, the Host Club can provide gloves for a single use per Activity.
 - e) All other safety equipment provided by the Host Club must be sanitised in between use by each New Driver and shared by a maximum of five (5) New Drivers per activity.
 - f) All Karts are to be thoroughly sanitised prior to the start of the activity. It is recommended that Clubs utilize a UVC light or similar apparatus for additional sanitising.
 - g) Steering wheel, side pods and seat must be wiped down with hospital grade alcohol antibacterial/disinfectant wipes before and after used by each New Driver; and
 - h) The mixing of fuel and refuelling of all karts throughout the day is to be completed by a maximum of two (2) people.
- 8 Personal Accident Insurance
- a) Karting Australia Personal Accident Insurance only provides cover to participants who hold a current Karting Australia License. Non-Licensed participants in come and try days are not eligible for personal accident insurance.
- 9 General Advice
- a) The information provided by Arthur J. Gallagher is considered general advice only and does not take into account your personal or financial situation. This information must be read in conjunction with the Insurance Program documentation including the Policy Wording. For a copy of the policy wording, please contact your broker.