

Australian Karting Association Inc

Track Committee

MINUTES



Venue: Crowne Plaza, Cnr Arden & Carr Streets, Coogee, Sydney
Date: 21 June 2008
Time: 9am

Attendance

Mick Stott	National Track Coordinator
Ross Gathercole	Victoria
Tom Nipperess	New South Wales
Graham Jensen	South Australia
Peter Thomas	Queensland
Mark Sergeant	Tasmania
Mike Sully	Western Australia
Jeff Burton	NSW Speedway

Item 1 (AKA Qld Item 5)

Start Grid and Weigh In.

18.13.1 (a)(Current): Must be large enough to accommodate the maximum number of starters permitted on the track.

Proposed Amendment

18.13.1 (a) Must be large enough to accommodate the maximum number of starters permitted on the track, with provision in all grid positions for the use of external starters.

Reason:

The present situation involves a mixture of on-board electric start, external start, and pushers required for direct drive. From 2009 and onwards, on-board and external start only will be required.

Experience is showing that rotax and leopard both experience difficulty in starting, and leopard often require external starters. Yamaha and similar engines often fire, then stall. Karts often are unable to exit the grid with the main group due to a stalled engine in front of them.

It is unsafe to have pit crew attempting to start engines that either have failed to start, or have started, then subsequently stalled, while karts are exiting the grid. It is only a matter of time before someone is injured. Maybe something along the lines of the formation that is typically used for Junior Intercontinental A could be an answer.

Action:

After discussion the committee is **NOT** in favour by unanimous decision.

Comments: Suggest realign grid by reducing 1.6mtr gap to 1mt on left side giving 1.6mt spare in centre. Also refer to Rule 4.20 Grid Marshall must control Karts.

Item 2 (VKA Track Item 1)

AKA needs to put in place criteria to suit the requirements for clubs wishing to use lights at flag points or have currently them installed

Maybe need to look at:

- Lights on the outside of the circuit
- Flashing lights so that they can be seen by stewards and competitors 360 degrees visibility
- Do we need a person at the lights or not.

Action:

Refer to Item 4.

Item 3 (AKA SA Item 15)

Rule 18.10.4 Fire Extinguishers

Entrants may be required to supply an approved filled fire extinguisher in their paddock space, but the presence of such extinguisher shall not relieve the organisers of the obligation to supply adequate fire fighting equipment for the circuit as a whole.

Change rule to read;

Entrants **are** required to supply an approved filled fire extinguisher in their paddock space, but the presence of such extinguisher shall not relieve the organisers of the obligation to supply adequate fire fighting equipment for the circuit as a whole.

Action:

After discussion the committee is **NOT** in favour by unanimous decision.

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Item 4 (AKA SA Item 16)

Rule 15.19 relates to light signals replacing flag marshals. A minimum specification needs to be written to explain what is required and included in Chapter 18.

The minimum requirement for a flashing amber light to replace a flag marshal must be a 150mm diameter "traffic light" mounted no more than 1.5 metres high, 10 metres from the edge of the track where possible, facing the direction of travel and in line with the race line and apex of the corner it is to protect. Flashing lights must be independently switched from a central point. Lights that cannot be seen from any point around a circuit are required to have a flashing light mounted on top as well. All cabling must be either underground or around fence lines, and must comply with the relevant electrical code.

Action:

Committee **NOT** in favour, rule to remain as is. After further discussion, the following amendment is proposed.

Amendment to Rule 18.11.3 Track

New point:

- (h) **The minimum requirement for flashing light to replace a flag marshall must be a 150mm diameter light mounted no more than 2mtrs high. Flashing lights must be independently switched from a central point. All lights are required to have a flashing light mounted on top. All cabling must be either underground or around fence lines and must comply with the relevant electrical code. Position and construction of lights to be decided in consultation with State Track Inspector.**

Item 5 (AKA SA Item 17)

Chapter 24, Noise Control. New wording to explain placement of microphone required.

Rule 24.4.4.

The microphone is to be located 4 metres (+/- 0.1m) above the centre of the track and to be aimed at the centre line of the track.

Rule needs to be amended to read;

The microphone is to be located a maximum of 10 metres from the outside edge of the track, 1.2 metres from the ground and facing towards the track. The microphone must be free from "solid objects" that are able to ricochet sound.

The CAMS manual recommends 30m from the edge of the track and between 1 and 2 metres high.

Action:

Committee in favour.

Item 6 (AKAWA Item 1)

Chapter 18.09 2 (a)

Materials usable are locally available, appropriate material.

REASON - Currently too restrictive for some clubs to obtain material as set out in AKA Manual.

Action:

Amendment to Rule 18.09.2(a) Part iii

Reword to read as follows:

(iii) If either material is not available, then a locally available suitable non-compactable material may be used as approved by State Track Inspector in consultation with National Track Safety Coordinator.

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Additional Item:

Agenda Item for August Conference

Speedway

Rule 48.01 Track Layout

Addition to read as follows:

The track layout and conditions of Speedway circuits will be as agreed and approved by the State Speedway Track Inspector and relevant Government departments.

Any new tracks, or major alterations to an existing track, must be submitted to the State Office for all necessary inspections and approvals. **All tracks to be minimum 8mtrs wide throughout.**

Committee Item:

The committee approved the proposed track extensions for the Karratha circuit in West Australia – noted NKC exemption to 7mtr run off area granted.

Meeting closed at 3pm