



RULE CHANGE POLICY

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INTRODUCTION

The Board of Australian Karting Association Ltd trading as Karting Australia (KA) is the sole body empowered to make rules for the conduct of sprint karting competition in Australia.

It is the intention of the KA Board to provide stability of regulations and to restrict changes to the KA Manual and Rules to a minimum during any competition year.

As an overriding principle, unless there are issues of safety, pending force majeure, force majeure, and compliance with laws or compelling supply difficulties, rules will not generally be the subject of change at any time other than for the commencement of a competition year.

Applications should be submitted by no later than 30 May each year.

DEFINITIONS

In addition to the definitions in the KA Manual, the following definitions apply to this policy:

Industry Suppliers

Means any of the major suppliers of karts, chassis, engines and general components used in karting competition

Key National Officials

Means any of the National Officials identified on the KA Organisational Structure Chart

Applies To

The policy applies to proposals for new Rules or changes to any of the Rules in the KA Manual in the General Regulations, Competition, Technical and Competition Classes sections.

This policy does not apply to homologation, re-homologation and component evolutions.

Objectives

To provide a clear framework for the submission of well thought out proposals for Rule changes that may improve the elements of competition in karting in Australia at any of the levels of Club, State, and National competition.

To provide stability of regulations and wherever possible to restrict sporting and technical rule changes to be made on an annual basis.

POLICY

1. New Rules and Rule Change Requests (Requests) may be made by the following people or groups:

- Board Members
- CEO
- Ordinary Members
- Key National Officials
- KA Functional Committees
- Industry Suppliers



- 1.1. All Requests should be made using the New Rule / Rule Change Request Form.
 - 1.2. All sections of the form must be completed in full.
 - 1.3. The precise changes requested should be identified including the supply of any technical drawing that may be required for the sake of absolute clarity and interpretation of the proposed rule.
 - 1.4. The reason for the Request and what the New Rule / Rule Change is meant to achieve must be clearly identified.
 - 1.5. All cost implication must be clearly and accurately identified including:
 - 1.5.1. any redundancy costs that may be incurred by Competitors if the Request is approved; and
 - 1.5.2. any cost savings or benefits that will occur if the Request is approved; and
 - 1.5.3. the cost of any new components for which approval is sought.
2. All completed Requests must be submitted to the KA National Office.
- 3. Requests for the following year should be submitted by no later than 30 May in any year.**
- 3.1. Issues of safety, pending force majeure, force majeure, compliance with laws or compelling supply difficulties may at the discretion of the Board be dealt with on short notice.
 - 3.2. The Board has absolute discretion to determine and implement any Rule change or new Rule at any time in the interests of the sport of karting, including, when time is of the essence making an immediate determination without the need for further referral.
4. Upon receipt of a completed Request, the KA National Office through the CEO will provide a copy of the Request to the Board for their preliminary consideration.
- 4.1. Should the Board be of the opinion that the concept of the Request has sufficient merit to warrant detailed consideration for inclusion in the KA Manual and Rules, the Request will be forwarded to the appropriate Key National Official/s so as to enable full evaluation of the Request by the relevant National Committee.
(e.g. A request for a Technical Rule change will be forwarded to the National Technical Commissioner who will forward it to the National Technical Committee for their detailed consideration.)
 - 4.2. The National Committee tasked with evaluating the Request will be required to consider the Request and make a recommendation back to the Board as to whether or not the Request should be accepted as submitted, rejected or accepted in some modified format.
 - 4.2.1. The National Committee may make all such inquiries that they feel are necessary (including asking for additional information from the originator of the Request) so as to make a fully informed recommendation to the Board.
5. A Request will only ever become a KA Rule following review, consideration and ratification by the Board.

Related Policies

- Homologation Policy

Other Links and References

- New Rule / Rule Change Request Form

Policy Manager

Manager – CEO

