



Operational Rule Interpretation

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Minimum Required Officials For Events – FOR DISTRIBUTION TO ALL OFFICIALS/ TECHNICAL OFFICERS ETC

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Background

It has become apparent that some Events are being started without the required Essential Officials being in attendance. These are detailed in the Karting Australia Rules – specifically General Rules Chapter 7 Rule 4.

All events that are conducted under an Event Permit that is issued by either Karting Australia or an SKC, **MUST BE PROPERLY SUPERVISED AND CONTROLLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH KARTING AUSTRALIA RULES.**

For the avoidance of doubt, this includes all practice and on-track sessions that are conducted under the Meeting Permit. At an absolute minimum the Essential Officials detailed in General Rules Chapter 7 Rule 4 must be present at all times. Failure to do so is a serious breach of the Rules and exposes not only KA but the Promotor and the Organisers to liability risks.

There is a positive duty of care to ensure that Meetings are organised and controlled at all times in accordance with the Rules so as to ensure that all safety requirements are fulfilled at all times.

Definition of an Event

“An Event may include one or more Competitions, which may comprise practice and qualifying sessions, Heat/s and a final or may be divided in some similar manner, but must be completed by the end of the meeting.

An Event is considered to have begun as from the time scheduled for the beginning of administrative checking and/or scrutiny and shall include practice and the Competition itself. It shall end upon the expiry of one or other of the following time limits, whichever is the later:

- time limit for protests or appeals or the end of any hearings; or
- end of administrative checking and post-Event scrutiny carried out in accordance with these Rules”

General Rules, Chapter 1 Rule 10 prescribes the following:

“10. Powers of the Stewards of the Meeting

(xvi) Approve the commencement of a Competition/s”

General Rules, Chapter 1 Rule 14 prescribes the following:

“14. Duration of a Meeting

A Meeting commences at the commencement of the first date specified on the Organising Permit and ceases at the expiration of the final date specified on the Organising Permit. During this entire period, the appointed Officials of the Meeting shall have and exercise their powers.”



General Rules, Chapter 4 Rule 4 b) prescribes the following:

“b) Stewards Report

(i) The Stewards of the Meeting and the Clerk of the Course are to complete a Track inspection report, as part of the Stewards Report, prior to the commencement of Competition.”

General Rules Chapter 7 Rule 4 prescribes the following:

“4. Essential Officials:

a) At all Meetings, the Minimum number of essential graded Officials must be:

- (i) A Clerk of the Course.
- (ii) Two (2) Stewards of the Meeting, where one (1) Steward is the Chief Steward.
- (iii) The Clerk of the Course and Chief Steward must be Minimum Grade 3; the second Steward may be a Grade 4 or higher.
- (iv) A Chief Scrutineer.”

Procedure

For the avoidance of doubt and for the sake of clarity, Organisers must ensure that all of the Essential Officials are in attendance prior to the start of all Practice sessions that are covered under the permit.

They must remain in attendance for the duration of the Event unless substituted in accordance with the Rules.

The minimum number of Essential Officials must be complied with at all times.

No on-track activity shall commence until all Essential Officials as detailed in General Rules Chapter 7 Rule 4 are present at the Race Track, prepared for duty and a track inspection report has been completed.

The Clerk of Course must obtain permission from the Chief Steward prior to commencement of Practice – the Stewards must “Approve the commencement of a Competition/s.” General Rules, Chapter 1 Rule 10

The Stewards report must also be completed in accordance with the Rules.

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