

2024 KA Manual (National Competition Rules)

The following are the significant adjustments to the National Competition Rules that have been approved for implementation in 2024.

All new and adjusted Rules will take effect from 1 January 2024 and apply to next year's Competitions.

RULE NO.	RULE	COMMENT
Guiding Principles		Updated to reflect the current Strategic Plan
Definitions	Judicial Bodies	<p>New</p> <p>Means the Stewards of a Meeting, the National Stewards Panel, a Tribunal, the National Judicial Commissioner, AMSAC, the Board, and the CEO, acting on judicial matters in accordance with the Rules. Judicial Body will mean any one of the Judicial Bodies.</p> <p>Incorporates the new position of National Judicial commissioner</p>
	Misconduct	<p>Updated</p> <p>Misconduct refers to inappropriate, improper, unsanctioned or unsportsmanlike behaviour exhibited by an individual that that does not comply with the Rules, guidelines, or standards set by KA and that may result in potential harm or disrespect towards others and/or the sport of karting, and/or KA and/or a SKA and/or a Club. Misconduct is categorised into two levels of severity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Ordinary misconduct constitutes offences that are graded as being low or medium level.</u> • <u>Serious misconduct constitutes offences that are graded as being high or serious level. They may entail deliberate and/or willful behaviour that is improper and/or intimidatory, and/or unacceptable and/or disrespectful, and/or that causes risk to the reputation of karting and/or to the health and safety of a person.</u> <p>Serious misconduct includes but is not limited to assault, theft, willful and/or serious damage of someone else's property, severe or extreme abuse of an Official, assault of an Official or a Licence holder.</p>
	National Judicial Commissioner	<p>New</p> <p>Means a person whose role it is to determine the appropriate penalty that should be imposed following a Stewards Hearing at a National Level Meeting, where the Stewards have found the person in breach of the Rules and have recommended a penalty be imposed which is beyond their powers (i.e. Suspension, Exclusion, Fine greater than \$1,000).</p>
	Time-certain Race	<p>New</p> <p>Means a Race that is conducted for a specific period of time and that will be considered to have ended when the leading kart receives the Chequered Flag as it crosses the Finish Line the first time after the time specified for the Race has elapsed plus one (1) lap of the Track.</p>

GENERAL RULES		
Chapter 1 Rule 32 d)	Consumption of Alcohol	<p>Updated - Clarification</p> <p>The consumption of alcohol by any Licence Holder, Member, Pit Crew or Official in the Paddock, Event headquarters or any section of a competition venue under the control of the Officials of the Race</p>

		Meeting is strictly forbidden until all practice and/or Competition has concluded for each day of an Event or Race Meeting.
Chapter 2	Fees	Updated 2024 Fees to be increased in line with the Bylaw B6 as ratified by the Board.
Chapter 4 Rule 2 e)	Club Safety Officer	Updated Each Club is to appoint a Club Safety Officer who is responsible for Circuit safety. The Club Safety Officer must successfully complete the KA Club Safety Officer on-line course and examination in the KA Officials Academy <u>by no later than 31 January each year or within one (1) month of being appointed to the position, whichever is the sooner.</u>
Chapter 4 Rule 14	Smoking, Vaping, Welding, Angle Grinders, Open Flame Devices	Update and Clarification a) Smoking, (including the use of E-cigarettes), <u>and Vaping</u> is not permitted in the paddock, <u>unless in an area approved by the Organiser and then, only in accordance with applicable laws.</u> b) The use of a welder, <u>angle grinder</u> , any open/naked flame device, or heating gun is not permitted in the paddock, <u>other than in area approved by the Chief Scrutineer.</u>
Chapter 4 Rule 14	Temporary Facilities/Structures	New Requirement for temporary structures at events to be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positioned in accordance with Organisers requirements; • Adequately secured using solid weights or stakes/pegs that comply with manufacturers instructions or Hire and Rental Industry Association – Temporary Structure/Marquee Weighing Guide/standards • WHS management requirements apply at all times
Chapter 6	Rules 1 - 3 Medical Services / Requirements...	New Whilst the Rules, which govern the conduct of karting are designed to minimise the potential for accidents and injury, it is necessary that every karting Event be conducted in a manner designed to reduce risk. Insofar as minimising risk to persons in the case of injury being sustained, we will require each Organiser to have in place not only personnel and facilities on site commensurate with the risk profile of the Event but also an appropriate and considered response plan to be activated if an incident requiring a medical response occurs. This had been developed in conjunction with the National Medical Officer.
	Rules 4 - 7 ...Concussion, and Injury Reporting and Return To Karting	Updated concussion assessment protocols have been developed internationally that will be reflected in the updated Policies: P35 –Concussion Management Guidelines; and P36 Karting Australia Medical Code. Also included in this section is a new Return To Karting procedure after injury and concussion.
Judicial Rules Introduction		
<p>There have been a number of amendments to the Rules that constitute our Judicial Rules, systems and processes for 2024. This encompassed significant changes to General Rules, Chapters 7 to 14 form the primary components of the KA Judicial system and specifically deal with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Race Officials and their Duties (including the responsibilities of Judges Of Fact), • Offences, • Penalties, • Tribunals, • Appeals. 		

In 2024 the presiding Officials and Judicial Bodies will be required to take matters such as:

- the full circumstances or the facts of the incident;
- the age of the people concerned in the incident - are they Cadet, Junior, Senior or a mixture of ages;
- whether the contact was careless or intentional;
- whether the contact was low, medium, high or severe in nature;
- the consequences (if any) of the contact

these into account when determining if an Offence has occurred and if so, what was its severity, were there any mitigating or aggravating circumstances and what Penalty should be applied.

Prior to Chapter 7	Judicial Introduction and Guiding Principles	<p>New</p> <p>The Guiding Principles of the Judicial System are:</p> <p>a) To operate a simple Judicial system that is conducted with minimal formality which is fair, efficient and reasonable and that complies with the standards established by the FIA in the ISC.</p> <p>b) To prioritise appropriate driving standards and the health and safety of Drivers and Officials;</p> <p>c) To promote appropriate outcomes by the effective use of the Penalty Notification process by Judges of Fact and the Infringement Notice process by Officials of the Meeting;</p> <p>d) To provide an appropriate system for a Protestor who may seek to lodge a protest against a Licence Holder whom they allege has committed an Offence;</p> <p>e) e) To promote appropriate outcomes, and when an Offence is found to have occurred, and to provide consistency and proportionality in the Penalty or Penalties imposed.</p>
Chapter 7 Rule 21	Duties Of Judges	<p>Updated</p> <p>Minor Update to the Summary of Judge Of Fact Duties</p>
Chapter 8	Offences	<p>Update</p> <p>Several significant updates to the Offences section to better define some offences and to create alignment with the 'new' Chapter 9 - Penalties</p>
Chapter 9 Rule 13	Minimum Recommended Penalties	<p>New</p> <p>Fully reviewed and overhauled scale of penalties and processes for General Offences, and reviewed all previously stated minimum recommended penalties, introducing improved proportionality for offences.</p>
Chapter 13 Rule 1 c) (ii) and 6	Tribunals	<p>New</p> <p><u>KA may at its absolute discretion refer any matter arising from a Stewards Hearing at a National level Event to the National Judicial Commissioner who will determine the appropriate penalty that should be imposed following a Stewards Hearing, where the Stewards have found the person in breach of the Rules and have recommended a penalty be imposed which is outside of their powers.</u></p> <p>This will reduce the administrative work in organising Disciplinary Tribunals for the application of a Penalty (general a period of suspension) that was beyond the authority of the Stewards.</p>

COMPETITION RULES		
Chapter 1 Rule 8	Sick or Injured Licence Holder Clearance	Revised Revised and clarified rules that now cover all Licence Holders (not just Drivers) who may be injured or unwell at an event and who have been required to get a medical clearance from a doctor to be able to participate in an event.
Chapter 4 Rule 11	Competition Numbers	Revised Clarification of the rules related to Kart Numbers and backgrounds permitted to be used.
Chapter 2 Rule 4 c)	Red and White Chequered Flag	Removed from use.
Chapter 2 Rule 4 m)	Black and White Chequered Flag	New (vi) <u>Drivers' must remain seated in the normal driving position in their Kart upon entering the In Grid at the completion of a session until a direction to exit their Kart is given by an Official. A Driver who leaves their seat before the instruction to exit their kart is given may receive a penalty. Recommended Minimum Penalty – two (2) places.</u>
TECHNICAL RULES		
Chapter 1 Rule 9 g) (iii)	Chain Guard	Reworded Now reflects CIK terminology
CLASS RULES		
<p>The LeCont SVB and SVC tyres used in our high-performance Classes have undergone a name change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SVB will now be rebranded LOH (LeCont Option Hard). • SVC will be rebranded LMP (LeCont Prime medium). <p>There is no change to either the compound or construction of either tyre.</p>		
Chapter 21	4SS Cadet Tyres	Clarification Maxxis 190D tyre (Dry tyre) and Maxxis MW21 (wet tyre) become the 4SS cadet tyre in place of the Maxxis Super Sport.
Chapter 21	4SS Data Logging and Electronic Dash	Updated No Class specific conditions for Junior and Senior Divisions
APPENDICIES		
Appendix 6	Determining If An Action Is An Offence and Grading an Offence	New To ascertain whether an individual has committed an Offence and to determine the suitable penalty for such an Offence, an Official or a Judicial Body must establish several factual matters. The steps to be taken and how they are to be taken are outlined in this Appendix and will form the basis of an online training module for officials.