

## **P33 PRE-RACING SAFETY POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

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### **Purpose**

This policy details the requirements that all Drivers must undertake at the time of obtaining their first Karting Australia Drivers Licence (“**New Drivers**”) and prior to starting in their first Race.

### **Background**

The Board of Karting Australia hold as an imperative that our sporting competitions should be safe, fair, fun, and well run.

**Our sport must be always conducted in the safest possible environment.**

It is essential that all drivers have a clear understanding of the safety requirements of the sport including the flag/light signals that are frequently used and how to use the Track safely before they compete in a KA Race Meeting.

The sport of Kart Racing, while great fun, can present many dangerous scenarios to not just the Competitors but also to the officials, parents, guardians and support crew of Competitors.

### **Pre-racing Procedure**

The Pre-racing Procedure for new Licence Applicants involves the following core items:

1. Logging onto [www.karting.net.au/how-to-get-started-in-karting/apply-for-licence](http://www.karting.net.au/how-to-get-started-in-karting/apply-for-licence) (register for an account in in the KA Licence portal (“**KOMP**”))
2. Viewing the Safety Training Video (“**STV**”); and
3. Complete the “Safety In Karting” (“**SIK**”) questionnaire; and
4. Acknowledgement that the STV has been viewed and understood and that the SIK requirements are understood; and
5. A Cadet aged Driver must complete be registered for and participate in at least eight (8) Karting Activities of no less than 1 hour duration on a KA licenced Track (Practice) before they are eligible to undertake the Observed Driving Session (“**ODS**”) and then compete in their first race.
6. Participation of the New Driver in an ODS at their Club.

### **Viewing of the Safety Training Video (STV)**

#### **Safety in Karting (SIK)**

At the time of applying for a Licence, all applicants (and in the case of a minor who is applying for a Licence, the Participant who is completing the application) must complete the SIK questionnaire that is embedded in KOMP. In the case of a minor, the Participant must discuss the SIK and explain the safety requirements of the sport with them and be satisfied that they understand the requirements.

#### **Acknowledgement that the STV Has Been Viewed and that the SIK Has Been Read and Understood**

When applying for a Licence, the person who is making the application must acknowledge that they have:

1. Watched and understood the STV; and
2. Read and understood the SIK requirements; and
3. Acknowledge that they (and if the application is being made by a minor, the minor) understand the fundamental safety requirements of the sport as detailed in the STV and the SIK and will comply with them at all times.

## Cadet Driving Practice

During the registration process for a Karting Activity, a Cadet Log Certification must be requested in KOMP.

At all times while the New Cadet Driver is participating in required Karting Activity, they must be supervised by either:

- A Parent who is the holder of a Participants License; or
- A person who is 18 years of age or older who is the holder of a racing licence issued by or recognised by KA; or
- A driving instructor/coach who is recognised by KA.

### Participation of the New Driver in an Observed Driving Session (ODS)

**All New Drivers must undertake and successfully complete an ODS at the Club prior to being permitted to Compete on a KA Licensed Track.**

For the avoidance of doubt, this shall mean before commencing their first Qualifying session and/or Race.

The purpose of the ODS is to satisfy the Officials that the New Driver is capable of driving a kart in a safe and controlled manner. An ODS may be conducted either before a Race Meeting or as an on-track session at a Race Meeting.

**Upon successful completion of the ODS a New Driver will be allowed to participate in KA sanctioned racing on KA licenced Tracks.**

**Note:** - If the Officials of the Meeting are of the opinion that the New Driver is not capable of driving a kart in a safe and controlled manner then the New Driver will not be permitted to participate in Qualifying or Racing and will be required to undergo further practice to improve their skill level before undergoing a further ODS.

## Appendix A

The STV and the SIK Requirements will cover the following topics:

- General Safety Presentation
- Apparel – What you must wear when driving a Kart
- Obey the Officials
- Flags/Lights – what they mean and when they are used
- Race Starts
- Driving Standards
  - Safe Use of the Track
    - How to enter and exit the Track in a safe manner.
    - Raising your hand when exiting the Track and also if you are slowing and have an issue on the track.
    - Stopping on the Track (move to a place of safety, requirement to keep safety apparel on).
  - Code of Driving Conduct – Competition Rules Chapter 3