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Tyne & Wear Kart Club Information Update

Blue Flags

After drivers' briefing we ask if there are any new drivers. The Clerk goes through all the flags including blue flags. All new drivers at some point will undoubtedly see blue flags. Please don't panic when you see these blue flags. Continue round the circuit at your comfortable race speed. Be aware that quicker drivers are catching you and give a little more space in the corners to allow the quicker drivers to pass. If you leave this space it's the responsibility of the faster driver to get through cleanly. Please obey the blue flags as it helps other drivers and undoubtedly yourself in the future when you get up to a competitive speed.

Incidents and Warnings

Karting is a non-contact sport. A warning (or a black flag depending on severity) will be issued for contact. If however the warning has been given yet contact continues we will have no hesitation in giving the offender a black flag.

Remember, practice days are for "practice" not racing. Drivers of all standards will be practicing. No contact or obvious racing will be allowed. We want to encourage more drivers to the sport not discourage them due to intimidation on the circuit. Various drivers have already been spoken to regarding their driving standards. Please note that if your driving is deemed as unacceptable by the circuit manager it may result in your practice session being ended.

Race control is not for drivers to vent their concerns regarding an incident or decision that has been made. To improve the procedure we are introducing an Incident/Protest form. This is to be completed by the driver (or parent/guardian in the case of a junior), giving a brief description of the incident, a sketch if required and the driver's concerns. This new procedure will enable drivers to clearly record the information and allow officials to review the form at a suitable time between races. The Incident/Protest forms will be available on race day from race control and are simply to be returned there once completed.

Marshal Training

We are holding a marshal training session at Karting North East at 5pm on Wednesday 29th June. If you would like to attend simply contact the circuit on 0191 5214050 with your details before arrival.

Parking on the Saturday of a race weekend

Prior to arrival this weekend may we ask you to be aware of the following points:

- Day time only testing – to park in front paddock
- Drivers here for the weekend may park beside scrutineering as directed by KNE staff (or front paddock if preferred).
- Access to junior circuit will be between 7pm & 8pm only on the Saturday, as directed by KNE staff (ground sheets required).
- Electric gate will be closed from 8pm Saturday until 7:30am Sunday, therefore no setting up is permitted between these hours.
- Cars are to be parked in the new car park.
- Operating from the kart storage lockers or anywhere else in the car park is strictly prohibited.

We hope you all enjoy you enjoy this weekend's racing and wish you all the best of luck.