

CANADIAN ROOKIE KARTING CHALLENGE

RULES AND REGULATIONS

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1. INTRODUCTION TO THE CANADIAN ROOKIE KARTING CHALLENGE

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Welcome to the Canadian Rookie Karting Challenge presented by F1 Karting at Hiawatha. F1 Karting at Hiawatha owns and operates the series following guidelines set by ASN Canada FIA. ASN Canada FIA is the governing body of the sport in Canada and is responsible for the sanctioning of all organized kart racing in Canada.

The Canadian Rookie Karting Challenge was introduced at Goodwood Kartways in 2006. Since then thousands of members have participated in their organized racing program which is designed for amateur racing enthusiasts. The events are professionally run, organized for rookies and/or beginners of all ages, with an emphasis put on driver development and/or training and safety. F1 Karting at Hiawatha is mirroring this very successful program.

The Canadian Rookie Karting Challenge provides a friendly environment for the whole family to enjoy with a mandate to offer organized entry level racing at an affordable price that all enthusiasts can enjoy. The Arrive and Drive philosophy stems from the basic concept that everything is provided. Members pay an annual membership fee and associated race day fees for the races they choose to enter and from there we provide everything from the high performance kart to approved racing helmets. We take pride in offering identically prepared racing karts through an elaborate maintenance program that translates into maximum reliability and close racing.

The Canadian Rookie Karting Challenge is a great way for all racing enthusiasts to get involved in an organized racing series with little or no experience.

2. SPIRIT AND INTENT

No pretence is made of having designed a fool proof set of rules and regulations. Karting is a sport designed for the overall enjoyment of all participants and/or their families. There have been attempts to test the rules by deviating from this purpose for which we organize these events. The spirit and intent of the rules are the standard by which the events will be guided.

3. DISCLAIMER

The rules and regulations set forth herein are designed to provide orderly conduct of racing events. By participating in these events members are deemed to have understood and accept the rules and regulations herein. No expressed or implied warranty of safety shall result from the publication or compliance of these rules. Rules can be modified without notice and it is the responsibility of the members to stay current with any and all updates. These rules are in no way a guarantee against any injury, serious injury or death to any participant and/or spectator.

4. MEMBERSHIP

It must be understood that membership is granted as a privilege to members that participate within the rules and regulations set forth in this package. Only current CRKC members in good standing are authorized to participate in any CRKC events.

- 8.1) Good Faith – Members must promote in good faith the CRKC and the sport of karting with the aim of creating awareness of the club, increasing membership and developing a positive public interest.
- 4.2) Duration - The membership is valid for the karting season. The season runs from March 1 to November 1 of the calendar year.
- 4.3) Registration – All members must complete the registration process and pay all associated fees before using the track. Members must attend an on-track training session before entering an organized racing event.
- 4.4) Release and Waiver – All participants must complete the Release and Waiver Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement before participating in any on-track activity. By signing the documents all participants fully understand the risks involved and fully accept all conditions.
- 4.5) Membership Cards – All members are required to purchase their photo ID card. This card MUST be shown at registration and will verify the member’s eligibility. Replacement cards may also be purchased.
- 4.6) Conduct – All members must conduct themselves in an orderly manner. Physical or verbal abuse towards any participant, official, member, spectator or individual may subject the offender to immediate ejection from the event and possible suspension of their membership.
- 4.7) Safety – The CRKC is a safety first type program. Members must participate with a safety first, racing second mentality.
- 4.8) Good Health – It is the responsibility of the member to be in good health both mentally and physically prior to competing in any event.

5. MEMBERSHIP AND RACE DAY FEES

Yearly membership fee is \$99.99. Race day entry fees are \$50.00. Entry fees for special events will be adjusted according to the event. Membership fees and race day fees are non-refundable.

Members with their own kart are allowed on the track for open practice sessions only. A fee of \$50.00 per day or a \$450.00 seasons pass fee will apply.

6. CANCELLATION PROCEDURE AND DEPOSIT REFUND

CRKC members must pay the standard membership fee up front when choosing their racing schedule. This deposit must be on account prior to competing in any event.

It is the responsibility of all members to cancel any event they cannot attend. Members must cancel these events 24 hours in advance by emailing confirmation of their cancellation to:

info@hiawathahorsepark.com

Cancelled events must be made up prior to the completion of the season by participating on another schedule. Members who have cancelled any event can simply show up to any other schedule to do their make-up. Please do not call the track.

CRKC members who complete the season are eligible for the refund of their deposit at the end of the season. Members who are not returning need to request their deposit back in writing to

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prior to January 1st of the following year. Upon receipt of your request F1 Karting at Hiawatha will verify that you have followed the instructions and send your deposit back to you by first class mail.

Members who do not cancel any event that they do not attend or members who do not complete make-up events for any cancelled event will forfeit their deposit.

7. CLASS STRUCTURE

CRKC CLASS STRUCTURE			
	YOUTH	TEEN	ADULT
Age	8 to 12	12 to 18	19 +
Weight	Average Weight	Average Weight	Average Weight
Chassis	ICRG Cadet Kart	CRG Senior Kart	CRG Senior Kart
Motor	Honda GX160 4.5HP	Honda GX200 6.5HP	Honda GX200 6.5HP

8. RACEDAY PROCEDURES

- 8.1) Registration – Members must register prior to any scheduled on-track activity. Registration will open approximately 45 minutes prior to the start time of any scheduled event. Members must pay the race day fee and sign the insurance waiver in person prior to competing in any on-track event.
- 8.2) Open Practice – Upon completion of registration members will participate in open practice. Open practice runs for approximately 90 minutes. During the open practice sessions drivers wait for their name to be called and participate in a series of practice sessions organized into the three racing divisions (youth, teen and adult).
- 8.3) Qualifying – Upon completion of open practice drivers will be put into race groups based on their division and their weight. The race groups will be posted and Group 1 will begin qualifying.

Qualifying is a 5 minute session which will be used to determine your position for the race. Your fastest lap of the qualifying session will be recorded by an official and that will be used to determine your starting position. Fastest driver of the session will start first.

- 8.4) Race – Your qualifying position will determine your spot. Drivers will be put in their proper position prior to heading onto the race track. Races will be approximately 12 laps. Points will be awarded based on your finishing position.

Races will run RAIN or SHINE. It is the sole discretion of F1 Karting at Hiawatha to determine whether or not the race shall run. Unique weather conditions may warrant a cancelled event.

9. RACING RULES

- 9.1) Driver Apparel – NO EXPOSED SKIN. No exceptions. Drivers are required to cover all exposed skin. The heavier the material of the garment the more protection it will provide. Neck protectors are mandatory. Neck protectors are karting specific and must be purchased at the track. Long hair must be properly tied and tucked in a manner to avoid loose hair being exposed. Drivers may use their own helmets. Helmets must have a full faced visor and must meet specific safety standards.
- 9.2) Driver's Meeting – Driver's meetings may take place at any given time during an event. The meetings will be used to clarify race day procedures and stress racing rules. The conductor of the meeting may introduce new rules at his or her discretion.
- 9.3) Pit Lane – The pit lane is a restricted area. Drivers may enter the pit lane only when given permission by an official. When driving through pit lane drivers must proceed with extreme caution.
- 9.4) Starts – Drivers will line up in a two-lane single file formation. Racing will only begin when the starter waves the green flag indicating the start of the race. Passing is not permitted prior to the green flag.
- 9.5) Passing – Passing is permitted during any on-track activity provided the course is green. When passing another kart drivers must exercise extreme caution. An over taking kart which gets more than half way along side another kart before a corner has the right of way. Drivers must maintain a consistent line. Contact between karts is prohibited. Blocking a competitor is not allowed. In each circumstance track officials will use their judgment to encourage fair play. Drivers who abuse their rights on-track will be issued penalties.
- 9.6) Exiting the Track – Upon completion of any session or any time a driver wishes to exit the track it is their responsibility to raise one hand and slowly enter the pit lane. The raising of your hand lets your competitors know that you are about to leave the racing surface.
- 9.7) Direction of Travel – Drivers may never drive in the opposite direction of the race under any circumstances.
- 9.8) Stopping on Track – If a driver experiences a problem on the course it is their responsibility to pull over safely. Pulling onto the grass is recommended. Always stay in your karts until otherwise directed.

10. FLAGS

- 10.1) Green – Course is clear. Drivers may lap safely at their own speed.
- 10.2) Yellow – Proceed with caution. Somewhere on the track a kart is being attended to. It is your responsibility to proceed with caution through the incident zone. There is no passing allowed until you get safely through the incident.
- 10.3) Black – Discipline flag. It can be displayed in two ways, rolled up and pointed at you or waved. When rolled up and pointed you have been issued a warning for improper on-track conduct. When waved, you have been eliminated from an event for putting yourself or a competitor at risk.
- 10.4) Red – Racing must stop immediately. There is an incident on the course which requires the officials' full attention. You must come to a complete stop safely and as quickly as possible. Remain stopped until given further instruction.
- 10.5) Checkered – End of session. Your session has come to an end. Please exit the track the next time by safely with one hand in the air.

11. CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS AND AWARDS

- 11.1) Points Table – Points are awarded based on your finishing position. Please see the chart below.

FINISHING POSITION	POINTS AWARDED
1	10
2	8
3	6
4	5
5	4
6	3
7	2
8	1
POLE POSITION	1

- 11.2) Championship Ties – In the event of a tie in the overall standings the driver with the most race wins will win the tie breaker. If still tied then most poles, most 2nd place finished, most 3rd place finishes, most 4th place finishes, etc.
- 11.3) Daily Awards – A podium presentation will conclude each event. The top three from each class will be recognized daily for their achievements.
- 11.4) Championship Awards – A year end celebration will be organized to honour the season's champions. Details as to the date and venue will be published throughout the year.

12. RACE OFFICIALS

- 12.1) Race Director – The official in charge of all activities while karts are on the track. In the event a Race Director is not present, the Start/Finish Marshall will assume the duties of the Race Director.
- 12.2) Start/Finish Marshall – The official in charge of making flag signals to drivers via contact with the Race Director
- 12.3) Grid Marshall – The official in charge of the pit area including all competitors and other officials in the area.
- 12.4) Corner Marshals – The officials posted around the race course to assist the Race Director in safe and orderly conduct of events.