

Introduction to Motorsport Events - Karting

Welcome to the GK&MC Karting section. We hope the following information helps you understand what things are needed to start Karting.

It's a well-known fact, apart from a few exceptions, that most of the top professional racing drivers all started their careers in karting. But what isn't so well-known is that karting is a sport for all and there's nothing to stop you competing week in, week out.

Karting Classes:

- **Bambino**

Age: 6-8-year-old (practice from 5 years old)

Chassis: Homologated bambino chassis

Engine: Comer CSO cc motor sealed

- **Cadet**

Age: 8-13-year-old

Chassis: Homologated Cadet Chassis

Engine: lame Gazelle 60 cc motor

- **Rotax Inter**

Age: Juniors 10-13

Chassis: Homologate Chassis

Engine: Rotax (restricted)

- **Junior Class**

Junior Age: 12 -16 years

Chassis: Homologate Chassis

Engine: Junior Rotax max engine.

- **Senior Class**

Age: 16 years plus

Chassis: Homologated Chassis

Engine: Rotax Max Senior motor

- **Gearbox Class**

Age: 16 years +

Chassis: Homologated Chassis

Engine: 125cc geared engine or a 250cc geared engine depending on which class you are competing in.

All class regulations can be found on www.Motorsportuk.org

1. Safety and Basic Equipment

To take part in karting you will need the following personal kit:

- a. Karting Race Suit - A CIK homologated race suit.
- b. Helmet - which is Motorsport UK approved.

- c. Karting Gloves.
- d. Race Boots.
- e. Neck Brace - it is recommended to wear a neck brace; and
- f. Rib Protector.

You will also need some basic equipment:

- a. A basic tool kit.
- b. Tyre pressure gauge.
- c. Good quality kart trolley.
- d. Tyre inflator/pump.

For Spares and consumables, you may need the following:

- a. 2 -stroke oil to mix with the petrol if using a 2-stroke engine
- b. Chain lubricating spray
- c. Cleaning fluids and rags
- d. Spare spark plug
- e. A chain and some sprockets for alternative gearing
- f. A set of wet weather wheels and tyres if it rains.

2. Obtaining a race competition licence

To compete at a race meeting you will need to apply for a Motorsport UK race license. This can be arranged by either contacting Karting Guernsey Ltd or contacting Motorsport UK directly.

All new competitors will be required to complete an ARKS Test, this is all part of the process of obtaining your race license to ensure that you are competent to participate on a race day. Karting Guernsey Ltd can help you gain experience and they do offer individual driver tuition to prepare you for the ARKS Test for more information.

Please contact them directly on contact@kartingguernsey.co.uk

3. Entering a Race Event

You will need to be a fully paid member of the GK&MC LBG to be able to enter a race event. You can do this online via www.gkmc.gg

- a. Create a User Account
- b. Within your user account, select 'Subscription'.
- c. Next set-up your 'Vehicle'
- d. Then you can select the event(s) you wish to enter.

4. GK&MC LBG Membership

Subscriptions / Membership to the GK&MC LBG runs from 1st January to 31st December. Once you have signed up to a User Account you can renew your Membership from 1st December to 31st January by pressing 'Renew' within the Subscription area.

5. Marshalling

Each Junior member (up to 16 years of age) is required to complete one marshal stint in each membership year. Each Senior member is required to complete two marshal stints in any membership year, usually as one Motocross and one Tarmac event.

Parents or Guardians are required to complete their Junior members marshal stint. Although, Junior members can marshal from the age of 16 years old with written permission, to the club, from their Parent or Guardian prior to the event.

6. Competition Race number

If you have a race number in mind, it is possible that you may use that number, providing no-one else is using it. However, a unique race number can be provided to you by the Club Secretary.

If you intend on participating in speed events, in the future, then when considering your race number, you may wish to consult the Club Secretary to request a list of race numbers available.

There are specific ways to display your race number. If you are new to Karting, you will be required to display your number on a Black Plate. Please refer to the MSUK yearbook to determine the correct coloured background, number size requirements and where to display your number.

7. Practice Days and Race Meetings

7.1. Practice

There are 10 GK&MC LBG practice events which are held on the Saturday before the Sunday Race meeting.

In the darker months January/February/March/October/November/December the practice sessions are on track from 10am till 1pm.

In the lighter months April/May/June/July and September the practice sessions are from 5pm until 7.30pm.

It is recommended to arrive at Practice and/or Race meetings at least 60 mins prior to the on-track start time to get your equipment ready and to assist with any track set up.

Practice will be run by class sessions. Providing there are no hold ups you can anticipate approximately 5 to 6 sessions on track.

Extra practice time can be arranged with Karting Guernsey Ltd directly.

7.2. Race Meetings

The race day is always held on a Sunday morning from 10am until 1pm. All Karts and the Competitors race wear (Suit; Helmet; Gloves and Boots) are subject to Scrutineering. There is a driver briefing prior

to every race meeting which is mandatory (e.g. all competitors and if under 16 years of age, their Parent / Guardian must be in attendance). Failure of a competitor attending the briefing will result in that competitor being excluded from the Race meeting. All Competitors and their Parent/Guardian must report to the Competition Secretary in the Timing room for sign-on bringing their Licenses (including parent/guardian license) those on black plates will need to bring their yellow card with them.

- a) Scrutineering: finishes at 8.30am
- b) Signing on: from 8.00am - 9.15am
- c) Drivers Briefing: 9.30am
- d) Racing Commences: 10.00am

If you have any questions or queries please contact us via the 'Contact us' button on the website www.gkmc.gg