



## NATIONAL EVENT ADMINISTRATOR

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## **National Events Report - 2008**

### **2008 Nationals – Tasmania hosted by the Launceston Kart club**

The Launceston Kart Club and AKATAS are to be congratulated on the running of the 2008 46<sup>th</sup> AKA National Championships. It was a financial success for the club which I'm sure was due to tireless hard working club members who sought out sponsorship for the event. They must all be commended for their efforts.

The circuit alterations that the NKC requested to be done worked well and the out grid changes made it safe for competitors/pit crew as well as officials.

### **AKA Officials**

AKA and AKATAS nominated experienced personnel for many of the AKA appointed positions. These were accepted by the AKA and worked very well with the interstate personnel. Congratulations to them all they done a great job. This year we appointed 4 interstate scrutineers who worked with some others to tag, tyre mark and check seals throughout the event they all performed their duties very well. I think with the bar coding system we will not need as many in the future.

### **Officials Welcome**

An official's welcome was held on the Thursday Night this works well and allows many of us to see how many volunteers are required to run such an event. Everyone was welcomed and introduced,

### **Entry Numbers**

Entry numbers 292.

### **Steward's rooms**

2 rooms - Very good. Two Stewards secretaries were used and worked well.

### **Technical Inspectors/Scrutineering team**

Congratulations to both teams they all worked well together.

### **Trophy Presentations**

Provisional trophies 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> was presented after each final. The event Sponsor was delighted to be able to present trophies to the relevant class and competitors received their accolades from spectators etc. Presentation dinner – only thing lacking was light for a while.

## **Tyre Distribution**

The Tyre distribution went well and tyres were put in a secure impound area.

- Club provided designated persons, who overseen distribution and replacements throughout the event.

## **Bar coding**

This was tried but there were a number of issues with the software so we didn't continue with it. The club however had a plan B in place prior to the meeting but unfortunately the tyres had to be marked on the outside prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> Qualifying on the ones that the bar coder captured.

## **GC Machine**

Deakin university equipment again tested 100 competitors fuel

## **Reports from the Meeting**

AKATAS has provided copies of steward reports, there were 4 appeals and chief steward has submitted his report.

## **Appeals**

A date for the any appeals from the meeting was set prior to the Nationals, stewards informed anyone appealing when the date was and where the appeals were going to be held. They were all held 30 days after the event. Tribune members were in place and all were held on the same night.

We have 1 Appeal from the meeting that has not been finalized as yet due to them appealing to AKAC.

It is of great concern that to this date appeals from the 2007 Nationals have not been finalized due to competitors appealing to higher appeal courts. We have not had anyone run a green plate in the Junior National Heavy or Leopard Light class for 12 months legally.

## **Changes to Appeals**

As the National Secretary I have been working with Ian Simpson (AKA Solicitor) to change the appeals system so that these are not as drawn out as in the past.

I think you would all agree that these need to be dealt with quickly after state and National championships – these are the only meetings where a Nationally recognized plate means a great deal to all AKA competitors.

## **Special Thanks**

Special thanks to the Launceston Kart club members on the presentation of the track and facilities. Also to the club members that we sought out to help out with anything throughout the event and helped us achieve it.

To all AKA Officials many thank you for your dedication and professionalism in the running of the 46<sup>th</sup> AKA National championships.

### **Liaison with Townsville Kart Club - Queensland – 2009 Nationals**

I have had a meeting with Townsville committee members in regards to the 2009 Nationals to be held in Queensland. Looked over the track and facilities and looked at how the flow of the grids was going to work.

They have made extra parking area along side the in grid.

The club has a plan of the requirements for the in and out grid control for the tagging etc throughout the event.

They have just completed a magnificent cover for the out grid, which the club members are very proud of.

The corner that the NKC requested to be completed by July 2008 has been done and by all reports the competitors like it.

It is most important for all to remember that the Australian Karting Association has allocated the Nationals to a particular State and that State has elected a club to host the event, so everyone is a part of it and communication amongst each group is a **MUST** for the event to be a success.

Good luck to AKAQLD and the Townsville Kart Club for 2009.

### **Liaison with Eastern Lions Kart Club – Victoria – 2010 Nationals**

I have spoken to committee members of the Eastern Lions kart, the club and I will continue to liaise together from now on.

### **State Championships**

I believe that a state needs to look at the running of a state championship if they wish to use the A v B system and they know that they will receive a large number of entries. If they have a number of oversubscribe classes it does take much longer to complete heats etc.

It is a bit hard on midgets/rookies and even officials to arrive at a track at 6.00 to 6.30am for practice at 7if there is a need to complete quite a few pre finals before the finals start. Then by the time the presentation is completed it is approx 8.00 – 8.30pm this is a very long day for everyone concerned.

Presentation **MUST** start once the technical inspection is completed. Some of the finals were completed mid afternoon and yet we still wait until everything is finished before they can be presented with their trophy.

All placings are provisional to the classes that are involved in stewards hearing or appeals – should there be any steward's hearings being held at the end of the event then they will need to hold those classes until last

A lot of competitors come a long way to compete and many need to drive many hours home, catch a plane etc and some of them put the pressure on the club members to give them their trophy so that they can go.

**Thank you**

To all the state office staff and club committee members – thank you so much for your help and assistance leading up to your event. And to the ones that are just beginning the lead up to the Nationals or a State event remember to ask for help I'm here.

I would also like to thank also to my executive, NKC members, Official Coordinators and the AKA office staff for all their help and assistance throughout the year.

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