



NATIONAL OFFICIALS COORDINATOR

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2008 NATIONAL OFFICIALS COORDINATOR REPORT

To Members of the AKA, NKC and Secretariat,

The past twelve months have been a very busy and productive time in the position as National Officials Coordinator. As well as responding to the many emails and phone calls from competitors, pit crews and fellow Officials across the country requesting explanations/interpretations of rules and/or suggestions for changes to rules, we have managed to have published and distributed, the new "Officials Handbooks". These handbooks are designed to be used as a quick reference tool to assist Officials in the discharge of their duties during race meetings. Therefore, my intention is to produce and have distributed an annual update for these handbooks to keep them current with the Manual.

At the AGM and National Conference in Launceston last year, the "seed was sewn" to organize and supply "team shirts" for Officials. Brett Murray and Lee Hanatschek from BAM Media picked up on this idea and have sourced the required funding through sponsorships to turn the idea into a reality. The concept behind the shirts was to raise the profile of the Officials in our sport by creating a more professional appearance and make them instantly and easily recognizable at race meetings, as well as being a token of recognition and appreciation for their voluntary time, effort and experience. All level one and two licenced Officials will now be supplied with an AKA Officials shirt to wear with pride each time they officiate at any AKA race meetings. The shirts will be available from the National Office through the relevant State Offices.

As well as continually improving, correcting and simplifying the AKA Manual, the next task is to produce and implement a training package for Officials "on line" through the karting.net.au website. This should eliminate the need for those laborious annual Officials Schools and allow our volunteer Officials the opportunity to regularly update or maintain their credentials with convenience.

This year has seen another three Stewards upgraded to level 1 status, namely Malcolm Saunders from Queensland and Lyn Polkinghorne and Barry Wells from Western Australia. All three have joined the roster to be appointed Interstate Stewards at National and State Championships around the country. Congratulations to all three and welcome to the team.

Finally, I take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the volunteer Officials throughout Australia for freely giving your time, effort and experience to organize and run the many race meetings around the country. Your dedication and professional approach ensures that a very high standard of Officiating is continually maintained.

Yours in Karting,

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