

Australian Karting Association Inc

Track Committee

AGENDA



Venue: Crowne Plaza, Cnr Arden & Carr Streets, Coogee, Sydney
Date: 21 June 2008
Time: 9am

Conference Timetable

Saturday:

9am – Welcome address

9.15am - Conference commences

10.30am – 10.45am Morning tea

1pm – 1.40pm Lunch

3.30pm – 3.45pm Afternoon tea

5pm - Finish

Item 1 (AKA Qld Item 5)

Start Grid and Weigh In.

18.13.1 (a)(Current): Must be large enough to accommodate the maximum number of starters permitted on the track.

Proposed Amendment

18.13.1 (a) Must be large enough to accommodate the maximum number of starters permitted on the track, with provision in all grid positions for the use of external starters.

Reason:

The present situation involves a mixture of on-board electric start, external start, and pushers required for direct drive. From 2009 and onwards, on-board and external start only will be required.

Experience is showing that rotax and leopard both experience difficulty in starting, and leopard often require external starters. Yamaha and similar engines often fire, then stall. Karts often are unable to exit the grid with the main group due to a stalled engine in front of them.

It is unsafe to have pit crew attempting to start engines that either have failed to start, or have started, then subsequently stalled, while karts are exiting the grid. It is only a matter of time before someone is injured. Maybe something along the lines of the formation that is typically used for Junior Intercontinental A could be an answer.

Item 2 (VKA Track Item 1)

AKA needs to put in place criteria to suit the requirements for clubs wishing to use lights at flag points or have currently them installed

Maybe need to look at:

- Lights on the outside of the circuit
- Flashing lights so that they can be seen by stewards and competitors 360 degrees visibility
- Do we need a person at the lights or not.

Item 3 (AKA SA Item 15)

Rule 18.10.4 Fire Extinguishers

Entrants may be required to supply an approved filled fire extinguisher in their paddock space, but the presence of such extinguisher shall not relieve the organisers of the obligation to supply adequate fire fighting equipment for the circuit as a whole.

Change rule to read;

Entrants **are** required to supply an approved filled fire extinguisher in their paddock space, but the presence of such extinguisher shall not relieve the organisers of the obligation to supply adequate fire fighting equipment for the circuit as a whole.

Item 4 (AKA SA Item 16)

Rule 15.19 relates to light signals replacing flag marshals. A minimum specification needs to be written to explain what is required and included in Chapter 18.

The minimum requirement for a flashing amber light to replace a flag marshal must be a 150mm diameter "traffic light" mounted no more than 1.5 metres high, 10 metres from the edge of the track where possible, facing the direction of travel and in line with the race line and apex of the corner it is to protect. Flashing lights must be independently switched from a central point. Lights that cannot be seen from any point around a circuit are required to have a flashing light mounted on top as well. All cabling must be either underground or around fence lines, and must comply with the relevant electrical code.

Item 5 (AKA SA Item 17)

Chapter 24, Noise Control. New wording to explain placement of microphone required.
Rule 24.4.4.

The microphone is to be located 4 metres (+/- 0.1m) above the centre of the track and to be aimed at the centre line of the track.

Rule needs to be amended to read;

The microphone is to be located a maximum of 10 metres from the outside edge of the track, 1.2 metres from the ground and facing towards the track. The microphone must be free from "solid objects" that are able to ricochet sound.

The CAMS manual recommends 30m from the edge of the track and between 1 and 2 metres high.

Item 6 (AKAWA Item 1)

Chapter 18.09 2 (a)

Materials usable are locally available, appropriate material.

REASON - Currently too restrictive for some clubs to obtain material as set out in AKA Manual.