

Australian Karting Association Inc

Track Committee

MINUTES



Venue: Crowne Plaza, 32 Mitchell Street, Darwin, NT

Date: 27 June 2009

Time: 9am

Attendees:

Mick Stott – Coordinator
AKA QLD – Peter Thomas
AKA NSW – Tom Nipperess
VKA – Ross Gatherole
AKA TAS – Mark Segeant
AKA SA - Graham Jensen
AKA WA – Mike Sully
AKA NT – Tim Driscoll

Item 1 - TAS Item 6

Rule 18.11 Track Lighting

The rules for track lighting need to be reworded to allow for LED lighting.

Reason:

The 150mm diameter light as the minimum requirement for flashing amber lights is too large when considered against the more modern and effective LED lighting available.

Motion Lapsed

Reason: The rule already allows for LED lighting.

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Item 2 - TAS Item 7

Rule 18.09 2. (a) (i) Catch traps will consist of a bed of woodchips a minimum of 1.2 metres wide by a minimum of 450mm deep at the leading edge of the catch trap. The woodchip will be raked regularly to maintain a loose consistency.

Clarification of this rule is required to prevent incidents of karts projecting over sloped woodchips.

Reason:

Additional safety.

Refer to Item 4

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Item 3 – National Officials Coordinator Item 1

Rule 18.05 Track Density / Maximum Number of Starters to be reviewed by the National Track Committee with consideration for the current trend towards 125cc classes of racing.

Rule 18.05 currently reads;

18.05 Track Density/Maximum Number of Starters

Track Length (Metres)	Track width at narrowest point		
	6m	7m	8m
<500	20	22	24
500- 625	22	24	26
626 - 750	24	26	28
751 - 875	28	30	32
876 - 1000	32	34	36
> 1000	NA	38	40

Motion Lapsed

Reason: In the track committees opinion there is no need to change track density.

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Item 4 – National Officials Coordinator Item 2

Proposed addition to rule 18.09.2(a)(i)

2. Catch Traps

Catch traps are an area of loose material designed to slow a kart, which has left the track surface, before it impacts a safety barrier or fence.

(a) Construction

(i) Catch traps will consist of a bed of woodchips a minimum of 1.2 metres wide by a minimum of 450mm **high** at the leading edge. **The height of the woodchip bed must remain constant throughout the width and length of the bed.** The woodchip will be raked regularly to maintain a loose consistency.

Recommendation 1:

Catch Traps rule 18.09.2(a) (i) and (ii).

The track committees first preference is gravel over wood chips and suggest that the above rules are renumbered so that gravel catch traps appear first on the list.

Recommendation 2:

Proposed addition to rule 18.09.2(a)(i)

2. Catch Traps

Catch traps are an area of loose material designed to slow a kart, which has left the track surface, before it impacts a safety barrier or fence.

(a) Construction

- (i) Catch traps will consist of a bed of woodchips a minimum of 2 metres wide by a minimum of 300mm **high** at the leading edge, the leading edge to be kept as near to vertical as possible. **The height of the woodchip bed must remain constant throughout the width and length of the bed.** The woodchip will be raked regularly to maintain a loose consistency.

Motion Carried

Item 5 - Tracksa Australia

A presentation was conducted by John and Elle Brydon from Tracksa Australia.

For an average club with five flag points, computer and remotes the cost would be under \$35,000.00 excluding GST

The Clerk of Course and Chief Steward has a remote and is the only person able to issue a Red Flag. The other flags can be used operated by a computer.

The light towers and remotes are run by batteries and are rechargeable. Individual light panels can be replaced on the light towers.

Item 6 – Circuit Grading Criteria (from Admin meeting)

Proposed changes to rule 18.04 to separate the minimum track lengths for each discipline (dirt and bitumen) and to reflect a more suitable track density for the status of the race meting.

18.04 Circuit Grading Criteria

GRADE	EVENT STATUS	CRITERIA
International	CIK/FIA International Events	Refer CIK/FIA Homologation Regulations
A	National Sprint Championships	Circuits to be a minimum length of 750 metres and a minimum width of 7 metres. Refer also to National Championships Organisers Manual.
B	State Open Sprint Championships (Bitumen)	Circuits to be a minimum length of 750 metres and a minimum width of 7 metres.
C	State Closed Sprint Championships (Bitumen)	Circuits to be a minimum length of 500 metres and a minimum width of 7 metres.

D	National and State Dirt Track Championships	Circuits to be a minimum length of 350 metres and a minimum width of 7 metres.
E	Any Open or Closed (non championship) Race Meetings	Circuits to be a minimum length of 350 metres and a minimum width of 7 metres.

Motion carried with the following amendments:

B (State Open Sprint Championships (Bitumen)) change minimum length to 500 metres

C (State Closed Sprint Championships (Bitumen)) change minimum length to 500 metres

E (Any Open or Closed (non championship) Race Meetings) change minimum width to 6 metres.

Reason: Why should the state open and closed be different? The option for clubs with a smaller circuit can be promoted at a larger circuit, if they do not have the required infrastructure in place.

Discussion Items

Item 1 - Mackay Track – Track Plans

Mackay's track extension plans were discussed and the committee support the Track Coordinators requirements as listed in the memo sent to Mackay & District Kart Club on the 19th June 2009.

Item 2 – Karratha Kart Club Track – Safety Fence

Karratha's safety fence was discussed by the committee and they agree that a safety fence could be installed on the inside of the existing fence.

Item 3 - Spectator Fence

Discussion was held regarding spectator fence requirements.

Meeting Closed 12.35pm