



Pre Racing Safety Policy and Procedure

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Purpose

This policy details the requirements that all Drivers must undertake at the time or obtaining their first Karting Australia Drivers Licence (“**New Drivers**”) and prior to starting in their first Race. It employs modern technology to replace the previous requirement to undertake a Safety Training Assessment and an Observed Licence Test. **This Policy supersedes and replaces the previous “Observed Licence Test Policy”.**

Background

The Board of Karting Australia hold as an imperative that our sporting competitions should be safe, fair, fun, and well run.

Our sport must be conducted in the safest possible environment at all time. It is essential that all drivers have a clear understanding of the safety requirements of the sport including the flag/light signals that are frequently used and how to use the Race Track safely before they compete in a KA Race Meeting.

The sport of Kart Racing, while great fun, can present many dangerous scenarios to not just the Competitors but also to the officials, parents, guardians and support crew of Competitors.

Pre-racing Procedure

The Pre-racing Procedure for new Licence Applicants involves the following core items:

1. Downloading the KA Licence App; or
Logging onto <http://www.karting.net.au/how-to-get-started-in-karting/apply-for-licence>
2. Viewing the Safety Training Video (“**STV**”); and
3. Reading the “Safety In Karting” (“**SIK**”) requirements; and
4. Acknowledgement that the STV has been viewed and understood and that the SIK requirements have been read and understood; and
5. Participation of the New Driver in an Observed Driving Session (“**ODS**”) at their Club.

Viewing of the Safety Training Video (STV)

At the time of applying for a KA Driving Licence (“**Licence**”) all applicants (and in the case of a minor who is applying for a Licence, the Participant who is completing the application for them) must view in its entirety, the STV that is available online at www.karting.net.au or that is embedded in the **KA Licence App**. In the case of a minor, the Participant must discuss the STV and explain the safety requirements of the sport with them and be satisfied that they understand the requirements.

Safety in Karting (SIK)

At the time of applying for a Licence, all applicants (and in the case of a minor who is applying for a Licence, the Participant who is completing the application) must read the SIK requirements that are available online at www.karting.net.au or that is embedded in the **KA Licence App**. In the case of a minor, the Participant must discuss the SIK and explain the safety requirements of the sport with them and be satisfied that they understand the requirements.



Acknowledgement that the STV Has Been Viewed and that the SIK Has Been Read and Understood
When applying for a Licence, the person who is making the application must acknowledge that they have:

1. Watched and understood the STV; and
2. Read and understood the SIK requirements; and
3. Acknowledge that they (and if the application is being made by a minor, the minor) understands the fundamental safety requirements of the sport as detailed in the STV and the SIK and will comply with them at all times.

Participation of the New Driver in an Observed Driving Session (ODS)

All New Drivers must undertake and successfully complete an ODS at the Club prior to being permitted to Compete on a KA Licensed Race Track. For the avoidance of doubt, this shall mean before commencing their first Qualifying session and/or Race.

The purpose of the ODS is to satisfy the Officials that the New Driver is capable of driving a kart in a safe and controlled manner. An ODS may be conducted either before a Race Meeting or as an on-track session at a Race Meeting.

Upon successful completion of the ODS a New Driver will be allowed to participate in KA sanctioned racing on KA licenced Tracks.

(Note: - If the Officials of the Meeting are of the opinion that the New Driver is not capable of driving a kart in a safe and controlled manner then the New Driver will not be permitted to participate in Qualifying or Racing and will be required to undergo further practice to improve their skill level before undergoing a further ODS.)

Appendix A

The STV and the SIK Requirements will cover the following general topics:

- General Safety Presentation
- Apparel – What you must wear when driving a Kart
- Obey the Officials
- Flags/Lights – what they mean and when they are used
- Race Starts
- Driving Standards
 - Safe Use of the Race Track
 - How to enter and exit the Race Track in a safe manner.
 - Raising your hand when exiting the Race Track and also if you are slowing and have an issue on the track.
 - Stopping on the Race Track (move to a place of safety, requirement to keep safety apparel on).
 - Code of Driving Conduct – Competition Rules Chapter 3

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