### **Competition Classes**

Junior 1—Ages 8 to 12, Uses Hoonda 5.5 hp or clone 6.5 engine with restrictor plate. 225 lb. Total. Note that 7 year olds may start in the year of their 8th birthday.

Canada Junior—Ages 10 to 15, Uses Honda 5.5 hp or Clone 6.5 engine without restrictor. 290 lb.

Senior 4 Cycle—Ages 16 and up. Uses Honda or clone 6.5 hp, 370 lb. Or Briggs World Formula at 365 lb or 420 lb.

Senior TAC—Ages 16 and up. Uses Uses 125cc 2 cycle electric start engines with approximately 27hp at 364 lb. or handicaps. Common engines are Rotax Max, Vortex ROK and Parilla Leopard.



#### Six steps to getting started in karting

#### 1. Join a club.

SIKA holds monthly meetings in Kelowna on the fourth Tuesday of the month at Kelowna Flightcraft, at the Kelowna airport at 7:30 pm. Non members and potential members are always welcome.

2. Get a copy of the rules and a drivers log book.

3. Choose your race class.

In choosing a class, we highly recommend that you research the situation. This means attending races, club meetings and talking to participants.

4. Apply for the appropriate drivers license for your class.

5. Outfit yourself with safety gear.

Helmet - Must be a full coverage type and be Snell M2005 or SA2005 certified. The Snell certification label must be intact and readable.

Neck brace - An approved karting type helmet cushion, neck collar is recommended.

Rib protector - Available from kart shops or a lacrosse rib protector works well.

Protective Suit - Abrasion resistant coveralls designed for Karting

High top shoes - Shoes must cover the ankle bone. Gloves - Leather or abrasion resistant material required.

6. Medical requirements.

You must be medically fit for racing. Drivers are required to submit a self declaration of their condition. The form can be obtained from your club.

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# Karting Today

Kart Racing today is unarguably the least expensive form of motorsport. But don't let the size of the vehicle or the smaller price tag fool you, racing karts have the gut wrenching, nail biting excitement of full size open wheel racing. Adrenaline is a key component of kart racing, get into a kart and you will get your share.

Although scaled down in terms of speed and complexity, karting compares favorably with Formula 1 and CART racing in terms of on-track feel. Because kart racing is similar to F1 or CART, many F1 and CART drivers get their start in karts. Drivers such as Greg Moore, Michael Schumacher, Alex Tagliani, Kevin Harvick, Kevin Dowler and Paul Tracy all got their start in karts, and many race karts in the off season to keep their skills sharp.

Almost anyone 8 years or older can race karts, it's common to see entire families racing on a weekend. There are a variety of classes based on age, weight of kart and driver combined, type of motor and experience.

Karts indeed have a lot going for them; they are relatively inexpensive, mechanically simple, easily stored and transported and are readily adapted to drivers of different ages, driving abilities, sexes and visions of grandeur. Kart racing enjoys a very enviable reputation for safety and is widely recognized as a driver's sport, with intense battles and heated dicing throughout the pack more the norm than the exception. It offers more pure, down to earth driving fun for the dollar than any other form of racing.

#### What about the machines?

Just as in Formula and other types of racing, there are many different types of karts, with different racing classes to accommodate them. In Canada the national organizing body "ASN Canada FIA" sets standards for race classes that member clubs follow. Individual clubs may also offer their own "local option" classes to suit their membership.

Give it a try, you'll be hooked!

## **About SIKA**

The Southern Interior Karting Association's goal is to promote amateur kart racing in the Okanagan. The club is centered in Vernon and is comprised of members from the Thompson / Okanagan region. We hold races at the Vernon Wesbild Centre parking lot on a temporary track that is set up by the club members. SIKA is one of six kart clubs in B.C. that are all affiliated with the British Columbia Kart Club Association and ASN Canada FIA, which is the national sanctioning body for Karting as well as many other motorsports.

The goals of SIKA are to support and ensure these values;

- Fair competition for all through adherence to the rules of Karting,
- A safe environment for racing,
- The development of Junior and Novice racers,
- Sportsmanship and fellowship,
- Highest standards for personal conduct on and off of the track,
- Supporting of local charities with proceeds from special event races,
- Supporting and promoting the interests of our sponsors,
- Respect for the environment and the neighbors of our race sites.
- Promotion of inter-club racing,
- Maintaining Karting as a low cost motorsport and thus its affordability for family participation,
- To encourage member participation in running the clubs business through general meeting attendance, executive service and volunteer race day duties.