



# NEWS December 2017

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**First very best wishes to all** clubs and their members and officials for a great Christmas and successful 2018. As always if there is any help needed on regulations or procedures please do not hesitate to contact myself or George. Our club development fund has been topped up should you wish to put forward an application. The form is on the ABkC website on the Clubs / Club Info section.

**Important Diary Dates:** The MSA is holding an open meeting for kart clubs on Tuesday 20th February, all clubs should have received an invitation. There will be workshops on topical matters such as the new GDPR Data Protection Regulations and maybe Risk Assessments. And the ABkC has set the date of the Annual General Meeting to be Tuesday 27th March at the MSA in Colnbrook. More details to follow but please now consider your nominations for Chairman, Secretary and members of the Steering Group. The 2017 annual accounts will be presented for approval.

Discussions continue between the ABkC and MSA about simplifying entry to MSA kart racing continue.

Please see attached the **2018 ABkC Membership Form**, thank you very much for your support in 2017 and we look forward to a completed form and subscription for 2018. It is so essential to keep up the liaison with the MSA and other bodies, and provide literature and Start Karting brochures to encourage more to go MSA racing. We are very pleased to welcome the British Historic Kart Club as our newest member. They are one of the largest kart clubs in the UK and we thank them for their support. Procedures for hosting historic and classic kart demonstrations during permitted meetings could be discussed at the kart open meeting.

**All the new lists of seeded drivers** are now on the ABkC website except for IAME Cadet which is awaiting a tribunal in January. Note that ARKS Start Karting Packs have increased in price to £64 and the discount for clubs with Examiners is still available. The ARKS test fees are unchanged for 2018 and there is a new online voucher system available from a link on the [www.arks.co.uk](http://www.arks.co.uk)

website. This means the novice driver can pay in advance and bring the voucher to the test, saving the club or Examiner having to handle cash or cheques. MSA Licence fees have increased to £37 for the novice, National B or Clubman licence, £57 for National A, and £126 for International C. The PG Entrant licence fee increases to £20.

**An Entrant Licence for teams** applying for national meetings is £146 (and for International is £208). Whilst the MSA has dropped having mandatory entrant licences for commercial teams in 2018, there is no doubt that is on the horizon, and clubs are encouraged to ensure that teams do have public liability insurance, child safeguarding policies and risk assessments in place. They should be asked to self-certify that they have insurance and risk assessments etc.

**The O and E Plates** were decided at the recent Steering Group Meeting and decided as follows:  
OK/OKJ 'O' Plate – TBA for date and venue  
18 March, Cumbria at Rowrah for O Plates on Honda/IAME Cadet, KZ UK, 250 National  
14/15 July at Shenington for E Plates for Honda/IAME Cadet, X30, OK/OKJ, KZ UK, 250 National, 210 X30 O Plate at TVKC / PFI, date TBA  
29 July at Dunkeswell for Mini and Junior Max E Plates  
11/12 August for Hunts at Kimbolton for TKM O Plates  
18/19 August for Clay Pigeon Rotax Festival, O Plates for all Rotax classes  
2 September at Forest Edge for Senior Max, Max 177 E Plates  
The new system of approvals followed recommendations from the class owners.

**The new data protection GDPR regulations** come into force in May but in the meantime we have drafted a statement that could be used on 2018 entry and membership forms and on-line entry systems. You cannot do nothing otherwise you will not be able to use members and entrants details or email them after April. Here is our draft written with the assistance of the MSA: “By ticking this box you are expressly consenting and agreeing to the information given being stored

electronically. We will use your information to manage your membership, process event entries and payments, and to email you with reminders, news and offers. Our Privacy Policy is available on the club website. We may also share the information with relevant kart clubs, kart schools, kart associations and the Motor Sports Association but will not otherwise sell or transfer your details. If the driver is under 16 you are also giving specific permission for their details to be similarly stored and used."

**Personal data** kept by a club or association must be password protected and preferably encrypted. There would be big fines for instance for the loss of a USB stick holding entrant details. A club will need to publish its privacy policy if none is already in situ. We'll have more discussions on this subject at the MSA Kart Open Day.

**MSA Updates:** As you would read in the MSA press release the Bambino race trial at Buckmore Park was very successful so racing for experienced 7 year olds in the 2018 MSA Bambino championship will now go ahead. The BKIA (British Kart Industry Association) has been dissolved due to dwindling membership and so karting has no current trade body. Maybe the MSA will set something up. New stickers and banners are to be printed for Race 'n' Respect and clubs are asked to re-launch at their first 2018 meetings. We are waiting to learn if the amended Red Flag regulations have been approved for 2018, if you recall Kart Committee approved a revision and simplification of the Red Flag stoppage rules. The main changes are to use 2 laps as the cutoff for a full race restart rather than 25% and for a full race restart front fairings are permitted to be reset. That doesn't mean the Clerk can ignore an inquiry into any incidents prior to the red flag. The draft regulation is on the MSA website in the Proposed Rule Change section. The MSA is keen to emphasise that Clerks must not rely on the front fairing displacement penalty but should still investigate reported incidents. We said in the October News that Clubman events could continue to have a single Clerk in charge of penalties and the three man Steward panel would be mandatory for all other events. This has now been delayed due to clarification awaited from the National Court so the Judicial Trial continues as a trial. But Long Circuit is going to adopt the car penalty system. There is a draft proposal to recommend paddock parking guidelines. Please remember if you plan to use a drone at an event Tim Swietochowski at the MSA will want to see their CAA permissions and insurance certificate in advance. We are working on a draft of having a single rule book for karting and will publish on the website when available. Kart Committee also approved that the need for two ambulances when the entry exceeds 100

be recommended rather than mandatory. It has been agreed in principle subject to discussion with the NKA to re-introduce the ProRacer card after a re-design and update of the logos. Provision of the cards use is still detailed within the ARKS exemptions, (H)8.3.5. (page 127). This helps IKR drivers to move into MSA licenced racing. provision of the cards use is still detailed within the ARKS exemptions, (H)8.3.5. (page 127).

**The 2018 Honda Technical Regulations** will come into force on 31st March, they have been published on our website and an even newer version 13A is to replace the original V13. This includes further clarification of wording but no dimensional changes. As you will have read the **KZ class tyre tender** result is to choose Le Cont LP slicks and LW wets, for both KZ UK and KZ2. By all accounts we should expect lap records to tumble.



We had our stand at the **Kartmania** information area alongside ARKS and the MSA, giving advice and helping newcomers into the sport. We shall be at the **Autosport International Racing Car** show at the NEC from 11 – 14 January, sharing with Super One. Our stand number is 6801 so do drop in if you are visiting. The 2018 Start Karting brochures will be available. Since the BKIA are no more we have replaced their two pages with trade adverts and are very thankful for their support. We have agreed club development grants to Grampian Kart Club, encouraging new drivers into MSA racing, and to Clay Pigeon towards the cost of a tyre sniffer.

**Important – please respond:** The MSA has asked the ABkC to notify them of which clubs are introducing tyre restrictions in the Cadet class. Please could you drop an email to the ABkC Secretary with details of the restrictions planned to keep the Cadets as economical as possible. The MSA will help with the cost of a bar code reader.

As always comments from clubs and competitors are very welcome and encouraged.

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