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ABkC Steering Group

As we enter a new era with Motorsport UK and Karting UK many are asking what does the future hold for the ABkC. At our November Steering Group meeting Chairman George Robinson said he believes the changes coming from the MSA are the best thing for motorsport for a long time. He said as an organisation the ABkC has a crucial role in the sport, supporting clubs and the MSA but re-defining the way we operate. And the Chief Executive of Motorsport UK, Hugh Chambers, is also totally supportive of our Association. He recognises the ABkC as the class owner for Honda Cadet, KZ UK and 250. We are the Regional Association for karting and have a vote on the Regional Committee along with all the other Regional Associations.

But much will change! Since Motorsport UK has taken the promotion of the national championships (now converted to British Championships) in house our role with these championships and with Super One will largely disappear. Motorsport UK has confirmed that the KZ UK, 250 within the ABkC Super 4 Series promoted by the NKF and the 210 Challenge can continue to offer the seeded numbers 1 – 10 for 2019 but there will be a review. They will not be national championships but the ABkC would like to thank John Hoyle and the Super One Series for hosting our ABkC National Championships so successfully for many years.

In future we will focus on being the liaison between clubs and Karting UK, assisting clubs with best practice, offering club development fund help and helping with our in house expertise. So there will have to be a re-think on the composition of the steering group.

We will be continuing to work hard and expanding our role on promoting our sport of kart racing, with the help of kart clubs everywhere.

But our financial model will be changing with reduced income from the possible loss of the class owner support, yet to be confirmed one way or another. We have a healthy bank balance and club development fund at the moment. (And we have invested in a new

tyre sniffer that can be lent to clubs.) So to that end the Steering Group decided to have a standard club renewal fee for 2019 of £75 and we do hope all member clubs will continue to support their Association through the transition period and beyond. The form is attached.

The Steering Group is to meet in early February to consider changes to the Constitution and the financial model for the future and then set a date for the AGM in early Spring. The chairman and secretary are available at any time for discussion, and we were pleased to see many of you at a vibrant Kartmania. Many thanks to Martin Capenhurst for his splendid organisation.



What's new in the 2019 regulations

Subject to Council approval in December the penalties for having a dropped front fairing, or a jump start, will become 5s instead of 10s. Starting engines in the pits at the designated start area will now only be allowed with the express permission of the Chief Scrutineer. This will only be given for someone not sure if their engine is working, say after an on-track problem. The fine for starting engines otherwise is £50. There are no changes to ages in 2019 but for 2020 subject to Council the Mini class weights will be reduced and run from age 11 to 14, and Cadet upper age reduce to year of 12th birthday. No significant change to Junior TKM. But TKM Clubman is revised with any chassis over 2 years old allowed, but still not the CNC barrel or TAG engine. Tyres will be the current TKM slicks and wets and the dropdown front fairing block must be used. Junior X30 gets a 0.5s lap time boost with the new exhaust. MiniMax will get the EVO engine option and use the D2 tyre and Senior Max

the D5. 250 National will not be able to use the Le Cont tyres. Only three makes of clutches can be used in Honda Cadet and note the warning about no extra additives in fuel or oil in the 2019 Tech Regs which will be published soon. Also subject to Council, appeals will only be allowed in finals at club meetings, and judicial decisions made for heats will be final and promulgated. If the CIK Judicial Panel of three is sitting, drivers will no longer be able to continue under appeal, suspending the penalty. Remember too that the K2005 helmets are no longer eligible for racing after 2019, this is a year's extension from what was said in the 2018 book.

O & E Plate Championships Meetings 2019

Motorsport UK has confirmed that the ABkC decisions on O and E Plates for 2019 will be honoured, so as a reminder here are the venues and dates where known.

O Plates:

Honda Cadet – Rowrah – 11/12 May

IAME Cadet – Rowrah – 6/7 July

KZ UK & 250 National – Three Sisters – 28 April

Rotax Max Classes – Mansell Raceway – 27/28 July

TKM – Kimbolton – 10/11 August

E Plates:

Rotax Classes – Clay Pigeon – 13/14 July

All other classes – Shenington – 20/21 July

Other News

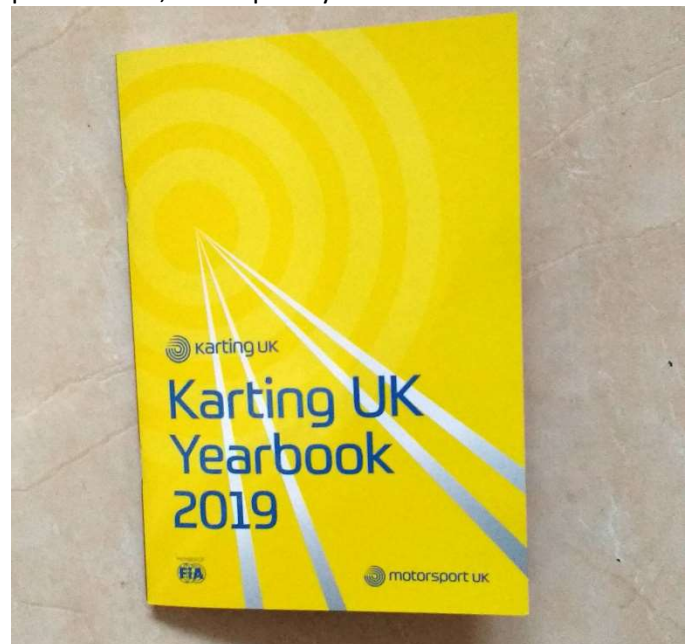
Karting UK hope to hold another kart open day early next year, date and venue tba at the moment. ABkC will not be having a stand at the Autosport International Racing Car Show at the NEC over 10-13 January this year but some of us will be present to help encourage the uptake of kart racing. The Super One will be having its usual stand with the ABkC National Championship prize giving on the Saturday. The VNUK insurance issues from the EU seem at last to be moving in the right direction, with a proposal to exclude motor racing. A vote is not imminent apparently. Karting UK will be taking over the publication of our ABkC / ARKS How to Start Karting brochure. A tender will be issued in early 2019 for the 2021 onwards Bambino engine, and an electric motor is a possibility. Russell Anderson has been appointed by the Steering Group as the ABkC spokesman on Honda Cadet matters. He will liaise closely with Kelvin Nicholls, who produces the annual Honda GX160 Technical Regulations after discussion with the Honda Group of stakeholders. It is expected that tenders will be issued soon for the submission of engines and kart classes for the 2020 period onwards. These cover the Mini, Junior and Senior short circuit non-gearbox classes.

Motorsport UK Publications

Many fewer Blue Books will be sent out in 2019, but both it and the 2019 Karting UK Yearbook (the Gold

Book) are already available on the Motorsport UK website. Remember to keep a lookout for amendments to red flag rules, dropdown front fairing and jump start penalties, racing under appeal, Clerk and CIK Judicial Panel appeal structure rules after the December Council meeting. Also see the regulations that are out for consultation on the Motorsport UK website, e.g. gearbox bodywork and bumper changes.

It is Karting UK's intention to produce an add on pdf on the website for the "One Karting Rulebook" incorporating the regulations from the Blue Book that kart competitors need to know, plus the Gold Book class regulations. There hasn't been time to make it into a print edition, but hopefully for 2020.



2019 More yellow than Gold Book

Licence Fees for 2019

PG Entrant Licence £21

Clubman, Bambino renewal, National B & Novice £38

National A £214; International C £130; Int B £185

ARKS Test £98 (no change) go to www.arks.co.uk for the voucher for the test. Start Karting pack £tba

A very happy Festive Season to all clubs, competitors and team members from the ABkC, we wish you all a very successful 2019 season.

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

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