

Welcome to the 25th March 2021 News

Well the good news is that racing is about to re-start and membership renewals are flowing in, with new ones from Club 100, Warden Law, F100 and West of Scotland. If you have not signed up yet, remember the end of the month is deadline. And see the news about our website too.

Racing Re-start

With karting restarting from March 29, though under strict rules which mean:

- Only one day events until after 12 April
- Club officials may stay overnight at hotels
- Team staff may stay overnight at hotels
- Drivers can stay in own motorhome, caravan etc with their household only from 12 April but **not** hotels until 17 May
- Digital signing on
- Limited scrutineering but helmet stickers resume
- Digital/written briefings, aural for novices & Bambino
- Wearing of masks throughout

Please check frequently the information on the Motorsport UK COVID pages, updates will be in red. www.motorsportuk.org/covid-19/

However the complication to that information is that Wales, Scotland and Ireland are operating different schedules to England and that may affect cross border travel and resumption of racing. And racing abroad looking very difficult until travel is opened up. Those over 16 with exemption letters for travel back from events on the FIA calendar must have a test, and then may attend another Motorsport UK meeting, but no exemptions for red listed countries.

More PPE is being sent to clubs with events.

Licences

Tied into the COVID situation, because race licences are no longer looked at when signing on, all drivers are being asked to use the front of their 2021 licence as their profile pic on Alpha – that's the side with name and year. Please ask all your members to do this. A solution is being considered into the difficulty of identifying novices

When allowing a team to be shown as an Entrant at a Motorsport UK fixture, please only allow those with Entrants Licences to be displayed.

Website Information

We have been carrying out an audit on website information to identify weaknesses and needs across karting. We have already got Motorsport UK working on a number of changes to their site with further larger ones

in process. All aimed at making it easier for everyone to get information and find what they are searching for. One thing we have noticed is that clubs are not making best use of their club details on the Motorsport UK site and you should set the dropdown box on your club entry to show "Kart Racing" which will help with searches.

At the same time we are reviewing our own sites and will be updating considerably. For clubs we will shortly be including an interactive map to help newcomers find venues around the country. Only those clubs signed up by March 30 could be included so don't forget that membership form!

Facebook

We hope you will make full use of our Facebook page. The link is:

www.facebook.com/groups/1449347631953957

You can put your club news on there. Simply put it on and then it will be checked and approved to go live normally within minutes. It is free and effective.

Class Structure

Since we circulated the survey on the proposed structure and response has been excellent. Looking likely that it will not happen until 2023 and of course the detail to be decided. You can still do the survey by here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KKV8V8J>

Kart Council Meeting

You should all have been invited to a Kart Council meeting on Tuesday, March 30 at 11am. You need to sign up for this via MSUK and can forward agenda items

Let's Go Karting

Our recent survey on the benefits of the Let's Go Karting campaign were presented to Motorsport UK and hopefully we will see a re-birth further down the road.

Kart Committee

Among items being discussed:

- Fast tracking of officials
- Cadet licence upgrades & ARKS tests required for a Bambino race licence
- Tidy up of torsion bar regs
- Tyre recycling
- Enhanced hi-vis for anyone trackside
- Long circuit penalty changes proposed for 2022

And Finally

We have been having fruitful discussions with various parties on future joint efforts which we are very hopeful of being a very positive step for all.

Let's hope the re-start of racing is a permanent one free from more COVID problems.