

### **Back on Track**

After a long silent winter we are pretty much all back in operation, though with sympathies to those in Wales where restrictions still apply. It is clear that there are plenty of drivers keen to get racing again, but also that the pandemic has caused financial difficulties to some and others with bumper entries. And some clubs sadly having to cancel meetings.

Clubs worked well to meet COVID needs which created new weekend patterns, but hopefully that should all be in the past now. British Kart Championships are about to start.

Some clubs have been very busy in the shut-down period upgrading facilities – tell us what you have been doing and send some photos to share.

### **Marshals & Officials**

Finding marshals and officials for events seems to have been worsened by the shut-down. We are keen to help change this situation with a nationwide push. But before we put this in place we would like your thoughts and ideas. Your info please and something we would like to discuss at our next zoom meeting.

### **ABKC Recognition**

Motorsport UK has now fully integrated the ABKC into its system as representing all kart clubs and for any others with an interest. Your club can gain specific benefit from this. After logging in, select ABKC from the dropdown box then add kart racing as your activity.

We now have 25 clubs as members including several new. And we are still growing. We will soon have a page available for every club on our website too.

### **Safety & Environmental Issues**

Three areas all clubs need to be aware of:  
Anyone trackside must wear **Hi Vis type** clothing. Would it be helpful if ABKC found a common discounted supplier for tabards or high visibility jackets?

**Hearing protection** is becoming a live issue with insurance claims etc. Has your club got a supply of ear plugs and notices as per the Gold Book Appendix 4? If not you should take steps to encourage hearing protection for anyone trackside or working near the live track. It protects your club and those helping.

**Sustainability** is another growing topic. Kart Technical are working on a scheme for disposal of used tyres. Is your club 'green'? What can ABKC do to help?

### **Regulation changes**

Anti-freeze is no longer allowed on long circuit karts, only water. The KZ carburettor regulations are updated to allow polishing of the venturi. For both these see updated regs on the website.

And for 2022 consultation is taking place on revised standing start regulations, basically if a driver stalls he or she will have to start at the back after the false start.

### **Entry Information**

The data obtained after each race meeting is very important for everyone involved in managing the sport to understand what classes are strong and where. And if others need help.

Please remember to enter your class data after each event. You can do this at: <https://tinyurl.com/zkr43dez>

### **Kartmania**

The Kartmania show is once again scheduled to take place at Silverstone in late November. Clearly like a lot of things at present, Martin cannot be certain on the event until Government decisions on freedom of movement and events later in the year.

We have given provisional support to the show but we do want to really have a fresh think about format. So please we would like your club's thoughts on whether attendance works for you and ways in which we can make it work better.

### **Alpha Event and Barcoding Systems**

There are a number of issues regarding these systems which clubs need to be aware of. For instance scrutineering needs to be closed on the system to prevent updates before the practice or heats, and the barcoding app re-synced. A report can be generated to show compliance with tyre allocations.

Also please note that Alpha now has a system to upload and store photos of licences negating the previous advice which we issued with Motorsport UK. Please see the guidance at <https://tinyurl.com/5fatsy34>

### **And Finally**

The new Motorsport UK address is at Bicester Motion, Bicester, OX27 8FY, telephone numbers unchanged. Remember you can promote your club and its activities for free at our Facebook page which has 2.4K members.  
[www.facebook.com/groups/1449347631953957](http://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.