

Back on Track

Good news for all is that events have been in full swing for several months and from 19 July spectators have been permitted, though some venues may have to follow different conditions. Some scrutineering is back aimed initially at beginners/youngsters.

The Motorsport UK covid guidance remains as dated 30th July and includes important advice on (recent) international travellers: International Travelers and holders of a Motorsport UK Travel Exemption Letter who will be required to socially distance from non-participants at a meeting and wear a face covering/mask when social distancing is not possible.

If you have questions on any aspect please don't hesitate to ask us for advice.

New members

We are pleased to announce that Total Kart Zero (who promote electric Bambino and Cadet racing) have joined ABKC. This brings membership to 25.

Kartmania

Clubs should all have received an invitation to have a free stand at the 27/28 November Silverstone event. ABKC/ARKS information centre will be right next to the club stands this year.

Tyres

Many tyres are in short supply and subject to delivery delays to the UK, particularly Mojo. ABKC emailed clubs to clarify they could choose an alternative with Motorsport UK permission. There is hope that they will start to come back to normal later this month.

ABKC no longer controls tyre contracts but we are concerned about the high usage of tyres in some classes and urge clubs to restrict their use where possible.. Venues have been surveyed regarding a possible national recycling system for kart tyres, with a good positive response.

Insurance - Costs

Premiums are increasing, often due to the underwriter's minimum fee going up considerably. We are pushing Motorsport UK to set up insurance package offers to clubs from their Blue Fin broker with the aim of reducing costs.

Insurance - Practice Day Permits

The test day permit has been successfully trialled at Buckmore Park. This is for clubs who would rather use Motorsport UK insurance for drivers rather than taking out their own. If the test is same weekend as racing then will link to the race permit with no extra fee. All drivers would need is a minimum of an RS Clubman licence to

test, which is free. It's important to note the venue will still need public liability insurance for any incidents not involving competitors on the track or officials.

Clubman events

We are concerned by the continued growth of unlicensed racing and pressing Motorsport UK to come forward with a new 'Clubman' type permit to help smaller clubs and those looking at converting from unlicensed racing.

Class Structure for 2023

The major survey carried out across all of karting has had an excellent response with around 700 replies from drivers through to teams, parents, mechanics and stakeholders. There was a 65% support for the revised class structure. Proposed decisions will be announced shortly by Kart Committee.

Karting Slalom

Although the FIA Motorsport Games has been postponed this year, a new Karting Slalom discipline is being considered as very suitable for beginners and, city centres, linked to Autosolo or Streetcar events, and for electric karts.

Light panels

Demonstrations of light panels for marshal posts have indicated that while expensive they could also help reduced marshal numbers for test days. But don't buy yet – Motorsport UK are drawing up a standard to which they must meet.

Let's Go Karting & Race with Respect

Motorsport UK have trade-marked "Let's Go Karting" so clubs may need formal permission to use it for their taster days. This step could be preparatory to extending and supporting clubs running the scheme. Race with Respect is re-branded and will be across all disciplines and rolled out afresh.

Motorsport UK Regional Meeting Update

Things under consideration and in place:

- Making it easier to change championship regs part way through without every driver's OK
- Possibility of helping to save venues that might be lost e.g. after being sold off by MOD
- DBS approval is free to licensed officials and last three years
- Officials and marshals encouraged to do EVI online course on electric vehicle safety. Can be reached by signing in to the Training Hub.

And Finally

Notice of Intents for 2022 need to be with Motorsport UK by Oct 1. 2022 changes to class regs coming soon.