



ABKC LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN TO MAKE KARTING CLEANER AND GREENER

The Association of British Kart Clubs is leading a campaign to help make kart racing a cleaner, greener and more sustainable sport.

The organisation, which represents the UK's leading kart clubs running Motorsport UK licenced racing, is challenging all areas of the sport to rapidly come up with changes in operation and new ideas to reduce the carbon footprint of the sport.

And for its own members it is going to offer an annual financial prize starting next year for the club that does the most to help the environment.

Says ABKC Chairman Nigel Edwards: "We all love the sport but we have to accept that given the concerns over the environment we live in, we need to do everything we can to reduce any harm the sport does to the world.

"If every club, every manufacturer and every driver does something then it will make a real difference to our own sport. And we need to start that right now."

Clubs are being urged to work with venues to look at ideas such as recycling various types of waste, planting trees, making use of solar power, rain water harvesting and creating areas for natural plant growth. Equally important, is reducing the use of non-reusable plastics, cable ties etc.

At the same time ABKC are asking manufacturers and drivers to do the same thing in the way they build and make use of karts. Use of a large number of tyres is also a concern, though offset at some circuits by then being used for corporate rental karts to maximise their use.

Adds Nigel: "We all need to look at what we are doing and how we can change that for the better. We can no longer afford to just shrug our shoulders."