

## Welcome to the November issue

As clubs turn their attention to the 2023 season, we thought it important to help with guidance on the new classes and ages. Inflation is running at well over 10%, power costs much more, which probably means fee increases for many clubs to help with outgoings or rent increases.

## Kartmania 3 / 4 December at Silverstone

The ABKC with ARKS and Motorsport UK will again be on hand alongside some of the clubs to help with inquiries and to help guide newcomers to the sport.

## Kart Council

The Kart Council meeting was attended by a good number of clubs in person with more on Teams. Motorsport UK have promised to circulate the notes and slides to all kart clubs.

## 2023 Class Ages

There has been some confusion about the age bands for 2023 so here are the facts.

**Bambino:** 6 – end of calendar year of 8<sup>th</sup> birthday. Two licence categories – Bambino Interclub for racing (ARKS required), Clubman for time trials. When moving into Cadets they have to exchange Bambino licence for normal Interclub licence and become a Cadet novice.

**Cadet:** 8<sup>th</sup> birthday to end of calendar year of 12<sup>th</sup> birthday. Bambino with at least 3 MSUK race signatures can move into Cadets in the calendar year of 8<sup>th</sup> birthday if they meet weight and height requirements, but see above. (Consideration may be given to reducing the upper age for 2024.)

**Intermediate:** 10<sup>th</sup> birthday to end of calendar year of 13<sup>th</sup> birthday. Calendar year of 10<sup>th</sup> birthday with National licence.

**Junior:** Calendar year of 13<sup>th</sup> birthday to end of calendar year of 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. 12<sup>th</sup> birthday with National licence.

**Senior:** Calendar year of 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, or 15<sup>th</sup> birthday with National licence.

Minimum driver weights apply in all classes except Bambino up to age 16, and in some cases minimum heights as well. Note that once a competitor moves up, they cannot return. Seeded number plates cannot be used in another class, or one of the new classes.

## Classes expected for 2023, subject to contract

**Bambino:** Comer C50 continues

**Cadet:** 900 or 950mm chassis.

IAME Waterswift, Honda GX160 as now, (GX200 sealed engine for trials can be approved and will fully come in for 2024), Rotax Cadet Micro, Tillotson T4 Cadet, IAME Gazelle as now until phased out.

**Intermediate:** 950 chassis

IAME Waterswift, Honda R200 sealed, TKM Inter, (TAG engine only), Rotax Inter-Mini, Tillotson T4 Inter

**Junior:** All as now, note Junior TKM where clutch is now mandatory.

**Senior:** All as now.

Note Vortex may enter from 2024

## Weights and Numberplates

Number plate colours are still being discussed but this is what we think for Cadet and Inter class weights in kg.

Honda Cadet 103, Inter 110

Waterswift Cadet 100, Inter 110 (Gazelle remains 103)

Tillotson T4 Cadet 103, Inter 110

Rotax Micro Cadet 105, Inter 115

TKM Inter 113 and 108 option

## Cadet 950 Homologations and Registrations

Subject to inspections, the following makes will be eligible for 2023. Note current Cadet 900 chassis are still eligible in club racing from the 2017 homologation and with those below are the only karts that can be used  
**Homologations:** BRK (Fluro/Atomic) Mini, Zip Edge, Wright Hydra, RCE DDR22, Project One.

**Registrations from CIK homologations:** Energy Storm, EKS Eagle, IPK Monster Evo, CRG Hero 20, OTK Rookie, KR Mini, BirelART C28, Benik Raton, Righetti Ridolfi Hurricane, Sodi ASC950, MS Kart Mini Blue Kite, Parolin Opportunity.

**Brake homologations:** Freeline, BRK, Wright, RCE, KC Brakes.

**Brake registrations:** EL.ZET, AP, IPK, CRG, OTK, Righetti Ridolfi, Tekneex

We haven't listed the new brake model numbers.

## 2023 Motorsport UK Fees

There will be increases of most fees, probably 7.8% average. The Interclub kart licence is expected to increase to £64 but the Clubman licence will hopefully remain at £45. The PG Entrant will be £27. The up to 120 entry per capita fee will hopefully remain at £9.85. Licences and permit numbers are holding up well.

## Lack of Officials

ABKC is still in discussion about improving the availability of especially scrutineers and Clerks. Marshal also seem to have become in short supply.

## Judicial Procedures

There are regular updates, clubs should be aware of the latest guidance by going to the Resource Centre and searching for Judicial Procedures.

## British Championship Dates

Dates should be publicised by Kartmania

## Best Wishes

We wish all our club officials and competitors a very happy Christmas and successful 2023 and hope to see you at Kartmania.