

Welcome to the final news of 2023.

And it is good news! We have taken the decision to reduce the membership subscription to £75 and eliminate the dual fee. Clubs MUST be a member to host a round of the British Kart Championship.

Membership forms for 2024 will soon be sent out to clubs and the good news here is that we have a record membership of 33 clubs. We welcome Medway Valley KC and the return of F100. We are also looking forward to Rye House coming back under the Super K-X banner in 2024.

We will set a date for the AGM early in 2024, probably by Zoom but if a number of you want a face-to-face meeting then let us know.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Some classes will be promoting new approved national championships in 2024 where seeded numbers from 101 to 110 can be issued. The Motorsport UK calendar has been issued on the British Kart Championship website.

Still looking to confirm the remaining few O & E Plate meetings that are not yet allocated. That includes the 250 Superkart Mono O & E Plate, applications please to kart@motorsportuk.org if you are interested.

SCRUTINEERING & REGULATORY ISSUES

Please do a full check for helmet stickers at your first meetings, as many get new ones for Christmas. And note the 2010 spec helmets are now out of date of which there will have been many in use. The FIA have set a new helmet standard for over 14's in kart racing.

And note If using the Future of Scrutineering system then the forms must be returned via the Steward, as well as Class Data forms.

Tyres will change to the 2024 homologated types in Junior and Senior X30, and KZ2. Tyres may change in 250 Superkart Mono and Cadets.

Note that several regulation proposals from Kart Committee are out for consultation on the Motorsport UK website. These are briefly:

- Recognising the Super K-X signatures and exemptions from being a novice after the licence upgrade; allowing authorised teams in Bambino;
- Allowing small drivers to remain in Bambino an extra year on application;
- Clarifying the rules for the side pod fixing.

Drivers will need to have raced at 10 events including three different venues to qualify for a National licence from 2024.

KARTMANIA

We had a stand with ARKS and next to Motorsport UK at the Kartmania show, held at Silverstone. It was very well attended and we helped out with queries from both established drivers and newcomers.



At Kartmania we came across Zenico Racing, a Dad and Lad race team who have put together a Parent Portal with the objective of matching experienced parents to buddy newcomers. Go to www.zenicoracing.co.uk

MOTORSPORT UK NEWS UPDATE

Motorsport UK are asking drivers who plan to race early in January to get their licence renewals in by 8th December. They will be closed over the festive period.

Motorsport UK would like to emphasise to clubs the importance of reporting to the Steward any suspected cases of concussion. Stewards must retain licences, and a Junior's would be suspended for three weeks.

VENUE INFORMATION

We understand three manufacturers have submitted light panel products for homologation. Motorsport UK are looking into grants to help with purchases which are expected to be in the range £700-900 each. It is possible that with full light panels, some marshal numbers might be able to be reduced. There are also proposals to change the yellow/black flags to a SLOW BOARD system.

They are planning to hold another Venues Meeting, where light panels, barriers and safe walkways for media and officials will all be discussed.

Recent incidents have underlined the importance of officials not standing on or near the track, for example when the karts are coming up to a start. They and marshals should always be behind a barrier.

AND FINALLY

We wish all club committees, members and their families a very happy festive season and a successful 2024.