



# KNE Senior Hire Kart Sprint Championship 2023 - REGULATIONS

## 1. General Regulations

- 1.1. All competitors must be aged 14 years old or above. Rookie drivers aged 14 and 15 years old will require a driver assessment prior to taking part (please contact the circuit for details).
- 1.2. A £15 championship registration fee is payable at the time of booking your first round(s). Upon registering for the championship, the driver's registration pack will be available to collect from the circuit.
- 1.3. Drivers who have not raced in the KNE Hire Kart Sprint Championship in the previous 5 years may also register for The Rookie Cup. The driver will remain classified as a rookie for the full 2023 season. It is the driver's responsibility to notify KNE of rookie status.
- 1.4. Event entry must be booked in advance with KNE. Cost of entry is £63 per person per round paid at the time of entry.
- 1.5. Signing on is at 8:20am prompt. Anyone arriving late will not be allowed to race with no refund.
- 1.6. There are a total of 9 rounds which take place on the first Sunday of each month from February 2023 until October 2023.
- 1.7. There will be two KNE championship classes running in tandem. This means drivers will compete in either the Lightweight Championship (<80kg) or the Heavyweight Championship (≥80kg). Drivers will be weighed at their first round to determine class and must be weighed in race clothing, minus helmet.
- 1.8. Drivers are not permitted to carry any weights to alter their personal weight. Intention of weight class must be declared at booking and should the driver not make the correct weight, entry to the correct class will only be accepted if numbers on the day allow.
- 1.9. Please remember karting should be an enjoyable sport. Anyone engaged in verbal or physical abuse towards another driver or KNE team member may be disqualified from the event, receive a championship disqualification and possible circuit ban. The Race Director's decision on the day is final.

## 2. Entries & Race Format

- 2.1. There is a maximum entry of 59 karts per class per round, with heavyweights and lightweights racing separately, however KNE reserve the right to merge or split grids if entries dictate.
- 2.2. For class entries up to 32\* Drivers
  - 2.2.1. Each driver will complete two races per round. Each driver will get a 15-minute timed qualifying, a 15-minute prefinal and 15-minute final. Grid positions for the prefinal will be determined by fastest lap times in each qualifier. Grid positions for the final will be the finishing positions of the prefinal. Races will be from standing starts. \*KNE reserve the right to adjust max. driver numbers on one grid.

2.2.2. Kart allocation will be at random. The karts will be reversed between pre-final and final (so the first place driver will start the final in last place's kart).

### 2.3. For class entries over 32\* Drivers

2.3.1. Should a class' entries exceed 32 drivers, qualifying for that class will be split into two equal quantities at random and ran as two 15-minute sessions. \*KNE reserve the right to adjust max. driver numbers on one grid.

2.3.2. After qualifying the fastest 27\*\* will proceed to Prefinal A with grid positions determined by fastest lap times overall. The remainder of the drivers in that class will proceed to Prefinal B. (\*\*A minimum of 10 drivers is required in Prefinal B, therefore the total number qualifying for Prefinal A may be reduced to ensure this minimum is met).

2.3.3. Grid positions for the finals will be determined by finishing positions in the prefinals, with the top 5 drivers of Prefinal B moving up to join Final A. The remainder of the drivers from Prefinal B will compete in Final B.

2.3.4. Kart allocation will be at random. The karts will be reversed between pre-final and final, however the 5 drivers who move up from Prefinal B to Final A will be allocated karts randomly in the final.

## 3. Trophies

3.1. Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 in each Final A. The winner of Final B (if applicable) will also be awarded a trophy together with the highest placed Lightweight and Heavyweight Rookies in the Finals.

## 4. Championship Points

4.1. Each race will score as follows based on overall finishing positions in their class for both Prefinal & Final points. Where applicable, Prefinal B and Final B points will continue down from Prefinal A and Final A points.

First 65 points, Second 63, Third 61, Fourth 60 then 1 point less per place down. Results in both prefinal and final will be combined to create a score for that round. The best 8 rounds out of 9 will count towards the championship. The driver with the fastest lap per weight category will be awarded a bonus point for that race. Any queries regarding championship points must be raised no later than the end of the month that the race has taken place. Queries cannot be raised regarding points for any race day except the last one. Any disputes should be placed in writing to [info@kartingnortheast.com](mailto:info@kartingnortheast.com)

4.2. 20 bonus points will be awarded to any driver participating in all 9 rounds of the Championship.

4.3. All drivers must drop the score of one of the nine rounds, this is not allowed to be any score where the driver's disqualification from a race took place.

4.4. At the end of the season should a tie happen, the driver with the most overall round wins will be awarded the place. Should this not settle the tie, second places will be counted, then third and so on until the tie is decided.

4.5. Points will be announced on the KNE website following the race.

4.6. Please remember karting should be an enjoyable sport. Anyone engaged in verbal or physical abuse towards another driver or staff members may be disqualified or receive a series ban.

- 4.7. The Senior Race Day is an open entry event and drivers of all abilities are welcome. However, we would expect that drivers have had some experience on KNE's 1200M circuit before entering.
- 4.8. During qualifying karts may be swapped for genuine performance reasons. If, after testing the kart, no genuine defect is found, a mark will be placed against your record. After receiving two marks during the championship (not per event), your opportunity of changing karts will be revoked for the remainder of the season.
- 4.9. Driving standards will be monitored and appropriate warnings/disqualifications will be handed out at the discretion of the race controller. The Race Director's decision on the day is final.

## 5. Equipment

- 5.1. All safety equipment is provided for the event, however, you may use your own race wear provided it complies to the below:
- 5.2. A full-face crash helmet, with visor (BS6658 type B minimum) which fits correctly with a functional strap, no motocross style helmets.
- 5.3. A one-piece abrasion resistant overall or race suit.
- 5.4. Full finger gloves.
- 5.5. All drivers must wear suitable, closed toe, flat soled footwear. Footwear that provides ankle protection is recommended.
- 5.6. The 390cc Sodi karts are maintained and prepared ready for each round, including track testing. No lead may be carried to affect drivers' weights. Limited seat inserts are available however you may use your own. Please note communication devices are not permitted.

## 6. Go Pros

- 6.1. Following guidelines from the National Karting Association (NKA) & Motorsport UK (MSUK Blue Book regulations K10.3.3(d) & U19) Go-Pros and similar are not permitted. There is no facility to fasten cameras to our karts.

## 7. Championship Prizes

- 7.1. 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> in Heavyweights will be entered as team\* in the 2023 Warden Law round of the British ProKart Endurance Championship on the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Drivers will also receive a trophy relevant to their finishing position.
- 7.2. 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> in Lightweights will be entered as team\* in the 2022 Warden Law round of the British ProKart Endurance Championship on the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Drivers will also receive a trophy relevant to their finishing position.
- 7.3. \*KNE reserve the right to name the teams KNE Heavyweights & KNE Lightweights respectively. This prize cannot be exchanged for monetary value or vouchers and should a driver not be available to take part their place will be offered to the 4<sup>th</sup> place finisher.
- 7.4. The highest placed Rookie in each class will be awarded an end of year trophy.