



KNE Junior Hire Kart Sprint Championship 2026

1. General Regulations

- 1.1. All competitors must be aged 14 or 15 years old when they start the Championship.
- 1.2. A £20 championship registration fee is payable at the time of booking your first round(s). Registration is not a guarantee of entry into each round, with entry subject to availability at the time of booking.
- 1.3. Cost of entry is £55 per person per round paid at the time of booking. Event entry must be booked in advance with KNE, with entries closing on the Thursday prior to each event. Entries after the closing date may be permitted, subject to a late entry charge.
- 1.4. Signing on is at 11:20am prompt. Anyone arriving late will not be allowed to race with no refund.
- 1.5. There are a total of 9 rounds which take place on the first Sunday of each month from February 2026 until October 2026.
- 1.6. The Junior Race Day is an open entry event and drivers of all abilities are welcome. We would, however, expect that drivers have had some experience on KNE's 1200m circuit before entering.
- 1.7. 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.
- 1.8. 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 32* drivers per round. *KNE reserves the right to adjust max. driver numbers on one grid.
- 2.2. Each driver will compete in a 10 minute timed qualifying, a 10 minute heat and 15 minute final per round. Grid positions for the heat will be determined by fastest lap times in the qualifier. Grid positions for the final will be the finishing positions of the heat. Races will be from standing starts.
- 2.3. Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 in the final.
- 2.4. Karts will be assigned at random for qualifying and the driver shall remain in said kart for their heat. Karts for the final will be assigned from the heat finishing positions, with the top 8 karts cycled to the back of the grid i.e. 1st place starts in the kart which finished 9th in the heat, 2nd in 10th etc.

3. Equipment

- 3.1. All safety equipment is provided for the event, however, you may use your own race wear provided it complies to the below:



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- 3.2. A full-face crash helmet, with visor (minimum European standard ECE2205 or ECE2206) which fits correctly with a functional strap, no motocross style helmets.
- 3.3. A one-piece abrasion resistant overall or race suit.
- 3.4. Full finger gloves.
- 3.5. All drivers must wear suitable, closed toe, flat soled footwear. Footwear that provides ankle protection is recommended.
- 3.6. 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.
- 3.7. 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. Go Pros

- 4.1. 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.

5. Championship Points

- 5.1. Each race will score as follows based on finishing positions in both the heat & final. First 65 points, Second 63, Third 61, Fourth 60 then 1 point less per place down. Results in both the heat 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 will be awarded a bonus point for that race. Any queries regarding championship points must be raised no later than 10 days from the date 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
- 5.2. 20 bonus points will be awarded to any driver participating in all 9 rounds of the Championship.
- 5.3. 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.
- 5.4. 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.
- 5.5. Points will be announced on the KNE website following the race.



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6. Championship Prizes

- 6.1. The Championship winner will receive a test session plus race entry into a Club 100 event driving a Club 100 hire Rotax kart and will also receive a trophy.
- 6.2. Second place will receive a Junior Academy Day at a Club 100 event driving a Club 100 hire Rotax kart and will also receive a trophy.
- 6.3. Third place will receive a test session at a Club 100 event driving a Club 100 hire Rotax kart and will also receive a trophy.
- 6.4. Prizes redeemed directly with Club 100, with available circuit locations and dates confirmed when booking.