



KNE Senior Hire Kart Sprint Championship 2026

1. General Regulations

- 1.1. All competitors must be aged 16 years old or above.
- 1.2. A £25 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. 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 2026 season. It is the driver's responsibility to notify KNE of rookie status.
- 1.4. Cost of entry is £65 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.
- 1.5. 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 2026 until October 2026.
- 1.7. The Senior 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.
- 1.8. There will be two KNE championship classes running in tandem. This means drivers will compete in either the Lightweight (LW) Championship (<80kg) or the Heavyweight (HW) Championship (≥80kg). Drivers will be weighed at their first round to determine class and must be weighed in race clothing, minus helmet.
- 1.9. 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.
- 1.10. 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.
- 1.11. 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 64 drivers per round, with heavyweights and lightweights racing separately, however KNE reserves the right to merge or split grids if entries dictate.

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2.2. For class entries up to 32* Drivers

- 2.2.1. Each driver will compete in a 15 minute timed qualifying, a 15 minute heat and 15 minute final per round. Grid positions for the heat will be determined by fastest lap times in each qualifier. Grid positions for the final will be the finishing positions of the heat. Races will be from standing starts. *KNE reserve the right to adjust max. driver numbers on one grid.
- 2.2.2. 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 most recently finished race (potentially a different class' race) based on finishing position, with the top 8 karts cycled to the back of the grid after each race i.e. 1st place starts in the kart which finished 9th from the previous race, 2nd in 10th etc. Any excess karts with no driver assigned to them will be returned to the pitlane in order of how they would have been parked on the grid. When additional karts are needed to top up the grid, karts will be used from the pitlane randomly.

2.3. For entries where either class exceeds 32* Drivers

- 2.3.1. Should either class' entries exceed 32 drivers, qualifying will be split into two equal quantities at random (with LW & HW mixed) 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 28 will proceed to Heat A with grid positions determined by fastest lap times overall. The remainder of the drivers will proceed to Heat B.
- 2.3.3. Grid positions for the finals will be determined by finishing positions in the heats, with the top two LW and top two HW drivers of Heat B moving up to join Final A. The remainder of the drivers from Heat B will compete in Final B.
- 2.3.4. Kart allocation will be at random for the practice and Heat B. The kart allocation for the subsequent heat and finals will be based on the finishing positions of the karts in the race immediately prior (which may be from a different class' race), with the first eight finishing karts being moved to the back of the grid (with the 8th place kart from the previous race allocated to last place in the final).

- 2.4. Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 in each class. 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

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:
- 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.

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- 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 overall finishing positions in their class for both the heat & final. Where applicable, Heat B and Final B points will continue down from Heat A and Final A points. 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 per weight category 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.

6. Championship Prizes

- 6.1. 1st/2nd/3rd in Heavyweights will be entered as a team* and 1st/2nd/3rd in Lightweights will be entered as a team* in the 2026 Warden Law round of the British ProKart Endurance Championship on the 1st November 2026. Drivers will also receive a trophy relevant to their finishing position.
- 6.2. *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 4th place finisher.
- 6.3. The highest placed Rookie in each class will be awarded an end of year trophy.