The Kart Championship — 2026 Kart Race Championship Regulations

Sporting and Technical
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1. Sporting Regulations – General

1.1 Title and Jurisdiction

The Kart Championship is organised and administered by Champions Kart Club in accordance with the National Competition Rules of Motorsport UK, these Championship Regulations, and any Official Documents.

Classes: Bambino MightE, Cadet Honda GX200, Cadet Rotax MICRO, Cadet MightE, Inter Rotax MINI, Rotax JUNIOR, Rotax SENIOR.

Competitors entering the championship accept acknowledgment of all Championship publications and confirm they have read them thoroughly, including any Official Documents for each circuit (published on the website the week before each event). All drivers and their parent/guardian must carefully read, understand and sign the indemnity accepting the risks of motorsport.

- **Motorsport UK Championship Permit Number:** TBC
- **Motorsport UK Championship Grade:** D

1.2 Officials

- **Championship Stewards:** Mr Nigel EDWARDS, Mr David MANCHESTER & TBC
- **Championship Co-Ordinator:** Mr Darren BEAVERS
- **Championship Race Director/Clerk of the Course:** Mr Daniel ASHTON
- **Championship Head of Race Control [CCTV]:** Mr Richard Mason
- **Championship Eligibility Scrutineers:** Mr Ben MOORE
- **Championship Timekeeper:** Mr Tony JORDAN & Mrs Kerrie BEAVERS

- **Championship Safeguarding Officers:** Mrs Kerrie BEAVERS & Mrs Carla MILWARD
- **Championship Race with Respect Officers:** Mr Darren BEAVERS & Mr Daniel ASHTON

1.3 Competitor Eligibility

- **1.3.1** Entrants must hold a valid Motorsport UK Entrants License. Competitors under 18 must be accompanied by the holder of a Kart PG Entrants license, who must also sign on as Entrant.
- **1.3.2** Drivers/Entrant-Drivers must have fully paid-up membership of a recognised Motorsport UK Kart Club, be registered for The Kart Championship 2026, and hold a valid competition Kart Interclub status license as a minimum (or the highest grade of national Kart license / valid CIK-FIA International License with ASN written consent per NCR Ch. 6 App. 3 Art. 1.6).
  - Competitors should not take time off school without prior written approval; if participation requires school absence, a letter of approval from the head teacher is required.
- **1.3.3** Definition of a "team" and team obligations:
  - (a) Hold a valid Motorsport UK Entrant License
  - (b) Have at least £5 million (GBP) Public Liability Insurance
  - (c) Uphold the Respect Code and Motorsport UK policies
  - (d) Act professionally at all times
  - (e) Adhere to Safeguarding Policies; complete required training; ensure regulated-activity personnel hold valid suitability check certificates
  - (f) Adhere to anti-alcohol/illicit drugs rules and anti-doping processes
  - (g) Nominate one "Team Representative" per event for judicial proceedings
  - (h) Team owner/manager or nominated rep represents drivers entered under a team name in judicial proceedings
  - (i) Mechanics/coaches must hold a valid British Kart Championship mechanic/coaches pass (temporary passes available for stand-ins, one event only)
  - **1.3.3.1** Recommended (not mandatory): a First4Sport Level 2 qualified coach, a UKAD Certified Advisor, and a documented risk assessment
  - **(j)** DBS certificate requirements: not required for a parent/guardian mechanicing for their own child, but required if offering services to other drivers. Required for: Engine Preparer/Builder, Mechanic, Driver Coach, and Parent PG License holders assisting other drivers' children.
- **1.3.4** All necessary documentation must be presented for checking at all rounds when signing on.

1.4 Registration

- **1.4.1** Registration fee: **£129** (non-refundable; may be discounted at the series' discretion). Minimum 12 registrations per class required. Registration does not guarantee a grid place at every event — event entries are first-come-first-served, with Champions Kart Club members entering first when entries open.
- **1.4.2** Registration numbers are permanent for the championship. Bambino drivers who compete in any Motorsport UK CADET class meeting are forbidden from continuing in Bambino.
- **1.4.3** Entries open to club members at 7pm the Tuesday following the previous event (Round 1: Tuesday 3 Feb 2026); non-members can enter 3 days later (Friday, 7pm). Entries close at 10pm 6 days before each event (Sunday) — Round 1 closes 10pm Sunday 8 March 2026. Late entries at coordinator's discretion for an extra fee. No "guest" drives allowed, but drivers may drop in/out of events if registered — **except Honda Cadet class**, where drivers may not enter rounds 2, 4, or 6 if they didn't compete in the previous round (due to tyre usage policy, see 3.4).
- **1.4.4** No refunds for registrations/entries. Rescheduled meetings roll fees over to the new date.

1.5 Championship Rounds

- **1.5.1** 6 events; best 5 of 6 count (lowest scoring event dropped). Minimum 12 event entries per class required to avoid cancellation; minimum 3 rounds completed with 12+ karts to be classed as a championship. If 5 or fewer events take place, no rounds are dropped. No testing/practice/racing on a host circuit on weekdays before an event, except the official championship Friday.
- **1.5.2** Rounds:
  - Round 1: Warden Law, 21–22 March 2026
  - Round 2: PF International, 18–19 April 2026
  - Round 3: Whilton Mill, 9–10 May 2026
  - Round 4: Rowrah, 27–28 June 2026
  - Round 5: Shenington, 25–26 July 2026
  - Round 6: Whilton Mill, 12–13 September 2026
- **1.5.3** Organising club: Champions Kart Club (CKC). Competition Secretary: Carla Milward (compsec@thekartchampionship.co.uk). Officials must not be contacted privately via personal phone/social media — all enquiries via email to the competition secretary. Persistent breaches may result in revoked registration/membership.

1.6 Format and Scoring

- **1.6.1** Weekend format:
  - **Saturday:** min. 1 practice session → Timed Qualifying (TQ) → 2x Heat Races (TQ sets grid for both heats)
  - **Sunday:** Warm-Up → 2x Super Heats → Grand Final
  - Heat classification sets the grid for both Super Heats on Sunday. Final grid is set by combined heat + super heat points classification.
- **1.6.2** Organisers may change/remove practice or warm-up sessions to ensure heats/super heats/finals are completed.
- **1.6.3** Three points-scoring opportunities per event: Saturday Heat Classification, Sunday Super-Heat Classification, Sunday Final Classification.
  - **Heats Classification:** 1st = 40 pts, 2nd = 38, 3rd = 36, 4th = 35, 5th = 34, decreasing by 1 to 34th (5 pts)
  - **Super Heat Classification:** 1st = 60 pts, 2nd = 57, 3rd = 55, 4th = 54, 5th = 53, decreasing by 1 to 34th (24 pts)
  - **Final Classification:** 1st = 100 pts, 2nd = 95, 3rd = 92, 4th = 90, 5th = 89, decreasing by 1 to 34th (60 pts)
  - **Heat/Super Heat points (low to high):** race win = 0 pts, 2nd = 2 pts, 3rd = 3 pts, etc. Lowest total wins classification.
- **1.6.4** Championship Points Appeals: per Chapter 2, Appendix 5, Article 2 of the NCRs.
- **1.6.5** DNF/DNS: awarded points per published results position. DNS in a Final only scores last-place points if the driver competed in all heats/superheats. DSQ: maximum heat points for last place in that heat/superheat; DSQ in a Final scores **zero points**.
  - **1.6.5a** A Final DSQ cannot be used as the drop-round score — it must count, and the next lowest-scoring round is dropped instead.
  - **1.6.5b** Special provision for the last round: if a driver has already secured the championship using the last round as their drop score, and receives a DSQ in that round for something outside their control (mechanical failure, bumper/exhaust breakage, etc.), they may still drop that round's score. Stewards can override this for deliberate/serious breaches (cheating, deliberate track cutting, unsportsmanlike conduct).
- **1.6.6** Ties broken by: number of 1st places in Grand Finals, then 2nd places, then 3rd, and so on.
- **1.6.7** If a meeting stops before all classes complete 1 heat race, the event is rescheduled with no points awarded. If stopped after all classes complete 1 heat race, points are awarded for completed heats (must be equal number of heats per class).
- **1.6.8** No points for Timed Qualifying. Grid order for practice/TQ at Round 1 is random

computer-generated; all further rounds are in championship order.

- **1.6.9** All drivers score points at all rounds, except: at the last round (Round 6), a driver who hasn't competed in any previous round is removed from results before the points table updates.
- **1.6.10** If entries exceed max grid numbers, the coordinator may split into groups and run a "B Final" (top 4 promoted to Grand Final, starting from last 4 places). B Final points continue from 5th place downward in the Grand Final points scale. Coordinator may also amalgamate low-entry classes, or choose not to run B Finals (in which case drivers outside the top 34/36 score Final points based on classification rank).
- **1.6.11** Tie-break for identical qualifying lap times: 2nd fastest lap decides, then 3rd, etc. For multiple qualifying sessions: overall fastest takes 1st, 2nd goes to fastest in the other session, and so on to determine combined order. Classes exceeding 34 entries (26 for Bambino) are split by computer ballot into separate TQ sessions and heat groups (A/B/C/D as needed). Top 30 progress straight to Grand Final; remainder qualify for B Final (top 4 of which take the last 4 Grand Final places).
- **1.6.12** From qualifying onwards, mechanics must leave the pre-grid when instructed (typically at the 1-minute board / whistle) — applies to qualifying and all races.

1.7 Awards

- **1.7.1 Event Awards:** Trophies for top 5 in each class' Grand Final (top 3 only if fewer than 12 entries). Bambinos all receive participation awards. Privateer trophies: 3 trophies if 10+ privateers entered, otherwise 1 top privateer trophy; the winning privateer also gets a free practice day at the next event. (Privateer = run solely by parent/guardian, no external mechanic/coach help, entered with "PRIVATEER" subclass marked.) Novice trophy awarded to highest-placed novice (3+ novices required, entered/booked as novice, on interclub ARKS licence, black/white plates displayed) — no novice awards in Bambino (participation awards only).
- **1.7.2 Overall Championship Awards:** Top 5 per class receive trophies at the awards evening. 1st place may receive a perpetual trophy (returnable, or charges apply). 6th–10th receive trophies if attending the ceremony.
- **1.7.3** Podium winners should present in full race suit and helmet.
- **1.7.4** Drivers/mechanics/team personnel may be required to give interviews.

1.8 Entertainment Tax Liability

Per UK legislation, The Kart Championship/Champions Kart Club must withhold basic-rate tax on payments to non-UK resident sportsmen/women (via HMRC form FEU1). Applies to non-UK/Isle of Man/Channel Islands/Eire residents. Arrangements to limit withholding must be made in writing at least 30 days before payment is due. Contact: HMRC Personal Tax

International, Foreign Entertainers Unit, St John's House, Merton Road, Liverpool L75 1BB. Tel: 0151 472 6488.

1.9 Title to All Trophies

1.9.1 If provisional results/tables are later revised affecting award distribution, competitors must return awards in good condition within 7 days.

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2. Sporting Regulations / Judicial Procedures

- **2.1 Rounds:** Per Chapter 2 of the National Competition Rules and Champions Kart Club.
- **2.2 Championship:** Per Chapter 2 of the National Competition Rules and Champions Kart Club.
- **2.3** Registration commits competitors/associates to the Motorsport UK Race with Respect campaign.
  - **2.3.1** Well-founded disrespectful conduct reports may result in warnings, remedial actions, or referral to Championship Stewards (penalties up to loss of points, race bans, disqualification, and referral to Motorsport UK).
  - **2.3.2** Safeguarding: abusive language/harmful behaviour not tolerated. Report to club safeguarding officer and/or Motorsport UK.
  - **2.3.3** CCTV/Live Streaming/Camera used at all rounds for judicial purposes; data-logged evidence usable at the sole discretion of Race Director/Clerk of Course/Stewards/National Court, subject to authenticity checks (must be validated by a qualified independent person per Chapter 2 Annexe A 1.6 of NCRs). **No onboard cameras (including helmet cams) permitted from official Timed Qualifying onwards**, except Sunday morning Warm-Up.
  - **2.3.4** Race control/CCTV/timekeeping room is out of bounds unless invited by the Race Director; uninvited entry is reported to Stewards.

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3. Technical Regulations

3.1 Timing

AMB/MYLAPS transponder required — competitor's responsibility to ensure it's charged and correctly fitted, per the Motorsport UK Karting Yearbook (**MightE Cadet class may require a different fitting location**, detailed in event final instructions).

- **3.1.1** Transponder hire may be available (£30/event, not guaranteed) — competitors

strongly advised to provide their own. Damage/non-return may incur replacement charges. Missing/non-working transponders can result in denied grid access, no lap scoring, and a stewards' report with a fine.

3.2 Classes

Per the 2026 Motorsport UK Karting Yearbook and 2026 National Competition Rules:

- Bambino MightE
- Honda Cadet 200
- Cadet Rotax Micro
- MightE Cadet
- Inter Rotax Mini
- Rotax Junior Primo
- Rotax Junior
- Rotax Senior

3.2.1 Junior Rotax Primo eligibility:

- Drivers aged 12–13
- Drivers turning 14 in 2026 must be in their first year racing a Junior kart championship (no prior points scored in MSUK Junior championships like JKC, UKC, British Champs — club-level/KX/IKR/arrive-and-drive don't count)
- Must not have finished top 3 overall in any major Junior Championship (e.g. British Kart Championship, The Kart Championship, Ultimate Kart Championship)
- The Championship may invite drivers who don't meet criteria, based on inexperience, if holding an interclub ARKS licence only

3.2.2 Guest classes may be invited to any event (stipulated in Official Documents).

3.2.3 Seeded Numbers: Drivers finishing 1st–10th in the 2025 Bambino Championship must run that number if competing in 2026.

- **3.2.3.1** Seeded numbers/plates in other classes (e.g. 'O', 'E', 'GP') must have been earned in the British Championship.

3.3 Scrutineering

- **3.3.1** Mandatory pre-practice PPE self-declaration; equipment may be checked at any time. False declaration = grave breach of NCRs. Pre-race scrutineering at an alternative time may be requested but must occur before the first scheduled practice session.
- **3.3.2** All equipment accompanied by a scrutineering card (competitor's responsibility to

complete correctly, including seal numbers where applicable). Both driver and entrant must sign. No changes permitted once Timed Qualifying starts for that class. Late submission is reported to stewards with a penalty.

3.4 Tyres

All new tyres purchased via the championship, at published retail price; only class-nominated tyres permitted. Must be ordered before entries close. Minimum 2 tyre spikes required per competitor per event (parc fermé). Tyre bags required for sealing unused tyres carried to the next event. New tyres must remain unscrubbed until Timed Qualifying.

- **Bambino:** 1 set of Le-Cont all-weather tyres from Round 1, rolled over/bagged/sealed for all 6 rounds. New drivers from Round 3+ may scan in used tyres at tyre official's discretion.
- **Honda Cadet:** New Vega Cadetti UK Slicks every other round (bagged/sealed and carried over between odd/even round pairs: R1→R2, R3→R4, R5→R6). Plus 1 set of Vega WM1 UK wets from Round 1, rolled over for all 6 rounds; a second (reserve) wet set may be purchased after Round 1, replacing the first set once ordered. (Note: drivers must compete in odd rounds to use rolled-over tyres in even rounds, per 1.4.3.)
- **MightE Cadet:** Same slick pattern as Honda Cadet. Plus wets as above. Drivers entering an even round without having raced the previous round may only use used slick tyres (handed in) or may need to buy new/supply used tyres for wets at the tyre official's discretion.
- **Rotax Classes (all):** 1 set of class-specific tyres (slicks + wets) ordered ahead of Round 1, then 1 new slick set ahead of every subsequent round. Only unused wet tyres may be bagged/sealed/carried over — if wets are used even for one lap, new wets must be ordered for the next round.
- **3.4.3** Championship reserves the right to mandate new tyres for safety at any point; Chief Scrutineer has final say.

3.5 Chassis

- **3.5.1** Only one chassis permitted per round; a damaged chassis may be replaced with an alternative of the same make/model/type if repair isn't practical (at Chief Scrutineer's discretion).
- **3.5.2** Steering: top camber/castor adjustment pills permitted on MightE Electric Bambino chassis (top-hat style adjuster replacing the standard blank pill only). Bottom pill under the front stub axle must remain the standard blank type.

3.6 Fuel

3.6.1 The championship may run controlled fuel, communicated via Official Documents or

bulletin.

3.7 Controlled Components

- **3.7.1** The Championship may place MightE or Honda class drivers on controlled engines/motors at any time, to be used as supplied unless further instructed via bulletin.
- **3.7.2** Micro MAX and Inter MAX classes must replace exhaust wadding ahead of each event (per event timetable); exhausts may be kept in parc fermé. Tampering with the exhaust seal results in a stewards' report and possible disqualification.
- **3.7.3** The Championship Co-Ordinator (with the Chief Scrutineer) may issue controlled components to any kart in any class throughout 2026, announced via Supplementary Regulations or bulletin.

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4. Competitor Obligations

- **4.1** Competitors may be required to carry championship/sponsor badges and visor stickers. Missing stickers: reported to stewards, £25 fine per sticker.
- **4.1.2** Other championship branding must be removed/covered on kart or race suit — only official Champions Kart Club / The Kart Championship branding displayed. Non-compliance may incur the 4.1 fine.
- **4.2** Competitors may be required to use official Champions Kart Club race numbers.
- **4.3** Participation required in promotional activities (prize giving, press conferences) in fully-fastened race suit.
- **4.4** Competitors are responsible for accompanying persons honouring the Race with Respect code and showing respect to officials.
- **4.5** Abuse of officials will not be tolerated — reported to Event Stewards, who may impose penalties up to disqualification and eviction.
- **4.6** Breaches of 4.4/4.5 submitted to Motorsport UK and Championship Officials for further action.
- **4.7** Caravans/motorhomes not permitted in pits/paddocks without specific organiser permission (notified in Official Documents).
- **4.8** Pit space is limited — follow the pit bay plan; park sensibly and in an orderly manner. Non-compliance reported to Event Stewards.

Signed: Darren Beavers
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