



What is Karting Australia's "BRING A MATE" program?

BRING A MATE is "*Karting Australia's Junior and Senior Karting Experience Program*".

It is designed to let people who have never raced a kart before experience the thrill of karting in the safe, controlled environment of a Karting Australia sanctioned event on any of our 88 licensed kart tracks across Australia.

It can be simply conducted by any Karting Australia affiliated Club at any Karting Australia Licensed Race Track with a minimal number of licensed Officials.

As the program name suggests, **BRING A MATE** needs essentially two types of person:

1. A currently licensed "Junior" or "Senior" Driver who will provide the equipment for their "**MATE**"; and
2. A friend or acquaintance of the licensed Driver – their **MATE**, who is interested to experience the thrill and excitement of driving a competition kart on a real race track.

Should the Club wish to do so, it can invite any of the local kart shops to participate on a **BRING A MATE** day provided that they are the holders of a current "**DEALER TRADE LICENCE**", by providing the equipment that is necessary for some of their potential senior clients.

BRING A MATE is open to women and men, girls and boys so long as they are in the year of their twelfth (12th) birthday or older.

BRING A MATE is a nationally developed program that is produced locally by the Karting Australia affiliated Clubs that regularly conduct competition karting in Australia.

KEY ELEMENTS OF A "BRING A MATE" DAY AT A LOCAL CLUB

1. It will be run under a simple set of Supplementary Regulations that are prepared by the host Club using a pro-forma standard form developed by Karting Australia. The Supplementary Regulations must be approved by the State Association with which the Club is affiliated.
2. An event Permit must be issued by the State Association.
3. The **BRING A MATE** Program is a Demonstration, no competitive element is involved. Timing is not permitted.
 - At the end of the day this is about the experience and nothing more.
4. The nominated official (as designated in the Supplementary regulations) will conduct a briefing and short Induction Program for all **MATES**.
5. **MATES** will be required to complete a Disclaimer and Indemnity Form to receive a "Bring a Mate Single Event Licence" and sign a Disclaimer and Indemnity Form as provided by Karting Australia.
 - The Club will issue a Bring a Mate licence covering the **MATE** for the day's on-track activities.
6. The program will be run to an on-track timetable that provides separate sessions for both the Licensed Driver and their **MATE/S**.

- Licensed Drivers and **MATES** will not be on the race track at the same time (i.e. **MATES** run solely with other **MATES**.)
7. The Club must provide first aid services in accordance with the KA Manual.
 8. Just like at an organised Race Meeting, the role of the Officials is primarily to ensure that the event runs smoothly, safely, on time and in accordance with the Regulations so that everyone has a good time.
 9. Ideally the Club will organise for one or more of the local kart shops to attend the day so that they can talk to **MATES** about what they need to do to GET STARTED IN KARTING.
 10. The Club should use the **BRING A MATE** day as a promotional opportunity to attract new members – both competitors and volunteers/Officials.

BRING A MATE Single Event Licence

Prior to issuing a **BRING A MATE Single Event Licence** the MATE will receive a simple written induction with verbal instructions (a briefing) from the nominated Official in attendance at the day.

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The sport of Karting is great fun but it can present many dangerous scenarios. It is essential that all drivers have a clear understanding of the safety requirements and driving standards of the sport including the flag/light signals before they go onto the Race Track for the first time.

Following completion of the **BRING A MATE** Induction Program and after completing an application form "**MATES**" will be issued with a **Karting Australia 'BRING A MATE Single Event Licence'** that will allow them to drive in the **BRING A MATE** day activities, safe in the knowledge that they have insurance cover through Karting Australia's insurance program.

BRING A MATE Induction Program



Prior to any MATE entering the Race Track it is the obligation of the nominated Official on duty and the MATE'S MATE to ensure that they are familiar with the SAFETY and DRIVING STANDARDS provisions under which the BRING A MATE program is conducted.

Driving in the **BRING A MATE** program does not mean that MATES will be racing – they will not! Mates will be experiencing karting and exploring driving a competition kart on a competition Race Track.

Overtaking is not permitted (except where another driver has slowed substantially or stopped for some reason) and then, you may overtake but only at low speed.

Age

MATES must be eligible by age to compete in either Junior or Senior karting competition.

- This means that a **MATE** must be in the year of the twelfth (12th) birthday or over.

Kart

As MATES are new to the sport they are only permitted to drive "ENTRY LEVEL KARTS". Karts complying with the following Class Rules are able to be used in the **BRING A MATE PROGRAM**:

- KA4 Junior
- KA4 Senior
- KA3 Senior
- TaG Restricted
- Endurance (4 Stroke)

The MATE'S MATE – the owner/provider of the kart is required to lodge a completed self-scrutineering form with a nominated Official as part of the induction process prior to the MATE being permitted to access the race track.

Whilst any combination of eligible karts are permitted on the track during a **BRING A MATE** session, the number of karts permitted on the track at any one time is limited by the Supplementary Regulations for the event.

Apparel

MATES must at all times when on the Race Track be wearing racing apparel that complies with Karting Australia rules. This means:

- Full face Helmet with visor,
- One piece driving suit with long sleeves and trousers;
- Gloves that resist abrasion and provide full finger protection
- Closed shoes.

Hair

Long hair must be securely retained either with a hair net, hood, balaclava or driving suit at all times.

Officials

For your safety and also for the safety of others, **MATES** on-track sessions will be controlled by Karting Australia licensed Officials. They are there for your safety and must be obeyed at all times.

If you disobey an Official you may be asked to leave the Race Track.

Flags/Light Signals

There are many flags/lights that are used in karting to signal to drivers. The Flags/Lights that may be used during a BRING A MATE day are:



Green Flag

All Clear. It may be used to signal the start your on-track sessions.



Yellow Danger Flag

A waved Yellow Flag / flashing yellow light is the signal of danger ahead. Reduce your speed, and be prepared to change direction.



Red Flag

A waved Red Flag / flashing red light means that all driving must cease.

Driver will return to the grid at a greatly reduced speed and in a safe manner being prepared to stop on Track if necessary.



Black Flag

Should it become necessary for any reason to stop a Driver, the black flag will be displayed to them, together with a panel upon which is shown the Kart number. The driver is to cease driving by immediately returning to the pits next time he/she reaches it.



Chequered Flag

The display of the Black and White Chequered flag will indicate the end of the on-track session.

As soon as the Black and White Chequered flag has been shown to a Driver and the Driver has cleared the Finish Line, the Driver he/she must gradually slow down, not pass any other karts and proceed directly, using only the authorised route, to the Ingrid.

Safe Use of the Race Track

Nothing is more important than your safety!

From the time that you get into the kart until you are back to the in-grid, what you do and how you drive affects not only your own safety but the safety of others.

“Ease” into your driving so that you become comfortable with the acceleration, steering, handling and braking of the kart. It is very different to a car.

Take your time. The **BRING A MATE** program is about having fun, learning about the sport of karting and safely exploring the fun and excitement of a competition kart.

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You must stay approximately 50 metres from the kart in front of you unless they slow significantly or stop in which case you may overtake them. **REMEMBER - THIS IS NOT A RACE!**



When you leave the out-grid you must leave in a controlled manner – you are not on the Race Track proper at that time. You will be directed by an Official when you are clear to leave.

Do not weave across the track and do not change direction suddenly.

When you are exiting the track and if you are slowing and have an issue on the track raise your hand so that the driver behind can clearly see that you are not continuing as normal.

If you spin out or stop on the race track and cannot restart the kart you must get out of your kart when safe to do so and move to a place of safety.

You must keep safety apparel (including your helmet) on until you return to the pits!