

P34 JUNIOR ELITE PARTICIPATION

Scheduled Reviewed Triennially or as required

Date of Board Approval

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PURPOSE

KA is the sole body empowered to make rules for the conduct of karting competition in Australia. It is committed conducting the sport of karting in a manner that is socially responsible and respectful of the law.

KA takes a responsible position in relation to conducting Nationally Permitted Race Meetings during periods of the year when children are required by law to be attending school. We hold the view that the priority for children is their education.

This policy is designed to strike a balance between the priority needs and legal requirements for children to attend school while affording some reasonable opportunities for them, if permitted by their school, to participate in our elite Junior and Cadet Competitions.

BACKGROUND

While there are some minor variations from State to State, attendance at school is compulsory for children and young people aged from 6 – 17 years unless an exemption from attendance has been granted by the school.

Students are expected to attend the school in which they are enrolled, during normal school hours every day of each term, unless there is an approved exemption from school attendance for the student provided by the principal of the school.

There is no blanket right for any school aged students to miss school to attend a kart race meeting. There is however the ability for the parents or guardians of a child to apply to their school principal for exemption from attendance at school for a short period of time so as to allow the child to participate in **elite sporting events**.

DEFINITION

Elite Karting Event: A National Championship, National Series, National Cup event as entered on the KA National Calendar of events.

DRIVER AGE RESTRICTION RULE

National Competition Rules - Competition Rules Chapter 1 Rule 16

“Driver Age Restrictions

- a) *Other than at National Championship, National Series and National Cup Events, Cadet 9, Cadet 12 and Junior Competitors will not be permitted to practice, qualify or race on the Track at a Meeting other than on a Saturday and Sunday other than on a public holiday in that State or during School Holidays.*
- b) *Cadet 9, Cadet 12 and Junior Competitors who wish to Compete in a National Championship, National Series or National Cup Meeting must comply with the provisions of the KA Elite Junior Participation Policy which is available at <http://www.karting.net.au>*

POLICY

COMPETITOR REQUIREMENTS

1. Any Cadet 9, Cadet 12 or Junior Competitor who wishes to practice, qualify or race on the Track at an Elite Karting Event other than on a Saturday and/or Sunday, other than on a public holiday in that State or during School Holidays in that State will be permitted to do so on a maximum of six (6) occasions in any Year provided that they comply strictly with the following provisions:
 - a. They must seek and obtain written permission from their school principal (or authorising officer) for exemption from attending school (“**Permission**”) on the dates of the Race Meeting to allow them to participate in the Race Meeting while they would otherwise be required to be in attendance at school.



- b. Prior to participating in an on-track session at the Race Meeting other than on a Saturday and/or Sunday, or a public holiday in that State or during School Holidays in that State, they must present an original copy of the Permission to the Race Secretary or such other Official who is empowered to conduct Administration Checking for the Race Meeting.

NON-COMPLIANCE

Non-compliance with the Competitor Requirements of this Policy will result in Exclusion from the Race Meeting.

