

2020 KA Manual – Summary of Major Changes

The Board has approved the 2020 Karting Australia Manual and National Competition Rules. Following is a summary of the major changes that have been approved for implementation from 1 January 2020.

RULE NO.	RULE	COMMENT
Definitions	Disqualification	NEW defined term – Replaces Exclusion for a section of an Event or the whole Event. Alignment with the International Sporting Code of the FIA (ISC)
Definitions	Exclusion	CHANGE definition – Means permanently forbidden to take part in any Competition. Alignment with the International Sporting Code of the FIA (ISC)
Definitions	Suspension	NEW defined term Alignment with the International Sporting Code of the FIA (ISC)
Definitions	Wet Track	NEW defined term - Ties in with new Wet Track Declaration Rule
GENERAL RULES		
Chpt 4 Rule 11	Parc Fermé	CLARIFICATION that Parc Fermé is a restricted area and that entry to Parc Fermé must be approved by an Official
Chpt 4 Rule 18	Wet Track	NEW Track must be declared wet if the Track is wet at the commencement of Competition, or immediately upon the commencement of rain and it shall remain a Wet Declared Track for the remainder of that day's Competition.
Chpt 4 Rule 20 d	Judges of Fact	Judges may have assistants (in accordance with the ISC)
Chpt 4 Rule 23 b	Judge of Fact	CLARIFICATION Duties of Judges of fact have been more clearly defined - Grid Marshal, Chief Scrutineer, Tyre Tester, Fuel Tester, Starter
Chpt Rule 25	Judge of Fact	
Chpt 4 Rule 26	Judge of Fact	
Chpt 7 Rule 18	Judge of Fact	
Chpt 7 Rule 21	Judge Of Fact	
Chpt 7 Rule 4b)	Minimum Number of Officials – Club Meetings	NEW Adjustment to the minimum Grade of Clerk of Course required to run a Club Meeting and Guidance Notes for Clubs.
Chpt 8 Rule 5 u)	Misconduct Ordinary Misconduct	NEW Ordinary Misconduct: A person who engages in improper, unacceptable or disrespectful behaviour will be in breach of the Rules.
	Serious Misconduct	NEW Serious Misconduct: A person who engages in deliberate or willful behaviour that is improper, unacceptable or disrespectful, or that causes serious and imminent risk to the health and safety of a person or to the reputation of karting will be in breach of the Rules.
Chpt 9 Rule 7 c-f	Disqualification	CHANGE – Exclusion becomes Disqualification
Chpt 9 Rule 7 h	Exclusion	NEW Explanation of the requirements of Exclusion
Chpt 9 Rule 13	Recommended Minimum Penalties	CHANGE – Exclusion becomes Disqualification
Chpt 9 Rule 13	Recommended Minimum Penalties	NEW Entering Parc Fermé without permission - \$50.00 Fine (General Rules Chapter 4 Rule 1a))
Chpt 9 Rule 13	Recommended Minimum Penalties	CHANGE Failure to observe Black and white chequered flag (Competition Rules Chapter 2 Rule 4 n)) No longer a fine – Sporting Penalties

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official Practice at a Meeting: Disqualification from the next practice session or start from the rear of the grid in qualifying if the offence is the in the final Practice session. Qualifying or Race: 2 Place Penalty
Chpt 9 Rule 13	Recommended Minimum Penalties	<p>CHANGE Ducking head so as to impede vision (Competition Rules Chapter 1 Rule 13). This is a safety issue. No longer a fine – Sporting Penalties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official Practice at a Meeting: Disqualification from the next practice session or start from the rear of the grid in qualifying if the offence is the in the final Practice session. Qualifying or Race: 2 Place Penalty
Chpt 9 Rule 13	Recommended Minimum Penalties	CHANGE Competitor’s failure to wear High Visibility vest while inside the circuit - \$50.00 fine
Chpt 9 Rule 13	Recommended Minimum Penalties	<p>NEW Ordinary Misconduct</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offense committed at a Meeting: Disqualification from that section of the Event Offense committed away from a Meeting: 3 Month Suspension
Chpt 9 Rule 13	Recommended Minimum Penalties	<p>NEW Serious Misconduct</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offense committed at a Meeting: Disqualification from the Meeting plus referral to a disciplinary tribunal with a recommendation for a 12-month Suspension Offense committed away from a Meeting: 12 Month Suspension
Chpt 9 Rule 13	Recommended Minimum Penalties	NEW Breach of Parc Fermé Rules – Disqualification from that section of the Event (Technical Rules Chapter 6 Rule 3 d))
Chapter 9 Rule 13	Recommended Minimum Penalties	CLARIFICATION Starting infringement – 2 wheels out of the lane
Chapter 9 Rule 13	Recommended Minimum Penalties	CLARIFICATION Starting infringement – 4 wheels out of the lane

COMPETITION RULES		
Chpt 1 Rule 1	Consolidation Of Classes	CLARIFICATION That all classes in a consolidated race are permitted to race and overtake any drivers in the race regardless of Class or Division within the scope of the Rules
Chpt 1 Rule 11 i)	Two karts with the same number	NEW If two karts with the same number are attempted to be entered in a race, the first kart entered will get to use their preferred number
Chpt 1 Rule 22 d (ix)	Start Procedure	CLARIFICATION Drivers are to form up in 2 lines at the time that they reach the Slow Down markers
Chpt 1 rule 22 d (xiv)	Start Procedure	<p>CLARIFICATION of what constitutes a breach of the starting lane rules for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a 3 second penalty and a 10 second penalty.
Chpt 1 Rule 24 e (iii – (v)	Race Restart procedures – Full Course Yellow	NEW Single line restart must take place by using the centre lane marked on the Racetrack until the driver crosses the Control

		Line (i.e. the centre lane is the section of the Track between the side by side start lanes that are marked on the Track.)
Chpt 1 Rule 24 f	Race Restart procedures – Full Course Yellow	CHANGE Withdrawal of Slow Boards removed – See Rule 24 e (ii)
Chpt 1 Rule 26	Race Restart Procedures – Red Flag	CLARIFICATION Tidy-up and clarification of restart procedures and requirement to use the centre lane marked on the Racetrack until each kart crosses the Control Line
Chpt 4 Rule 9 (b)	Safety Training Requirements	NEW All Cadet Drivers must complete a minimum of 8 hours driver training/practice before undertaking their Observed Driving Session
TECHNICAL RULES		
Chpt 1 Rule 8 (b) (viii)	Cadet Seat	NEW Recommended that all Cadet aged drivers use a High Seat compliant with FIA standard 8873-2018 (FIA Recommendation)
Chpt 1 Rule 8 (g) (iii) 3 a.	Front Fairing	NEW The front fairing must not be modified or treated in any way.
Chapter 1 Rule 9 (b)	Engine Homologation	CLARIFICATION An engine must always comply with the Engine Homologation Document.
Chpt 4 Rule 4 (c)	Tyre Pooling	NEW Tyre pooling is no longer permitted at State Championship events.
Chpt 7 Rule 3 (g)	Driving Suits	NEW Recommended that drivers only wear CIK-FIA homologated Driving suits.
CLASS RULES		
Rotax Classes	Evo Engines	CHANGE Differentiation between EVO and Non-EVO Rotax engines in all Classes has been removed.
Chpt 16 KZ2	Prime and Option Tyre	NEW Prime Tyre - MG SM (Yellow Green) for use at AKC events Current MG FZ (Yellow) becomes the Option Tyre for the Class
Chpt 19 Vintage Rule 8 (b)	Karts and Engines - Eras	CHANGE Alignment of Eras 2, 3 and 4 with CIK stipulated eras (Requested by Vintage Committee)
Chpt 19 Vintage Rule 11	Push Start Karts	NEW Requirements for the use of a push start kart or a Quad Bike (Requested by Vintage Committee)
Chpt 20 4SS Rule 6 (b)	Carburettor	NEW The Cadet carburetor/carburetor restrictors used in Cadet 4SS is only required to be used by Cadet 9 aged drivers
Chpt 20 4SS Rule 9 (a)	Weights for Senior Supermaxx 250 engines	REVISED Supermaxx minimum weight (Senior Medium and Heavy) to be increased for parity reason (manufacturer recommendation)
Chpt 20 4SS Rule 9 (b)	Data Logging for Senior Supermaxx 250 engines	NEW Permitted
Chpt 20 4SS	Important Notes	NEW Notes for Clubs