

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT COMPETING IN KARTING COMPETITIONS IN ANOTHER COUNTRY

If you are considering competing in a Karting Competition (“**Competition**”) in another country, there are several things that you need to know.

COMPETITIONS

There are two main types of Competitions that you may be able to compete in. They are:

1. **INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS** that count towards an international Championship, Cup, Trophy, Challenge or Series which bears the name of the FIA, that are placed under the sporting supervision of the FIA in accordance with Article 2.2 of the International Sporting Code of the FIA (“**ISC**”) and included on the International Sporting Calendar of the CIK-FIA.
2. **NATIONAL COMPETITIONS** that are placed under the sole sporting supervision of an ASN, which exercises its power of regulation and organisation (including through its National Competition Rules) while respecting the general conditions of application of the ISC and that the Competition is included on the national karting calendar of an ASN.
(An ASN is a **National Sporting Authority**) – A National Club, association or federation recognised by the FIA as sole holder of sporting power in a country in accordance with Article 3.3 of the FIA Statutes).

The licensing rules for both types of Competition are very different, but they are all governed by the **ISC** and the **International Karting Licence Rules of CIK-FIA**.

This advisory document has been prepared by Karting Australia to assist appropriately credentialed drivers to understand the requirements that they must satisfy and comply with to obtain an International Licence and a Starting Permission Certificate that will enable them to compete in another country.

IMPORTANT NOTES

International Licence for International Competitions

To Compete in an International Competition, a Driver must hold an FIA-CIK International E, F or G Competition Licence issued by Karting Australia. See “FIA Karting Organised, Sanctioned or Approved Competitions” below for more details.

National Licence for National Competitions

You may be able to Compete in an event on the National Karting Calendar of another country by using your Karting Australia Driver’s Licence. See “National Events Of Another Country” below for more details.

Starting Permission

A Driver wishing to compete in another country in either an International Competition or a National Competition must, in addition to possessing the Requisite Driver’s Licence (international or national) issued by Karting Australia, apply for, and receive authorisation to participate in such Competition in the form of a formal Starting Permission Certificate issued by Karting Australia.

Karting Australia licenced Driver’s wishing to participate in a Competition entered on the National Sporting Calendar of KartSport New Zealand are required to apply to Karting Australia for and receive a **Trans-Tasman Visa**.

Unrecognised Competitions

There are some karting events conducted in different parts of the world that are not organised in conformity with the ISC or with the rules, or under the sanction of the appropriate ASN. In accordance with Article 2.1.5 of the ISC, these Competitions are considered as not being recognised (“**Unrecognised Competitions**”).

In accordance with Article 2.1.5 of the ISC, participation in an Unrecognised Competition may in no way serve to qualify Competitors to take part in a Championship, Cup, Trophy, Challenge or Series validly registered on the calendar of an ASN or on the International Sporting Calendar.

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IMPORTANT ISC ARTICLES

ISC Article 2.6

Licencing – General Principles

- No one may take part in a Competition if they do not possess a Licence issued by their Parent ASN, or a Licence issued by an ASN other than their Parent ASN with the consent of their Parent ASN.
- The principle that will apply in all cases is that any applicant who qualifies for a Licence within the terms of the Code and the applicable sporting and technical rules shall be entitled to such a Licence.
- Each ASN shall issue Licences in compliance with the FIA regulations.

ISC Article 9.2

Issuing of Licences

- Driver's Licences and Competitor's Licences may be issued by the ASN (Karting Australia).
- Karting Australia is authorised to issue International Licences for Australian nationals.
- An ASN or the FIA may refuse to issue a Licence to an applicant who does not meet the national or international criteria applicable to the Licence applied for.

ISC Article 9.10

Entries in Unrecognised Competitions

- Only those National Competitions appearing on the calendar of the ASN concerned are officially recognised.
- Only those International Competitions, appearing on the International Sporting Calendar posted on the Internet site www.fia.com are officially recognised.

FIA KARTING ORGANISED, SANCTIONED OR APPROVED COMPETITIONS

(Events included on the International Sporting Calendar of the CIK-FIA.)

Article 3.2 of the "CIK-FIA International Drivers Licences for Karting Drivers & Code Of Driving Conduct" states:

"To participate in any Competition entered on the International Sporting Calendar of the CIK-FIA, a Driver must hold a Karting Driver's International Licence."

If you are the holder of an Australian Passport (for international travel), you MUST have been issued with an International Karting Driver's Licence issued by Karting Australia if you want to compete in a Competition that is entered on the International Sporting Calendar of the CIK-FIA.

Karting Australia issues International Licences to Australian nationals accordance with the relevant provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA ("ISC") and Article 3.2 of the "CIK-FIA International Drivers Licences for Karting Drivers & Code Of Driving Conduct".

NATIONAL EVENTS OF ANOTHER COUNTRY

You may be able to compete in an event on the **National Karting Calendar of another country** by using your Karting Australia Driver's Licence.

You must check the Regulations for the event in which you want to race to ensure that the Organisers will accept entries from Licence holders from another country. You will need approval of the foreign ASN to compete in a National event.

If you are allowed to race in their event, you will need to obtain written Approval to compete Abroad on a Domestic Licence from Karting Australia - authorisation to participate in such Competition in the form of a formal Starting Permission Certificate issued by Karting Australia before you place your entry for the event.

- To do that, you will need to complete an **Application for Permission to Compete Abroad on a Domestic Licence** Form and return it to us along with payment of the appropriate fee.
- You should allow one month for the Starting Permission Certificate to be processed and returned to you.

While competing overseas, you will not have any insurance coverage from Karting Australia.

- You should check with the Organiser of the event/s in which you will be competing to confirm the level of insurance coverage (if any) they have in place that will cover you.

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- We strongly advise you to arrange your own insurance, being mindful of the level of coverage and its inclusions/exclusions such as transportation costs if you need to be transported back to Australia, level of coverage, imposed limits of coverage and all other considerations.

If you would like more information on National Competitions and what is expected of Drivers from another country who want to compete abroad please refer to ISC Article 2.3.

Please see the “**Guidelines to Apply For or Renew an International Licence**”. This will take you through the process of applying for your first International Karting Licence or renewing your previous International Karting Licence and permission to Compete.

References

Karting Australia

National Competition Rules (the “NCR”): <https://www.karting.net.au/administration/rules>

- Definitions: CIK-FIA, Competition, Competition Licence, FIA, International Competition, Licence, NCR, Rules
- Administrative Procedures – A2 General Principles
- General Rules Chapter 1, Rule Nos. 5, 6, 24, 35
- General Rules Chapter 2
- Competition Rules Chapter 4 Rule Nos. 16, 19
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FIA and FIA Karting

- FIA International Sporting Code (the “ISC”): [FIA International Sporting Code](#)
- FIA Karting International Sporting Regulations: [FIA Karting - Sporting Regulations](#)