

PUBLISHED NOVEMBER 22

GET STARTED

IN KARTING



KARTING
AUSTRALIA

#RacingStartsHere

#GirlsRaceToo



WHY KARTING?

Karting is fast, family fun!



People of all ages can enjoy karting with children as young as six* getting behind the wheel.

Karting is an awesome sport that is safe for kids and adults alike. Safety is our highest consideration. Today's karts and tracks are the safest they have ever been, meaning kids and adults can have the absolute best time around the track.

Karts and different powered engines are available for kids and adults, ensuring everyone is in a kart appropriate for their size and experience.

GIRLS RACE TOO!

Motorsport has been long considered as a male-dominated sport, however, it is continually becoming the scene where more girls and women are lining up on the grid.



#GIRLSRACETOO

#WOMENINKARTING

@WOMENINKARTING

**Kids can drive and practice at six years old and can race once they turn seven!*



JUNIOR SPROCKETS

The **SP Tools Junior Sprockets** program is a participation initiative developed by Karting Australia to provide kids aged 6 - 12 with the chance to experience the thrill and excitement of driving an authentic racing kart in a safe and controlled environment.

The program includes a gift bag containing karting goodies, including some cool merchandise AND a free 12 month Karting Australia practice licence to assist your budding racer to get started in karting and with their transition into competitive karting!

The **Junior Sprockets Plus** program is designed for those kids who are actively involved in karting and understand the basics. The program has been tailored to focus on driving techniques and race craft to provide current licence holders with a boost in their racing.

PLACES ARE LIMITED, TO BOOK YOUR CHILD IN OR FIND FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE JUNIOR SPROCKETS PROGRAM, PLEASE VISIT

www.karting.net.au/junior-sprockets
or @juniorsprockets on Facebook





GIVE KARTING A "TEST DRIVE"

Karting is a fun, family friendly sport. Karters young and old are always happy to help out newcomers.

There are more than 60 Karting Australia Clubs in Australia! Head down to one of your local clubs to find out more. Ask questions, meet the people and get a feel for the sport.

BRING A MATE

As the name suggests, the Bring a Mate program is designed to let people who've never raced a kart before experience the thrill of karting in a safe, controlled environment and is open to:

- a currently licensed junior or senior driver who will allow their mate to use their equipment and,
- a friend or acquaintance of the licensed driver who is interested in giving karting a "test drive".

Contact your local Karting Australia Club to find out when their next "Bring A Mate" day is scheduled.



FIND A CLUB



THE SPORT OF KARTING

Many people associate karting with young drivers, but adults are also very active in karting.

Our oldest club member is 80 years young and we have kids as young as six on the track!



KARTING PLEDGE

"On behalf of the Australian Karting Community, we call out behaviour that undermines our commitment to drive a culture of RESPECT FOR KARTING and ALL WHO PARTICIPATE IN OUR SPORT. We will not tolerate abuse directed towards Drivers, Teams, Officials, Administrators or Volunteer, so that we can create a safe community, free of bad behaviour, where people want to participate and where FUN is paramount."

Karting teaches children – both boys and girls – driving skills well before they are able to obtain their road licence.

Karting is competitive, but it is also **fun and family friendly**, with involvement in the sport both on and off the track giving it a strong feeling of **community**. For those aiming at a career in motorsport, almost everyone who races cars started racing in Karts – it's the best fun you will have on four wheels.

Race meetings take place at tracks across Australia most weekends of the year at four levels – Club, Zonal, State or National.

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO RACE YOU CAN BE A RECREATIONAL KARTER, DRIVING JUST FOR FUN, OR BECOME AN OFFICIAL AND HAVE THE BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE!

HOW TO START IN KART RACING

Head Out To A Karting Club

Karting is a friendly, family-orientated sport and karters young and old are always happy to help out newcomers.

Make sure you ask lots of questions of members of your kart club, state association and local kart shop. It is often a good idea to plan your first trip to the kart track with your kart with someone you know so that they can help you with any questions you may have.

Also, while at the circuit feel free to ask other competitors any questions. So often, the friends you make in karting will be friends for life.

Apply for a Licence

Joining a Karting Australia Affiliated Club will give you access to that club's circuit for practice, as well as allowing you to participate in any Club championship, social events, working bees and other club activities.

Visit the Club Finder section on Karting Australia website (karting.net.au) to find the Karting Australia Club nearest to you.

You can then join your chosen Karting Australia Club online through the Licences and Entries section on karting.net.au.

ALL LICENCE ENQUIRIES PHONE 1300 30 5278

JOINING A CLUB AND OBTAINING A LICENCE IS ALL DONE IN THIS ONE PLACE ON THE WEBSITE. YOU CAN CHECK OUT THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF LICENCES (INCLUDING THE RECREATIONAL LICENCE BY SCANNING THE QR CODE.



HOW TO START IN KART RACING

Purchase a Kart

Prior to purchasing your kart, it is highly recommended that you **talk to you local Club** to ensure you are purchasing the appropriate kart to suit your needs.

There are kart shops and karting businesses right across Australia. Your new Club will be able to help you find the one that provides the best value for money advice and service for people who are entering the sport.

Most will have new and second hand options for you.

We don't recommend that you buy your first kart off websites such as Ebay, Gumtree or any other places on the internet. You need to be sure that the kart and engine that you are buying is in good condition, is suitable for your age group and Class that you will be looking to compete in.

Safety Gear

Most kart retailers will also offer a range of safety gear.

You will need a full face helmet, race suit, racing boots, gloves and other safety gear such as padded rib vests and neck braces.

As well as kart retailers, motorsport racegear shops carry ranges of karting gear.



FIND A KART CLUB NEAR YOU



Click the QR Code to get local karting club contact details.

NORTHERN TERRITORY

- Darwin Karting Association

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- Albany Go Kart Club
- Bunbury City Kart Club
- Esperance Kart Club
- Exmouth Kart Club
- Geraldton (Midwest Kart Club)
- Hedland Kart Club
- Kalgoorlie (Eastern Goldfields Kart Club)
- Karratha Kart Club
- Lake King Kart Club
- Mt Tom Price (Impala Kart Club)
- Newman Kart Club
- Wanneroo and Cockburn (Tiger Kart Club)
- Wundowie (Hurricane Go Kart Club)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

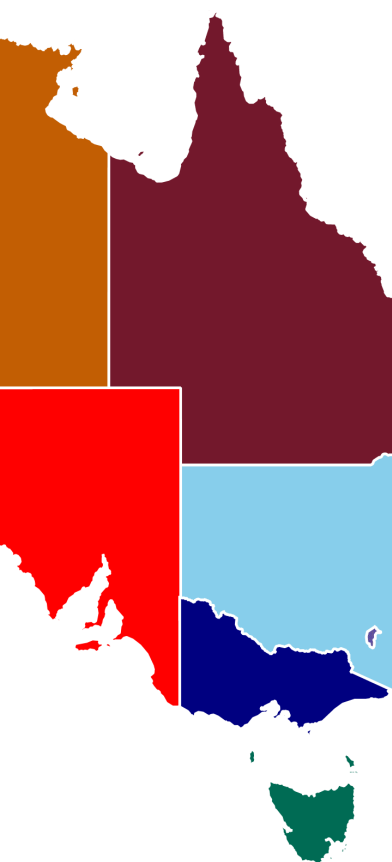
- Bolivar (Southern Go Kart Club)
- Monarto (Go Kart Club of SA)
- Mount Gambier Kart Club
- Nuriootpa (Barossa Go Kart Club)
- Whyalla Go Kart Club

TASMANIA

- Burnie (North Western Kart Club)
- Hobart (Southern Tasmanian Kart Club)
- Launceston Kart Club
- Smithton (Circular Head Kart Club)

Call 1300 30 5278 For more info

STARTING NEAR YOU



QUEENSLAND

- Bundaberg Kart Club
- Cairns & District Kart Racing Club
- Charters Towers (Towers Kart Club)
- Emerald Kart Club
- Gladstone Kart Club
- Gold Coast Kart Club
- Gympie (Coolooloa Coast Kart Club)
- Ipswich Kart Club
- Mount Isa Go Kart Club
- Qld Vintage and Historic Karting
- Toowoomba Kart Club
- Townsville Kart Club
- Warwick Kart Club
- Whitsunday Motor Sport Club

NEW SOUTH WALES

- Bega (Sapphire Coast Kart Club)
- Classic Kart Club
- Coffs Harbour Kart Racing Club
- Greater Sydney Kart Club
- Lismore Kart Club
- Newcastle Kart Racing Club
- Port Macquarie Kart Racing Club
- Toowoomba Kart Club

VICTORIA

- Albury-Wodonga Kart Club
- Bairnsdale Kart Club
- Ballarat Kart Club
- Bendigo Kart Club
- Cobden (South West Kart Club)
- Gippsland Kart Club
- Hamilton Kart Club
- Historic Kart Club
- Mildura Kart Club
- Numurkah (Goulburn Valley Kart Club)
- Oakleigh Go Kart Racing Club
- Pt Melbourne (Go Kart Club of Victoria)
- Portland Kart Club
- Rochester Kart Club
- Seymour (Eastern Lions Kart Club)
- Swan Hill Kart Club
- Warrnambool Kart Club
- Wimmera Kart Club

ormation

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS



Full face helmet with clear visor.



One piece driving suit.



Gloves that resist abrasion and provide full finger protection.



Racing Boots.



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



All children must wear a rib protector.



It is highly recommended that all children wear a neck brace.



*** Note: Due to material safety specifications, driving suits designed for race car competitions are NOT suitable for kart racing.*



INTRODUCTORY CLASSES

| Age | Class | Engine Type | Engine Name | Approximate HP | Tyres | Maintenance Level |
|-------------|----------------|-------------|---|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 6-9 Years | Cadet 4SS | Four Stroke | Torini Club Max | 9 | Vega VAH / Maxxis Supers Sport | Low |
| 9-12 Years | Cadet 4SS | | | 9 | | |
| 12-15 Years | Junior 4SS | | | 10 | | |
| 15 Years + | Senior 4SS | | | 10 | | |
| 6-9 Years | Cadet 9 | Two Stroke | Air-cooled Vortex Mini Rok [restricted] | 7.6 | Maxxis KA Cadet | Medium |
| 9-12 Years | Cadet 12 | | Air-cooled Vortex Mini Rok | 10 | | |
| 12-15 Years | KA3 Junior | | Air-cooled IAME KA100 [restricted] | 16 | Le Cont LH03 | |
| 15 Years + | KA3 Senior | | Air-cooled IAME KA100 | 22 | | |
| 15 Years + | Restricted 125 | | 125cc water-cooled two-stroke | 22 | | |

THE NEXT LEVEL OF KARTING

After developing their karting skills in the classes mentioned in the past few pages, junior and senior drivers have the ability to graduate to more powerful karts/engines should they desire.

For junior driver, the higher levels of karting include classes such as the elite KA2 class.

For the senior driver, the higher levels of karting include the TaG 125 class that utilises unrestricted 125cc water-cooled engines such as IAME X30, PRD Galaxy, Vortex Rok GP, Rotax 125 and the elite KZ2 Gearbox Class.

FAQ'S

How much does karting cost?

The cost of karting varies depending on the level of competition you are looking to compete at. Once the initial purchase of a kart, safety equipment and a trailer/vehicle to transport your kart is complete, at an entry and Club level, budgeting a few hundred dollars per event is sufficient.

How old do I have to be to start karting?

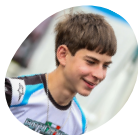
Drivers, both boys and girls, can start driving at the age of six years old and have their first race at seven years old. Karting is a sport enjoyed by people of all ages.

Where do I buy a kart?

It is always recommended that you purchase karts, engines and equipment from a reputable karting retailer to ensure that the kart is suitable for your age, size and experience, along with complying with all Karting Australia rules.

How often can I race?

Most Clubs across the country host events once per month, however, there are also opportunities to race at neighbouring Clubs. When first starting out, we encourage you to complete some Social Karting Days at your local Club before embarking on your first race.



FAQ'S

Can I share a kart with another person?

If they are of the same age group as you, there is no issue with two Drivers sharing karts in different Classes. However, it will only be able to be used by one person in each Class.

What are the safety requirements for racing a kart?

Please see all of the details on page 9 or consult your local kart retailer to get advice on all of the safety equipment that you'll require.

How fast do they go?

The speed of a kart depends on the age group. As a young Cadet driver, the top speed is approximately 80 km/h while Junior and Senior Drivers reach speeds closer to 100 km/h. These speeds depend on the size of the track.

Can you race at a track if you're not a member?

All Drivers need to hold a Karting Australia licence to either practice or race at a Karting Australia track.



THE OFFICIAL STUFF!

Things We Hope You'll Never Need But Do Need To Know...

Safety

Karting Australia circuits and racetracks are required to be built and maintained in line with Karting Australia's Circuit Regulations and Guidelines.

They are regularly inspected and licenced by accredited Circuit Inspectors.

Insurance

Karting Australia provides the highest quality and the highest levels of insurance cover of any karting association in Australia.

Our partnership with Gallagher, a world leader in sports insurance has enabled us to create safer sporting environments for all members of the karting community.

Every Licenced Driver, Official and Club Volunteer are fully insured whenever they are participating in approved competition and recreational karting on one of our Club circuits.

Public Liability insurance and general accident insurance comes with your Licence.

LICENCING 

Cadet 9
From 6th birthday until the date of 10th birthday [Conditions apply for a person between their sixth (6th) birthday and seventh (7th) birthday].

Cadet 12
Aged in the calendar year of 9th birthday until the date of 13th birthday.

Junior
Aged in the calendar year of 12th birthday until the date of 16th birthday.

Senior
Aged in the calendar year of 15th birthday and over [Conditions apply for a person in the year of their 15th birthday until their fifteenth birthday].

A Licence
Must have previously held a B grade Licence

B Licence
Must have previously held a C grade Licence

C Licence
Must have previously held a D grade Licence

D Licence
New licence applicants

E Licence
Recreational/Social

A Driver can only obtain one (1) licence endorsement at a Meeting

Participants Licence
Parent/Guardian (who don't hold a licence) of a child under 18 years)

Pit Crew Licence
For persons including mechanics, pit crew, parents and guardians who seek require access to the Circuit, the in grid, the out grid, scrutineering, and Parc Fermé areas. These licences are only required for National Championship and National Series Meetings

Vintage Licence
For over 15 years

ON TRACK INFO!

Detailed below is a summary of many of the flags used in Karting Australia events.



GREEN FLAG

All Clear. Can also be used if necessary to signal the start of warm up laps or practice sessions.

GREEN WITH YELLOW CHEVRON FLAG

Restart. Reform on Track. To be used by the Starter and /or Clerk of the Course in the event of an error of judgement by the Starter.



RED AND WHITE CHEQUERED FLAG

False start or no start, return to pits.

YELLOW FLAG

Danger ahead. Reduce speed, do not overtake and be prepared to change direction. Hazard ahead.



BLUE FLAG

You are about to be lapped by one or more Competitors.

RED FLAG

All racing must cease. No overtaking is permitted. Drivers will indicate by raising their arm and return to the grid at slow speed.



BLACK AND WHITE WITH DIAGONAL JOIN

Displayed with a panel with the Driver's Kart number displayed. Unsportsmanlike behaviour must report to the Clerk of the Course immediately after race.

BLACK AND ORANGE FLAG

Displayed with panel with Driver's Kart number. Kart may have a mechanical/safety problem or does not comply with Rules. Driver must return to in grid safely immediately following completion of next lap.



BLACK FLAG

Displayed with panel which shows Kart number. If Driver receives black flag they must return to the in grid immediately following completion of the next lap. The Driver may not re-enter the race.

BLACK AND WHITE CHEQUERED

Black and white chequered flag indicates the end of the race.



SEE YOU AT THE START LINE!



RACE CALENDAR!



CONTACT

Karting Australia



media@karting.net.au



www.karting.net.au



@kartingaus



@kartingaustralia
