

2019 KARTING JUDICIAL REGULATIONS – CIK Judicial Trial

At the December meeting of Motor Sports Council the following changes to the karting judicial process were approved and subsequently ratified by the Motorsport UK Board.

Where a regulation is not amended hereunder the Motorsport UK regulations apply.
The summary of mandatory penalties are also attached.

IN SUMMARY

- The Stewards of the Meeting are the first line of the judicial process and neither the decision for imposing a penalty, nor the penalty itself, is eligible to further Appeal;
- Penalties in line with the Mandatory Penalty Summary;
- The Race Director/Clerk of the Course may impose a penalty following a statement from a Judge of Fact; and
- The Race Director/Clerk of the Course will now be responsible for the signing of Competition Licences.

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SECTION C

C2.1.11. For short circuit kart race meetings all judicial duties are defined in (U)21.

C2.3.1. At short circuit kart races, where a licensed timekeeper is not present a time penalty cannot be applied, but a competitor may be moved back up to five places in the results in lieu of a time penalty. Where a licensed timekeeper is present either a time penalty or place penalty may be imposed. Any such penalty, in line with the karting mandatory penalties, is not eligible for appeal against either the decision for imposing the penalty or the penalty itself.

C2.3.2. At short circuit kart race meetings a competitor, who ~~after a hearing convened by the Clerk of the Course,~~ is deemed to have gained an unfair advantage or has disadvantaged another competitor by the manner of his driving will be penalised by a time penalty of up to 10 seconds, or a Position Penalty of up to 5 places, or 1 lap, in the results of that race or timed qualifying, and such penalty is not eligible for appeal against either the decision for imposing the penalty or the penalty itself. This penalty does not preclude further action under 1.1.5. if deemed necessary after the hearing.

C2.3.4. At short circuit kart race meetings a competitor with the front fairing not affixed precisely in accordance with U17.5.5 when he arrives in Parc Ferme will be penalised with a ~~10~~ 5 second penalty (3 places if there is no licensed Timekeeper) in the results of that Race or, if during timed qualifying, deletion of their fastest lap time. This will be imposed automatically by the Clerk of the Course upon receipt of the statement received from the Judge of Fact and is not eligible for appeal against either the decision for imposing the penalty or the penalty itself. This penalty does not preclude further action under 1.1.5 if deemed necessary. The mechanical failure flag will not be shown to a driver whose front fairing is no longer in the correct position.

C6.1.1. Any Entrant or Competitor shall have the Right of Appeal to the Stewards of the Meeting against any penalty or decision given by the Clerk of the Course or another Official of the Meeting except that there shall be no Right of Appeal against the report of a Judge of Fact, with the exception of reports from Eligibility Judges of Fact which may be appealed under C.6.1.3 and/or C.7.2. For short circuit kart race meetings neither the decision for imposing a penalty nor the penalty itself, are eligible for appeal (except as provided for in (U)21).

C7.3. Effect of Giving Notice of Appeal.

C7.3.1. The lodging of an Appeal against a decision of the Clerk of the Course, or the giving of Notice of Intention to Appeal against a decision of the Stewards of the Meeting, does not suspend any penalty that may have been applied or endorsed, during the Meeting out of which the decision has arisen. Thus no Competitor may continue to compete 'under appeal'.

SECTION G

G2.1. Subject only to the exceptions in (U)21, the Stewards of the Meeting act as the second judicial body at any event, and are responsible for hearing and adjudicating upon any Appeal against a decision by the Clerk of the Course or other Official.

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G2.1.6. At all times the Stewards of the meeting should act through the Clerk of the Course.

G 2.4.13. Sign the Upgrade Cards of short circuit Kart competitors, for meetings where the Clerk of the Course retains responsibility for judicial duties, as may be required for upgrading a competition licence. The following conditions will need to be met before a signature may be given on Kart Upgrade. Cards:

- a) A competitor must perform satisfactorily, throughout the day, at competitive speeds, and must not receive any adverse reports regarding his driving. Competitors may not necessarily have completed the Final on the day
- b) Not more than one signature per meeting
- c) Kart Endurance events do not qualify for upgrading signatures
- d) Tyro Kart events do not qualify for upgrading signatures.

G5.2.19. (3.1, H.13, Q.4.2). Sign competition licence Upgrade Cards (except in respect of short circuit Kart Races where the Clerk of the Course retains responsibility for judicial duties, with the exception of Long Circuit Karting). As a guide, the following conditions will need to be met before a signature is given:

- a) A driver must perform satisfactorily at competitive speeds and must not receive any adverse reports regarding his driving
- b) In races up to 10 laps the driver must be classified as a finisher. In some cases, particularly where a race includes several classes of widely differing performances, a driver need not complete the full distance of the race
- c) In races over 10 laps the driver must complete at least 10 laps
- d) There must be at least 10 starters
- e) A high-speed trial will qualify as a race for the purposes of signing of Upgrade Cards
- f) Not more than two signatures (one per race) per driver may be given at any one car race or Long Circuit Kart meeting (H.13)
- g) If a Clerk of the Course refuses to sign a Upgrade Card, a driver concerned may Appeal to the Stewards as provided for in Section C.
- h) For Endurance Races where a driver has satisfactorily completed at least one hour of driving time, they may receive two signatures.

G5.3. Subject only to the exceptions in (U)21, the Clerk of the Course acts as the sport's first judicial body. The Clerk, or his Deputy except in very serious cases, has the power to impose penalties in accordance with C.2.1.1 (excluding Suspension and Exclusion), and the following:....

SECTION U

Clerk of the Course

U4.2. The duties of the Clerk of the Course, who must hold a licence valid for the grade of the meeting, are specified in 21 and G.5.

U4.2.1. A Clerk of the Course will normally have only one Deputy at any meeting.

4.2.2. Details of the upgrading procedure for Kart Clerks of the Course are given in Section G.23.

U4.2.3. The Clerk of the Course will also be responsible for observing all Competitors at any events where the Stewards of the Meeting are responsible for all judicial duties, and, if satisfied with their competence, signing their licences.

Stewards

U4.10. The organising club is responsible for the appointment of two Event Stewards, whose duties are detailed in 21 and G.2.

U4.10.1. The MSA will also appoint a Steward (whose duties are also detailed in G.2 and 21) who will also be responsible for observing all Competitors (including novices), where the Clerk of the Course is responsible for all judicial duties, and, if satisfied with their competence, signing their licences.

U4.10.2. Attention is drawn to G.1.

U21. Judicial

U21.1. Clubman Short Circuit Kart events: The Clerk of the Course is responsible for all judicial duties, with the exception of meetings as specifically authorised by Motorsport UK for the Stewards of the Meeting to have judicial responsibility

U21.1.1. Neither the decision for imposing any penalty nor the penalty itself, during any timed qualifying or heats, is eligible for appeal.

U21.1.2. Any permitted appeal to the Stewards of the Meeting, from decisions in the final(s), will not be eligible for further appeal to the National Court.

U21.2. For National 'B' and above status short circuit Kart events: The Stewards of the Meeting are responsible for all judicial duties as well as at any Clubman meeting where specific authority has been given by Motorsport UK.

U21.2.1. Neither the decision for imposing any penalty nor the penalty itself is eligible for appeal.

U21.2.2. Any penalty resulting from a Judge of Fact statement may be imposed directly by the Clerk of the Course.

APPENDIX 4

Clerk of the Course

2. With the exception of short circuit kart race meetings (U)21, the Clerk of the Course is the first judicial authority in any competition and deals with any protests from Competitors or adverse reports from Observers, Scrutineers or Technical Commissioners, Judges of Fact, etc. Whenever possible Competitors should be given the opportunity to explain their side of the matter, and after considering all relevant reports, the Clerk of the Course will make a decision.

The various time limits for lodging Protests are given in C.5.2. These may be extended by the Clerk of the Course in exceptional circumstances. Joint Protests are not accepted, but more than one individual Protest may be accepted on the same grounds. Protests must be in writing, signed and accompanied by the appropriate fee.

The Clerk of the Course's decision will normally be given verbally, and confirmed in writing. If an offence is found to have been committed, the Clerk should state which rules have been breached, what actions or penalties have been applied, and the time that the verbal decision was notified to the Competitor. The Competitor concerned has 30 minutes if he wishes to Appeal against the Clerk's decision. Any Appeal, which must be in writing and accompanied by the appropriate deposit, will be heard as soon as practicable by the Stewards of the Meeting.

Stewards of the Meeting

3. With the exception of short circuit kart race meetings (U)21, the Stewards of the Meeting are the second judicial body at any competition. They will hear any Appeals arising out of a decision of the Clerk of the Course or of any other Official of the meeting. The Stewards decision will normally be final, and can only be appealed to the National Court, in accordance with C.7.1.