

## REGULATION CHANGES FOR CONSULTATION

Committee:	Kart Committee
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### Section U

#### Existing Regulation

*No existing regulation*

#### 16.19

The front and full side of any side tank must be protected by a single tube of adequate strength (minimum diameter of 15mm), which must not be in contact with the tank at any point, and must not present any sharp ends.

#### 16.19.1

Along the side of the tank this tube must be parallel to the ground and 25mm above the rear axle centre.

#### 16.19.2

Between the rear end of the tube and the chassis, a plate shall be mounted to prevent any backward movement of the tank.

#### 16.19.3

Irrespective of any other method of fixing, the tank shall be held in place by a strap.

#### Proposed Regulation

**(U)16.6.6.** Mechanical fixings with more than three threads protruding on the underside of the floor tray are not permitted.

**Reason:** Safety. To prevent potential injuries from exposed threads in 'ride-over' incidents

**Implementation: 01 January 2014**

#### **(U)16.19. Delete**

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~~Irrespective of any other method of fixing, the tank shall be held in place by a strap.~~

**Reason:** Out of date reference to side tanks, which are no longer in use.

**Implementation: 01 January 2014**

**17.10.2**

Not be located inside the vertical plane through the two external edges of the wheels (with the front wheels in the straight ahead position) by more than 40mm.

**(U)17.10.2.** Not **have the outermost point of the external face** be located inside the vertical plane through the two external edges of the wheels (with the front wheels in the straight ahead position) by more than 40mm.

**Reason:** Clarification. Current wording does not account for pods with curved faces.

**Implementation: 01 January 2014**

**17.26.1**

The plates must be square with sides of 25cm.

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**17.26.2**

The numbers must be 20cm high with a minimum stroke of 3cm.

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**Reason:** Clarification. Recently amended wording defines one specific size, which cannot be achieved when using a standard 'Arial' font and the defined stroke width.

**Implementation: 01 January 2014**

**Section (H)**

**H13.2.3.** If you want to upgrade your licence and you are already in possession of a current 2013 Competition Licence, please detach and complete the white licence amendment card contained in the Year Book and forward it, together with your 2013 Competition Licence and any other appropriate licences and/or Upgrade Card containing the necessary signatures with the required payment to the Licence Section. The payment is calculated as the difference between the cost of the existing licence and the new licence plus the upgrading fee as detailed in Appendix 1. A request for an upgrading signature has to be made to the organisers, and if the results of the event show that the driver's performance was satisfactory, his/her Upgrade Card will be signed by the Clerk of the Course in the space provided. In the case of Kart Races, only the MSA Steward of the Meeting is empowered to sign and only one signature per meeting is permitted, (Kart Endurance, Kart Tyro or Bambino Kart signatures are not accepted to upgrade a Kart Race Licence). A maximum of two signatures may be obtained at a car race or long circuit meeting. In exceptional circumstances only, documentary evidence, such as printed official results sheets may be considered as proof of performance for upgrading. Results which predate the competitors last upgrade will only be accepted where the total number of results obtained is sufficient to meet the upgrade criteria from the basic competition licence for that discipline to that being sought.

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**Reason:** Clarification. The provision for 2 L/C Kart signatures is new for 2013 and "Kart" was incorrectly omitted from the approved wording  
**Implementation: Immediate.**

## Current Regulation

### Section (G)

**(G)5.2.19.** (3.1, H.13, Q.4.2). Sign competition licence Upgrade Cards (except in respect of Kart Races). As a guide, the following conditions will need to be met before a signature is given:

- a) A Competitor must perform satisfactorily at competitive speeds and must not receive any adverse reports regarding his driving
- b) In races up to 10 laps the Competitor must be classified as a finisher. In some cases, particularly where a race includes several classes of widely differing performances, a Competitor need not complete the full distance of the race
- c) In races over 10 laps the 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 Competitor may be given at any one car race meeting (H.13)
- g) If a Clerk of the Course refuses to sign a Upgrade Card, the Competitor concerned may Appeal to the Stewards as provided for in Section C.

**6.2.** A Yellow/Black quartered flag may be introduced by the Clerk of the Course at Short Circuit Kart Race meetings only, following a report from an Observer.

**6.2.1.** The flag will first be displayed at the start/finish line and then in trackwise order at all flag posts.

**6.2.2.** On passing the flag at the start/finish line, the race leader must slow down to a steady pace (as on a rolling start) and all competing Karts must line up in order behind the leader who will act as the pace setter.

**6.2.3.** No overtaking is Permitted.

**6.2.4.** The field will remain in close formation, at reduced speed, for as long as it takes to clear the obstruction or remove the hazard.

**6.2.5.** Competitors who fail to slow down sufficiently or who overtake under the Yellow/Black flag may be excluded or otherwise penalised.

## Proposed Regulation

**(G)5.2.19.** (3.1, H.13, Q.4.2). Sign competition licence Upgrade Cards (except in respect of Kart Races, **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 Competitor must perform satisfactorily at competitive speeds and must not receive any adverse reports regarding his driving
- b) In races up to 10 laps the Competitor must be classified as a finisher. In some cases, particularly where a race includes several classes of widely differing performances, a Competitor need not complete the full distance of the race
- c) In races over 10 laps the 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 Competitor 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, the Competitor concerned may Appeal to the Stewards as provided for in Section C.

**Reason:** The provision for 2 signatures (new in 2013) although provided for in Section (H) was not in Section (G) and the responsibilities were therefore not updated. Further as Long Circuit Karting is a Race Circuit activity it is suggested that the conditions for signing of upgrade cards for Circuit Racing would be more relevant, this in turn transfers the responsibility of signing L/C Kart upgrade signatures from the MSA Steward to the Clerk of the Course.

**Implementation: 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014.**

**(U)6.2.** A Yellow/Black quartered flag may be introduced by the Clerk of the Course at Short Circuit Kart Race meetings ~~only, following a report from an Observer.~~

**(U)6.2.1.** The flag will **be waved and** first be displayed at the start/finish line and then ~~in trackwise order~~ **will flow around the circuit in both directions, as an adjacent post displays their waved flag at all flag posts.**

**(U)6.2.2.** **Upon display of the Yellow/Black quartered** ~~On passing the flag at the start/finish line, the race leader~~ **all Karts** must slow down to a steady pace (as on a rolling start) and ~~all competing Karts~~ must line up in order behind the leader who will act as the pace setter.

**(U)6.2.3.** No overtaking is Permitted.

**(U)6.2.4.** The field will remain in close formation, at reduced speed, for as long as it takes to clear the obstruction or remove the hazard.

**(U)6.2.5.** Competitors who fail to slow down sufficiently or who overtake under the Yellow/Black flag may be excluded or otherwise penalised.

**6.2.6.** When the Clerk of the Course is satisfied that the problem is resolved, the race will be resumed by a Green Flag at the start/finish line and the simultaneous withdrawal of all Yellow/Black flags around the circuit.

**(U)6.2.6.** When the Clerk of the Course is satisfied that the problem is resolved, the **Yellow/Black quartered flag will become stationary at the start/finish line and will then become stationary at all corresponding marshals posts around the circuit, which signifies that the Green Flag is to be displayed. The race will be resumed by the display of a Green Flag at the start/finish line and the simultaneous withdrawal of all Yellow/Black flags around the circuit. Overtaking remains strictly forbidden until having passed the green flag on the start and finish line.**

**Reason:** To provide for a clear method to inform drivers when racing will resume, the basis of which has been drawn from the operation of a Safety Car in Circuit Racing.

**Implementation: 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015.**