

## REGULATION CHANGES FOR CONSULTATION

Committee:	Kart Committee
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### Current Regulation

#### Section (U)

**U7.8.** When the starter is satisfied that the karts are approaching the start line in correct formation, the starting signal will be given by a Red/Green light signal, or by raising the National flag

**U7.8.1.** It is an offence to break formation before crossing the start line itself and may result in the offender being moved to the back of the grid or otherwise penalised. Such penalties will not incur points or be recorded on the competition licence record.

**U7.8.2.** For standing starts, Karts will stop on their correct grid positions. When the starter is satisfied the start signal will be given.

**U7.8.3.** Where the optional track markings are used (7.5.1) the Clerk of the Course must make reference to their use in the drivers briefing. When used the start signal will not be given before the Yellow Line. The karts approaching the Start Line must remain in formation, at approximately half race speed (which will be set by the pole sitter) and be driven within the set of two metre lines appropriate to their side of the grid. It will be deemed an offence to accelerate in any way before the Yellow Line or drive outside the marked lines.

### Proposed Regulation

**U7.8.** When the starter is satisfied that the karts are approaching the start line in correct formation, the starting signal will be given by **extinguishing the red light** ~~a Red/Green light signal~~, or by raising the National flag. **If a further lap is required the lights will remain or the flag will not be raised.**

**U7.8.1. For Long Circuit Only.** It is an offence to break formation before crossing the start line itself and may result in the offender being moved to the back of the grid or otherwise penalised. Such penalties will not incur points or be recorded on the competition licence record.

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**Reason:** To permit short circuit karters the ability to make full use of the track once the start lights are extinguished. In addition guidance notes will be available for Clerks to instruct their starter in order to achieve a higher degree of consistency.

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

## Current Regulation

### Cadet Class

**15.1.** Class for 8-13 year-olds.

**15.1.1.** A Competitor may continue in the Class until 31st December in the year of their 13th birthday, but may not move up before their 11th birthday.

**15.1.2.** A Cadet who is no longer a Novice (14.1.2) may move to the Super Cadet Class on or after their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**15.1.3.** Having moved into a Junior class, they may not revert to Cadet.

### Super Cadet

**15.1.4.** A Novice (14.1.2.) Competitor may enter the Super Cadet Class in the year of their 11th birthday and continue in the Class until 31st December in the year of their 14th birthday, but may not move to a Junior Class before their 11th birthday.

### Junior Classes

**15.2.** A Novice (14.1.2) Competitor may enter the Junior Class from their 11th birthday and continue until 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year of their 17th birthday.

**15.2.1.** A Junior who is no longer a Novice (14.1.2) may transfer to any Senior Class (subject to the SRs of that Class so Permitting) at any time during the year of their 16th birthday.

**15.2.2.** They may not however compete in Gearbox Karts until their 13th birthday (subject to individual Class regulations).

**15.2.3.** Once a Junior transfers to an MSA Senior Class, they may not revert to Juniors.

### Senior Classes

**15.3.** A Novice (14.1.2) Competitor may transfer to a Senior Class from their 16th birthday.

**15.3.1.** Once a Junior transfers to an MSA Senior Class, they may not revert to Junior.

## Proposed Regulation

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~~(U)15.1.1.~~ A Competitor may continue in the Class until 31st December in the year of their 13th birthday, but may not move up to a Junior Class before their 11th birthday.

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~~(U)15.3.1.~~ A Novice (14.1.2) Competitor may transfer to a Senior Class from their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

~~(U)15.3.2.~~ The holder of a Kart National 'A' Competition Licence may transfer to a Senior Class from the year of their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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**Reason:** To align our general class Senior age with the minimum age of CIK.

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

**Current Regulation**

No current regulation

**Proposed Regulation**

**(U)15.5.** The following age restrictions apply to Gearbox Karting:

**(U)15.5.1.** Short Circuit

(i) A Competitor may compete in 85cc gearbox Karts from their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday.

(ii) A Novice (14.1.2.) Competitor may compete in gearbox Karts upto 125cc from their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday.

(iii) The holder of a Kart National 'A' Competition Licence may compete in gearbox Karts upto and including 125cc from the year of their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday.

(iv) A Competitor may compete in gearbox Karts over 125cc from their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**(U)15.5.2.** Long Circuit

(i) A Competitor may compete in gearbox Karts upto 125cc from their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

(ii) A Competitor may compete in gearbox Karts 125cc and over from their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Reason:** *To detail within the General Regulations the minimum age criteria for Gearbox Karts, which is currently only detailed within the individual Class Regulations.*

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

**(U)7.4.6.** With the exception of Kart Tyro Events where the Kart Tyro guidelines apply, in all races where the grid position is determined by 7.4.1, 7.4.3 or 7.4.5, novice Drivers must occupy the rearmost grid positions. Where timed qualifying is used it shall have the same status as a race.

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**Reason:** Kart Tyro guidelines detail the requirements for determining grid positions.

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

**Current Regulation**

No current regulation

**Proposed Regulation**

**(U) 18.8.9**

Non-gearbox karts must use a 219 pitch chain only.

**Reason:** *To regulate the use to 219 pitch only, which is the case in non-gearbox class regulations already. The availability of finer-pitch chains would lead to increased cost in the form of replacement sprockets etc.*

**Implementation: 01 January 2014**