Following the success of the RACE ‘n’ RESPECT campaign that has been running in the MSA Bambino and MSA British Cadet Championships during 2015, the MSA is extending it across all Karting in 2016. The campaign will also be introduced to all junior circuit racing and junior drag racing Championships in 2016.

WHAT IS THE RACING CODE?
The Racing Code is based on strong values;

- Respect
- Fair play
- Self-control
- Good manners
- Sincerity

It is not only the competitor that signs up to the racing code, as all officials, organisers, parents, guardians and teams are also involved.

WHAT DOES THE RACING CODE MEAN TO ME?
Certain standards of behaviour are expected from everyone, for example:

- Appreciation for good behaviour whenever it is displayed, which would include for example Parents, PGs and Teams being thanked for not rushing to restricted areas, without authority, at times of distress
- Recognising when someone walks away from an explosive situation without response or retaliation
- Good, clean racing as well as success being applauded
- Avoiding public criticism of an event, organiser, officials or their decisions, including through social media, as this could be seen as detrimental to those involved, at all levels, and to the sport as a whole
- This is not another arm to the judicial process and is set apart from that.
WHAT IF THE RACING CODE IS NOT FOLLOWED?

- The campaign will be led by the Championship co-ordinator, Competition Secretary or Club Secretary. However we are all equally responsible for setting the highest standards and help provide a positive sporting environment for everyone.
- Some penalties may need to be imposed in order to react to any disrespectful behaviour and this could include onward referral to the Championship Stewards (or the Club Committee where there is no Championship).
- In extreme cases sanctions could lead to possible expulsion from the Championship or Club.

Similar projects have been run, with great success, in many other sports in the UK, resulting in a more positive sporting environment, which not only heightens the experience for current participants, whether competitors or officials, but has also led to an increase in the number of volunteers’ and participants’ joining and enjoying their sports.

“*It’s absolutely vital that the spirit of competition, fair play and respect are instilled from the outset, particularly when attitudes and behaviours among younger participants are still being formed. Race ‘n’ Respect is our campaign to encourage appropriate sporting behaviour right from the start and to help ensure that the sport offers a safer, fairer and more enjoyable environment for everybody.*”

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Thank you for your support