

REGULATION CHANGES FOR CONSULTATION

Committee:	Kart Committee
Date of meeting:	17 th November 2020
Closing date for consultation:	5 th February 2021
Email for comments:	KartConsultation@motorsportuk.org

Section U (Karting)

Current Regulation

7.7. In the case of a rolling start, on display of the Green flag karts will proceed round the course in grid formation at a steady pace to await the starting signal.

7.7.1. The karts may be preceded by an Official pace vehicle.

7.7.2. If there is no pace vehicle the Driver in No.1 position will control the speed.

7.8. When the starter is satisfied that the karts are approaching the start line in correct position and at an acceptable speed, the starting signal will be given by extinguishing the red light (or by raising the National flag should a light failure occur). If a further lap is required the red lights will remain on or the flag will not be raised.

Once the race start has been given drivers can break formation, but should this occur before the lights go out (i.e., drivers leave the corridors, or break formation, with the red lights on (7.5.1.)) then a 'false start' penalty will be applied.

7.8.1. False/Jump Start, Standing Start. A false start occurs when a driver under Starter's orders gains an unfair advantage by either:

- (a) being in an incorrect position on the grid, or
- (b) moving forward from his prescribed position.

7.8.2. Breaking formation. When a driver, under Starter's orders, in the case of a rolling start, fails to maintain their corridor, or accelerates early or unevenly.

7.8.2.1. The penalty for the driver concerned shall be the addition of 5 seconds (or 3 places where there is no licensed Timekeeper) to the time taken by him to complete the course. This will not incur penalty points.

Proposed Regulation

7.7. In the case of a rolling start, on display of the Green flag karts will proceed round the course in grid formation at a steady pace to await the starting signal.

7.7.1. The karts may be preceded by an Official pace vehicle.

7.7.2. If there is no pace vehicle the Driver in No.1 position will control the speed.

7.8. When the starter is satisfied that the karts are approaching the start line in correct position and at an acceptable speed, the starting signal will be given by extinguishing the red light (or by raising the National flag should a light failure occur). If a further lap is required the red lights will remain on or the flag will not be raised.

Once the race start has been given drivers can break formation, but should this occur before the lights go out (i.e., drivers leave the corridors, or break formation, with the red lights on (7.5.1.)) then a 'false start' penalty will be applied.

7.8.1. False/Jump Start, Standing Start. A false start occurs when a driver under Starter's orders gains an unfair advantage by either:

- (a) being in an incorrect position on the grid, or
- (b) moving forward from his prescribed position.

7.8.2. Breaking formation. When a driver, under Starter's orders, in the case of a rolling start, fails to maintain their corridor, or accelerates early or unevenly.

7.8.2.1. The penalty for the driver concerned shall be the addition of 5 seconds (or 3 places where there is no licensed Timekeeper) to the time taken by him to complete the course. This will not incur penalty points.

7.8.3. 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.

No current regulation

7.8.3. 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.

7.8.4. In the case of a standing start, on display of the Green flag, karts will proceed round the course to the designated start line where a red flag will be shown, and they will stop on their allotted grid markings. No start lights will be illuminated.

- i. Should a kart fall to the back of the field for any reason on the rolling lap and not be in formation at the display of the yellow flags at the corners prior to the start that kart must start from the rear of the grid.
- ii. When the starter is satisfied that the karts are in their correct position, he will withdraw the red flag and point to the start lights which will then be illuminated with the red lights (this maybe in a sequence of red lights until they all remain on)
- iii. Within a period of 5 seconds the red light will be extinguished to indicate a race start.
- iv. Any movement prior to the red light being extinguished will be judged as a false start and will be penalised with a minimum of 5 second penalty.
- v. If the starter is not satisfied, or a driver is unable to take the start he will indicate a false start which means an extra formation lap must be covered.
 - a. If a Driver is unable to start, he must remain in his kart and notify his situation by raising his arm.
 - b. In this case an additional formation lap may be granted; any drivers who have been unable to start will be allowed to get out of their karts and restart by their own means and once the whole field has passed them.
 - c. They will not be authorised to regain their original position in the formation and will take the start from the rear of the grid in order of arrival. No other driver will be allowed to occupy the place(s) which have remained vacant.

~~7.8.4.~~ **7.8.5.** Once the signal to start the race has been given, Karts may not stop, intentionally or otherwise, to make repairs or adjustments. They may however drive to the pits, or a designated maintenance area, to undergo repairs or changes.

~~7.8.4.~~ **7.8.5.** Once the signal to start the race has been given, Karts may not stop, intentionally or otherwise, to make repairs or adjustments. They may however drive to the pits, or a designated maintenance area, to undergo repairs or changes.

Reason: To regulate for standing starts.

Implementation: 1st January 2022