



Want to  
start Karting?  
Here's how.



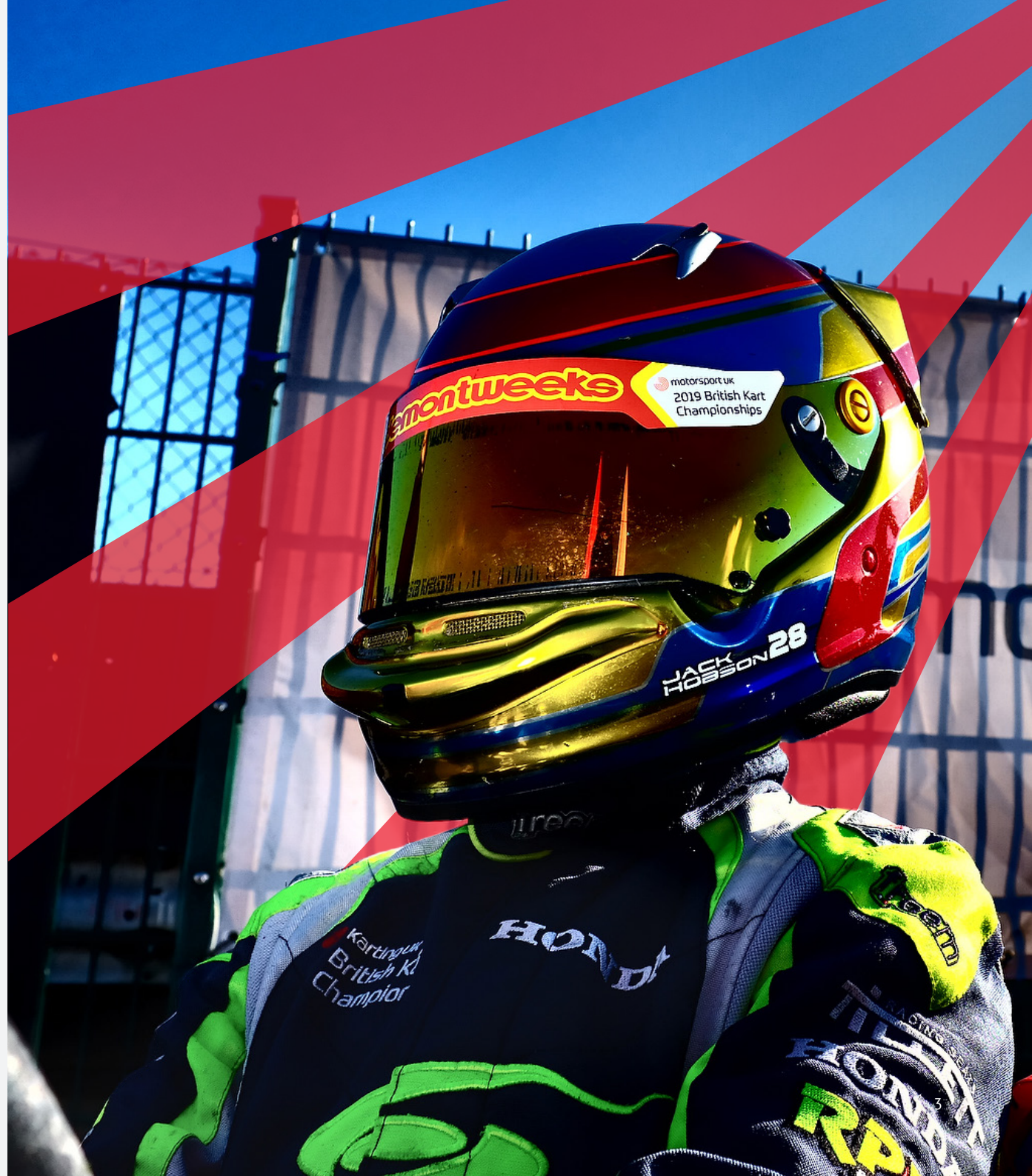
Kart racing is an awesome, affordable and family-friendly form of motorsport, with classes for all ages and abilities.

#### HERE'S HOW TO GET STARTED:

Visit your local kart circuit, indoor or outdoor, and try karting. These purpose made tracks will provide you with a kart, race suit, helmet, gloves and electronic timing - everything you need to get on track for the first time. Visit [motorsportuk.org](https://motorsportuk.org) for details of your closest tracks.

Many of these venues will have championships and leagues which are a great place to race while you learn and improve before buying a kart and joining your local club.

The Go Karting starter pack will guide you through the process to get you started in the sport. It can be purchased from any ARKS school, or from Motorsport UK. **Simply visit the Motorsport UK shop or call us on 01753 765000.**





# Kart classes explained

There are five main Kart Racing categories: Bambino, Cadet, Mini, Junior and Senior, plus gearbox Senior karts. Details of the categories are here.

## Get on track

The UK is the envy of the karting world, producing many professional drivers and engineers.

Karting is a sport in its own right from arrive and drive karting, affordable club events to the prestigious British Karting Championships. There is a karting class and event for everyone.

The best advice in all cases, is to visit your local circuit to see what is popular in your area.

### Bambino

Age 6-8

**Equipment:**

Specially designed karts for 6-8 year olds. Small low powered engine. All-weather tyres. Top speed around 35mph.

Competition starts in time trials so young drivers can get used to being on track and improve their driving and racing lines, whilst preparing for racing. Bambino racing is allowed for 7 year olds with experience of time trials.

### Clubman Karting

Age 11+



**Equipment:** Choice of karts and engines. Top speed around 50mph.

Clubman is a good entry point to club racing and designed to offer excellent value for money and close competitive racing. It is often possible to hire equipment from the organisers; contact your local club to find out which clubman classes they run at their events.

### Cadet

Age 8-12

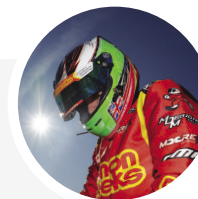
**Equipment:**

Specially designed karts for 8-12 year olds. Choice of engines (Honda/IAME). Top speed around 50mph.

Cadet racing is very popular and is a great class to learn the basics of kart racing from an early age.

### Gearbox

Age 16+



**Equipment:** Full size kart. Choice of engines. Top speeds of around 80-100mph.

Gearbox karts are the quickest and most powerful, racing at a number of kart tracks (short circuit). Karts are very fast with grippy tyres. Always check that your local kart club races gearbox karts.

### Mini/Juniors

Age 11-16



**Equipment:** Full size kart. Choice of engines (IAME/Rotax/TKM). Top speed around 60-70mph.

The mini classes are the lowest powered in this group and are suitable for drivers aged 11 years plus. With simple adjustment to the restriction, the engine is then converted to a junior engine for drivers aged 12 years plus.

### Seniors

Age 16+



**Equipment:** Full size kart. Choice of engines (IAME/Rotax/TKM). Top speed around 70-80mph.

These can be the most powerful karts without gears and are suitable for drivers in the year of their 16th birthday or older. Unrestricted engines and grippier tyres.

# Find your local Motorsport UK club

All Motorsport UK kart tracks are inspected to ensure that they meet the required standards for kart racing in the UK. You can find locations of kart clubs and circuits here.

There are local clubs across the country and joining yours is the easiest and most effective way to get involved with the sport.

For the full listing of member clubs visit: [motorsportuk.org](https://motorsportuk.org)

## ASSOCIATION OF RACING KART SCHOOLS (ARKS)

ARKS is the UK's association for professional kart schools. Administering and operating the novice kart driver test, and a licencing system for instructors and club examiners. ARKS schools can offer a kart experience day, one-to-one tuition for either novices or experts, and some run their own race teams. With locations across the UK, an ARKS recognised school really is the best place to start.

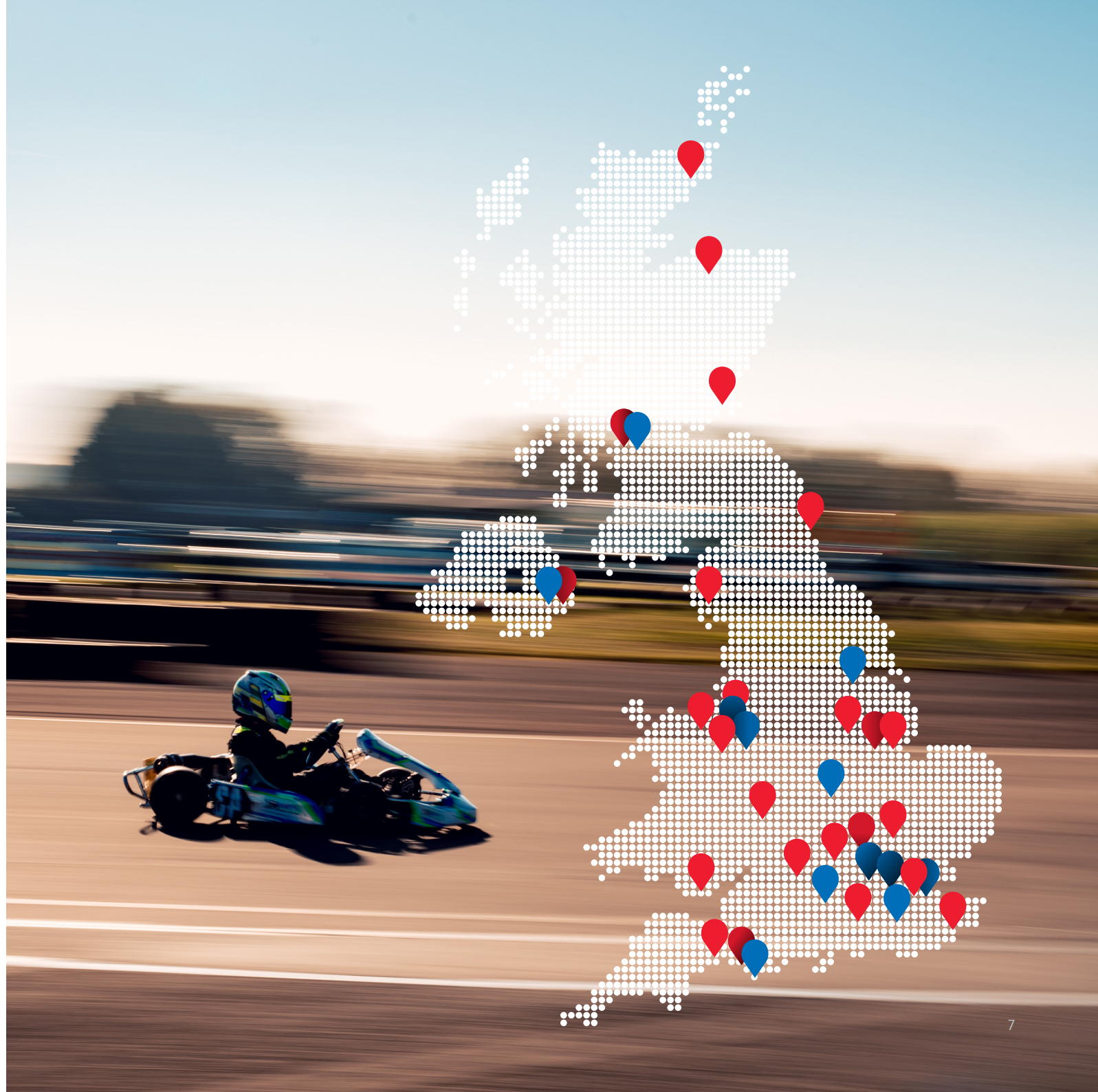
For the full list of Schools, and to buy a voucher for the test, visit [arks.co.uk](https://arks.co.uk)



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## What's extra?

To take part in karting you will also need:

### Crash helmet

Only Motorsport UK approved helmets can be used.

### Protective clothing

Only a CIK homologated karting race suit can be used, plus appropriate karting gloves and race boots. The Motorsport UK website has details of retailers stocking suitable racewear.

You'll need some basic equipment, including:

- A basic tool kit
- Tyre pressure gauge
- Transponder
- Pop up awning
- Good quality kart trolley

For spares and consumables you will need:

- 2-stroke oil to mix with the petrol if using a 2-stroke engine
- Chain lubricating spray
- Cleaning fluids and rags
- Spare spark plug
- A chain and some sprockets for alternative gearing
- A set of wet-weather wheels and tyres if it rains (karts normally race on slick tyres with no tread)

## Everyone can get involved

### Disabled drivers

Disabled drivers can obtain a kart race licence, although each case is considered individually. Any potential applicant should contact the British Motor Sports Association for the Disabled in the first instance for specific advice.

### Volunteering

Volunteers are the power behind UK motorsport, and vital to ensuring the safe and effective running of motorsport events. Officials and marshals are always required in kart racing. Motorsport UK is committed to the recruitment and retention of volunteers, whose efforts are rewarded with the chance to become more deeply involved in the sport and to enjoy the best seat in the house.

Full training will be provided.

For more information visit [motorsportuk.org/volunteer](https://motorsportuk.org/volunteer)





## Getting your Motorsport UK licence

Globally, motorsport is governed by the FIA, and it devolves the organisation of motorsport in each country to individual bodies.

In the UK, Motorsport UK governs fourwheel motorsport and issues licences for competitors, officials and venues.

### GET STARTED IN THREE EASY STEPS

#### 1 **Simply get behind the wheel and give it a go!**

Get down to your local kart centre and experience the thrill of racing. This really couldn't be easier with more than 130 arrive-and-drive kart centres throughout the country.

#### 2 **Get your Go Karting Starter Pack and first licence**

The Go Karting Starter Pack has all the information you need to undertake a test of your racing skills (ARKS test). Your first licence will be included in the cost of the pack.

#### 3 **Join your local kart club and get on track!**

Club level karting allows you to prove your skills while keeping costs low. They are a friendly bunch who can also help you pick the right kart and equipment for your racing.



We are the national membership organisation and governing body for four-wheel motorsport in the UK, representing competitors, volunteers, clubs and fans.

Motorsport UK is a not-for-profit organisation (limited by guarantee) that exists to service and grow the sport. We are a member of the world governing body, the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA).

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