

Paddock Safety - Karting

Requirements for all participants, teams, & visitors

Introduction

The safety of yourself and others is everyone's responsibility and is key to any event running well. It is the responsibility of you to ensure that the paddock area is safe and presents no foreseeable risks. Detailed below are a few basic safety guidelines to consider. These guidelines do not remove the requirement for you to produce your own risk assessments where there is a legal obligation. Please use common sense and ask the Organisers or Motorsport UK if you have any queries or suggestions.

Housekeeping

- Ensure you have enough space to work comfortably.
- Keep your areas tidy, free from litter, and unnecessary obstructions at all times.
- Abide by the paddock speed limits – be vigilant.
- Take your tyres home and dispose of any fuel and oil responsibly.
- Vehicle ramps must be all the way up or all the way down.
- Oil spillages – clear up straight away.

Traffic Routes

- Keep traffic routes, fire lanes, and gangways clear at all times.
- Speed limits – no more than 10mph in the paddock or any other pedestrian areas.
- Cable and hose management - Cover trailing cables with tape / matting, or pack up when done.
- Assist in removing debris and other unnecessary blockages as soon as you can.
- Be aware of children and those who may be unfamiliar with a working paddock.
- **THINK** – can an ambulance or fire tender get through?

Fire

- Always have the right fire extinguisher to hand when working on karts or near fuel.
- No smoking in garages, pitlane, or areas where karts are being worked on.

- Make sure where you are working is well ventilated and not a hot / heated environment.
- Always store fuel in approved containers and away from any sources of ignition.
- Clear up spillages straight away – if too large then report to the Organisers immediately.
- Welding or grinding – must be carried out by a competent and suitably trained person in a permitted area with the correct certificated equipment including PPE and not in any area where fuel is stored/used or unauthorised persons can enter.

Electricity

- Water and electricity do not mix so use outdoor rated cables where possible.
- Do not trail cables through standing water.
- Use a Residual Current Device (RCD) where possible.
- Ensure your appliances are PAT Tested.
- No worn or taped cables.
- No daisy chaining – ie. extension leads plugged into extension leads.
- Take care when handling electrical items especially those with a heating element inside.

Fuel & Chemicals

- Switch off before refueling (be it generators, karts, etc.)
- Do not smoke while refueling or handling flammables like brake/carb cleaner.
- Report & clear up spillages immediately liaising with the Organisers.
- Avoid getting oil on your skin as much as possible.
- If you get fuel on you, wash the area for at least 30 minutes continually with cold water.
- Wear protective glasses where possible when handling chemicals.
- Dispose of any chemicals responsibly.

Compressed Air

- Stand clear when inflating tyres.
- Do not inflate above manufacturer's recommendations.
- Check the pressure gauge is in the green area.
- Check the pressure line is not cracked.
- Ensure all connections are secured.
- Wear protective glasses where possible.

Lifting & Working at Height

- Ensure you have enough people to lift an object and that it is coordinated & planned.
- If Working at Height, ensure you are wearing a safety harness and clipped on or that there is edge protection.
- If using a ladder make sure that it is in good condition and that it is footed.
- Maintain 3 points of contact on the ladder at all times.

Conduct

- Report any concerns of child welfare to the Organisers or to Motorsport UK Safeguarding.
- Respect the instructions of the Officials.
- Respect each other.
- **You must not be under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs.**

Useful Resources

Motorsport UK Safety Team	safety@motorsportuk.org	01753 765041
Motorsport UK Safeguarding	safeguarding@motorsportuk.org	01753 765071
Motorsport UK Risk Assessment template	https://www.motorsportuk.org/assets/riskassessmentv1fill.pdf	



Visit <https://www.motorsportuk.org/Resource-Centre/Clubs-Organisers> for resources & more information.
You must complete Risk Assessments and these may be requested by the Organising Club or Motorsport UK
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