

TRENT VALLEY KART CLUB **DRIVERS BRIEFING AUG 2023**

- **WELCOME** - We hope you have a safe and enjoyable race meeting.
- **MEETING FORMAT & TIMETABLE** – You will have received via email the timetable and Final Instructions (if any) for the event. In order to maintain reduced noise levels for our surrounding residents, the tanyo will be limited in use. Please keep checking your timetable. It is your responsibility to be in the right place at the right time – thank you.
- **TVKC 'APP'** - Please check with Danielle Short/Clare Mills regarding access to the 'app' – it will have access to live timing and various other bits of useful meeting information and will be used as a communication tool to interact directly with you.
- **THURSDAY PRACTICE** – Transponders must be fitted from Session 4.
Your **allocated** Race Numbers (all 4 sides please) **MUST BE** fitted from practice session 1
- **DUMMY GRID** – Please ensure you follow the instructions from the officials – no working on the grid with tools. (Tyre pressure checks only).
- **TIMED QUALIFYING** – Driver's average time calculated from their fastest 3 laps during their TQ session will be used as their qualifying time, for drivers completing less than the required minimum 3 laps average lap times will still be calculated and then ranked initially by laps completed and then by average time behind drivers completing more than 3 laps. Should a driver have their fastest lap cancelled due to a penalty then the next fastest 3 laps will be used for calculating their average time.
- **GRID ASSEMBLY** – For Timed Qualifying grid slots & Groups will be allocated based on a random ballot for Fridays TQ and by Heat points from Friday for Saturdays TQ, the gate closes as per the official timetable.
- **GRID ASSEMBLY** – For Race the Grid Gate closes as per the official timetable. Not on the grid on time = no Race.
- **MEETING STATUS** – Digi boards are installed on the entrance to Parc Ferme and the back of the Dummy Grid, you should now easily be informed if the event is: DRY/OPEN/WET. Please use the facility to ensure you arrive with the correctly fitted tyres and a reminder Grid Gates have a closing time – not on the grid = no race!
- **ENTRY ONTO THE TRACK** – when the green flag/light is shown please leave the grid and enter the track, within approx 45 seconds the gates will close until the main pack of drivers have passed the grid exit, only then will you be allowed out, this must be done at slow speed and in safety – also please ensure you blend into the track using the pit exit lane marked out by white lines. If a driver is unable to start from the 'Dummy Grid' after the display of the green flag and he receives intervention from a mechanic, he will be authorised to leave the 'pre grid' only on the orders of the grid marshal or official and he/she must take the start from the back of the formation - irrespective of the number of rolling laps.
- **EXIT FROM THE TRACK** – The exit from the track is after marshal post 8, you need to approach at a slow speed, keep apart and await official's instructions. Please remain seated in your kart until instructed by an official to exit, There are cameras in Parc Ferme so please do not attempt to re-attach your nose cone – IT WILL BE PENALISED USING VIDEO EVIDENCE!
- **MARSHALS POSTS** – There are 9 Marshal posts and all posts will use flags and lights to communicate to you.

- **ROLLING STARTS** – There will be yellow flags & lights at posts 8 & 9 no overtaking is permitted after post 8. **Please keep a slow, steady and constant speed and keep within the tram lines as you approach the start.**
DO NOT ACCELERATE BEFORE THE LINE/CONE. Wait for the lights to go out then race on.
The 'full' circuit must be used at all times.
Please note overtaking at anytime on a rolling lap after Post 8 will result in a report being sent to the Stewards regarding 'overtaking under the yellow flag'
- **TRAM LINES** – Slow steady speed round last corner – Accelerating towards the Yellow line – Lights out race on. Light stay on + Flashing amber + False start flags one more formation lap.
- **ACCELERATION LINE/YELLOW LINE/YELLOW CONES** – 25mts from the Start line is the Yellow line + cones this is an indication of where we expect you to start accelerating for a race start (not before!)
- **FIRST CORNER** – conditions could make the first corner 'tricky' please have respect for each other and the track limits.
- **CIRCUIT CAMERAS** – There are 30 circuit cameras in operation covering the whole of the circuit and over 10 cameras in operation in the Parc Ferme area.
- **QUARTER FLAGS** – The Quarter flags may be used during a race, please observe and respect the flags.
- **DIGI FLAG** – The Digi flag is located on the start line gantry and all signals will be communicated from the Digi Flag.
- **DRIVING STANDARDS** - A Time Penalty of 5 seconds maybe applied by the Clerk of the Course (or his Deputy) if he/she considers a driver has acted inappropriately on track and contrary to the Code of Driving Conduct (including blocking and track limits) to which there is no appeal to either the decision or the penalty. (As per the International Sporting Code and Motorsport UK Yearbook) for further information please refer to Final Instructions.
- **RACE with RESPECT** – TVKC support the Motorsport UK Race with Respect code. Please race hard but fair. The Race with Respect code extends off the track and into the paddock too between competitors and their associates along with the officials of the meeting.
- **NO STARTING OF ENGINES IN THE PADDOCK** – any non compliance to this request will result in a £100 club fine, with possible other club sanctions.
- **PADDOCK REGULATIONS** - Bikes, scooters, ball games etc are banned from the paddock throughout the meeting. We hope we don't have to but any Bikes/Scooters/Balls being used will be taken away until the end of the meeting when a £100 release fee will be required.
The access roads must remain clear at all times.
Cables passing over road/walk ways must be covered/protected.
There may be spot checks made on fire extinguishers within your awnings/pit bays.
No starting of engines is permitted in the paddock unless in the designated area of Bays A11 & B11

If you have any questions throughout the weekend, please ask one of the Clerks at the event.

HAVE A GREAT WEEKENDS RACING AT TVKC