



TRENT VALLEY KART CLUB

DRIVERS BRIEFING JAN/FEB 2026

- **WELCOME** – Belated **HAPPY NEW YEAR** - We hope you have a safe and enjoyable race meeting with us.
- **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 tannoy 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 be used as a communication tool to interact directly with you.
- **PRACTICE SESSIONS** – Transponders must be fitted For ALL sessions, as must your allocated Race Numbers (all 4 sides)
- **DUMMY GRID** – Please ensure you follow the instructions from the officials – no working on the grid with tools. (Tyre pressure checks only). Also if you leave your grid slot you must go directly to the track (unless mechanical issues)
- **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. **'Rolling over' causing a danger to other drivers will be penalised.**
- **TQ – PLEASE NOTE** – You maybe in a different group for TQ to that which you practiced in.
- **GRID ASSEMBLY** – For Timed TQ grid slots will be allocated by Championship standings, there is no gate closing time.
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Please be on the grid in good time and DO NOT IMPEDE others accessing the entry gate.
- **MEETING STATUS** – Digi boards are now 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 aprox 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. **During Practice sessions/warm ups/TQ drivers maybe restricted as to when they can enter the track by the Grid Marshal, when entering the track DO NOT IMPEDE OTHER DRIVERS – DANGEROUS MANOUVERS MAY MEAN A BLACK FLAG AND/OR REPORT TO THE STEWARDS.** 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-Yellow line/cones. Wait for the lights to go out then race on. The 'FULL' circuit must be used at all times – FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN A MINIMUM 1 LAP PENALTY – THIS APPLIES IN RACE ALSO.
Please note overtaking at anytime on a rolling lap after Post 8 will result in a report/penalty - 'overtaking under the yellow flag'. Tyre warming on the rolling lap – excessive and dangerous manoeuvres will be reported to the stewards.
- **TRAM LINES** – Slow steady speed round last corner – remain in tram lines until lights out.
- **ACCELERATION LINE/YELLOW LINE** – 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. Corner cutting at this point could lead to a penalty !
- **CIRCUIT CAMERAS** – There are 40 circuit cameras in operation covering the whole of the circuit and over 20 cameras in operation in the Parc Ferme area.
- **SLOW PROCEDURE** – IMPORTANT INFORMATION SEE THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT.
- **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. Please be mindful that a 'straight' BLACK FLAG is always possible for dangerous/unsporting behaviour on track !
- **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.
- **STARTING OF ENGINES**
NO STARTING OF ENGINES IN THE PADDOCK AT ALL – You will have the possibility to fire up the engine (Max 5 sec) in parc ferme pre going onto the grid AND/OR A QUICK 'ENGINE FIRE UP' CHECK IN YOUR AWNING. Any non compliance to this request will result in a £100 club fine, with possible other club sanctions.
PLEASE RESPECT THE OFFICIALS IN THIS AREA.
- **PADDOCK REGULATIONS** - Bikes, scooters, ball games etc are banned from the paddock throughout the meeting. Any Bikes/Scooters/Balls being used will be taken away until the end of the meeting, 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. Fire extinguishers within your awnings/pit bays. Floor protection/Ground sheets mandatory. Please ensure your rubbish is bagged or put in bins and leave the premises as you found them.
Jet Washing – please use the area provide – outside awnings especially in cold weather can provide safety hazards.
Please note that BBQ's, Fire Pits, Welding and other hazards are not permitted in the paddock at any time during the Event, There is a designated Welding area at the venue, please enquire in the TVKC Race Control should you need to use it.

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

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SLOW PROCEDURE

As detailed in the National Competition Rules 2026, Chapter 18 Appendix 5 Article 1.33. The Quarter Flag (Battenburg) Flag is **NO LONGER** in use and is being replaced by the Slow Procedure.

Key Points of the SLOW Procedure:

1. If the track officials need to neutralise a session on track, that doesn't require stopping the session, **all marshal posts** will display single **WAVED yellow flags** and **'SLOW' boards**



2. All drivers must **SLOW DOWN** remain **single file** and stay at the speed set by the leader in a tight single file formation. No overtaking is permitted during this procedure unless they dramatically slow down and 'pull to the side' of the track with a serious problem.
3. When the problem that caused the SLOW procedure has been cleared and the session is ready to restart, the following procedure will happen: **STATIC yellow flag** and **'SLOW' board** will be placed on the last **TWO** marshal posts. This is showing the drivers that next time they come to the start/control line they will see the green flag. Drivers must keep a SLOW pace until they cross the **YELLOW LINE** (acceleration line) on the start/finish straight, this is where you can finally accelerate to pick up the speed. As you approach the Start/Control line, a waved **Green Flag** will be displayed and the race will be back 'on'. Overtaking is only permitted once you have crossed/passed the start line. You must remain in a single-file line until this point.