Sunstate Speedway Kart Club By-Laws



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These By-Laws are to be read in conjunction with the Sunstate Speedway Kart Club Inc.(SSKC) Constitution. The Constitution for SSKC is the Model Rules for Qld Incorporated Associations. It can be viewed at <https://www.qld.gov.au/law/laws-regulated-industries-and-accountability/queensland-laws-and-regulations/associations-charities-and-non-for-profits/incorporated-associations/running-an-incorporated-association/rules-for-associations> . These By-Laws are designed to provide financial Club Members and Visitors/Spectators an understanding of associated local rules associated with SSKC Race Meetings and Membership. These By-Laws can and will be updated on a regular basis, with copies provided to all Members.

**Article 1 Purpose**

1.0 The purpose of the SSKC is to foster, manage and develop the sport of speedway karting for juniors and seniors in a safe and friendly environment.

**Article 2 Behaviour**

2.0 Our club would like to remind **all members and visitors** that there is a minimum standard of acceptable behaviour at all times for everyone, **including non-racing participants**. Please remember that you are not racing for a million dollars or for sheep stations.........we are racing for enjoyment. Amongst other things, like the reputations of our club and yourself, think about the negative affect this type of behaviour can cause and the example it sets for our juniors – **bad behaviour is never acceptable under any circumstances.** The following types of unacceptable behaviour (not a comprehensive list) will NOT be accepted and will be dealt with accordingly:

* Abuse (either towards Volunteer Officials and/or other competitors);
* Physical violence or threats of violence;
* Intimidation;
* Throwing helmets or other items;
* Temper tantrums;
* Tampering with other people’s equipment;
* Theft; and
* Barging and other such forms of aggressive driving.

Remember, if you have a concern then deal with the matter through appropriate channels and show the same level of respect to others that you expect to be shown to you. The Stewards of the Meeting or Committee Members have the ability to not only issue an appropriate Speedway Australia penalty, but if necessary, have person/s removed from the track and/or call Police.

**The club is not going to accept anything less than polite, courteous and respectful behaviour!**

**Article 3 Rules and Regulations**

3.0 All currently published Rules and Regulations of Speedway Australia (SA) and Speedway Karting Association of Australasia (SKAA) are the overriding rules and regulations that will be followed by all racing participants, unless directly mentioned in SSKC By-Laws.

3.1 All Drivers are to have access to a current download of the Speedway Australia and SKAA Rules & Regulations and their Speedway Australia License (current and in date) during a race meeting. SKAA Log Books should be presented at scrutineering and held by the club to the end of the meeting.

3.2 Any competitor racing under a One Day License issued by Speedway Australia must still be “fit for purpose” at discretion of the Chief Steward and may be excluded from competing.

3.3 The Race Day Format is at the Chief Steward’s discretion on the day and will be advised at the drivers briefing. The Feature Race will be at the discretion of the Chief Steward of the day and will only be announced immediately prior to the running of feature race/s.**The format is subject to change at any stage of the day pending** co**nditions to ensure the smooth running of the meet and safety of drivers.**

3.4 There will be rostered duties such as Flag Marshall, Pit Marshall and Quads etc. If for some reason you are unable to complete these duties, it is your responsibility to find another member to take your position before the commencement of the duty. The positions that will be allocated to individuals for 1 complete Heat are as follow:

1. Turn 1 and 2 Flag Marshall (including race receivers)
2. Turn 3 and 4 Flag Marshalls (including race receivers)
3. Start/Finish Flag Marshall (race receiver or radio provided for communication with Chief Steward/Pit Marshall)
4. Pit Marshall (radio provided for communication with Chief Steward/Start Finish Flag Marshall)
5. Quad Riders (including race receivers)

NB: Anyone on the infield or quad must hold an annual SA licence and be over 16 years of age. Marshalls may hold a SA Bulk Licence supplied by the club.

3.5 The Pit Marshall is directly responsible to the Chief Steward and can report any breaches of rule or conduct to the Steward. The Steward and/or Executive Committee will decide on consequences of the breach and choose to deal with the issue using the Speedway Guidelines. It may include removing a person from the track for the rest of the meet.

3.6 Any competitor that wishes to make a formal protest regarding a race incident is to follow these steps:

1. Refer to SA and SKAA Rulebooks and find the rule in question.
2. The driver then talks to the Driver Rep of the day and will then follow the guidelines for either scenario listed below.

**An appeal against a penalty imposed by a Chief Steward**

Refer to Section 12.1 in the Speedway Australia Rulebook where it has the form, states the cost and timing of the appeal.

**A protest against another driver where they consider they have been aggrieved by the actions of that driver**

Refer to Appendix 4 Section 7.8 in the Speedway Australia Rulebook where guidelines are given regarding the process, cost and timing of these protests.

3.7 Club Championship Points will be tallied after the completion of each race event; however, points will not be displayed until after the season Club Presentations have been awarded.

3.8 One (1) Joker Round is applicable to all drivers each season and must be declared before the commencement of a day’s racing. This will double the total points accumulated for that day to that Driver at the completion of that round. Any driver that competes in two (2) classes is entitled to one (1) Joker Round for each class raced and does not have to be used on the same race meeting (further details will be provided each Season confirming make up of Joker Round).

3.9 Nominations for Meetings –When race meeting information is advised, so will the method of nomination. The closing time/date nominated will be enforced and late nominations will be accepted but will be placed ROF for all Heats in that Race Meeting. This is to ensure Race Day Committee have adequate time to finalise Race Day Formats.

3.10 SSKC maintains the right to enforce suspension/s and/or penalties to Members for any breach of these By-Laws, as decided by Executive Committee.

3.11 Club Championship – in order to have championship points allocated after each race meeting to be included in SSKC Club Championships, the driver must firstly be a fully paid financial SSKC Member and have actively volunteered at race meetings throughout the season, such as Flag Marshall etc (see Para 3.3). Club Championship points will start on the month of that membership being paid and will not be back dated to account for other race points received before that date.

3.12 Only the nominated First Aid personnel of the day can approach a kart in the event of a red flag. No person is to be moved until cleared and safety checks have been performed unless there is imminent danger.

**Article 4 Membership**

4.0 Current Club Membership costs are set as below as accepted by these bylaws in June 2019.

1. $50 Sub Junior or Junior  
2. $55 Junior Standard  
3. $80 Senior  
4. $30 per person (non-racing Member with Voting rights – this will include a Parent/Guardian of Junior Members if not a competitor)

Family Memberships will attract a 10% Discount.

4.1 As per the Qld Model rules for Qld Inc. Associations, new members must be nominated and seconded by other SSKC members and then be officially accepted by the committee. SSKC will accept both written and digital nominations of members. (eg. Email, text, private message)

**Article 5 Kart Numbers**

5.0 The below listed numbers have been retired from SSKC kart number listing and cannot be used by a Senior Competitor:

76 Retired in honour of Des Carsberg (Club founding Member)

47 Retired in honour of Donna Dorman

23 Retired in honour of Luke Spalding

7 Retired in honour of Club Life Member John Churchill

5 Life member Gary Cosser

4Life member Dion Smith

5.1 A SSKC membership gives you the right to 1 number. Extra numbers may be purchased at $30 per number. If you run more than 1 class and use the same number that is considered 1 number.

5.2 When a membership lapses the kart number will be held for 12 months and a new membership must be paid for by the first round of the next season or the number will be released back into the number pool. The exception is under extenuating circumstances where a letter of request to the committee asking for a review of the number to be held is undertaken.

5.3 New members wishing to obtain a number should contact the secretary at [secretary@sunstatekartclub.com.au](mailto:secretary@sunstatekartclub.com.au) or via other channels eg. Phone or Facebook. A prospective member has 14 days to pay for membership in order to secure the number. After that time, it will be released back to the number pool.

**Article 6 Pits Area**

6.1 No Competitor can set up a Pit Area outside that which is already defined by NBJMCC Pit Area. All machinery, equipment etc. must be inside the designated Pit Area for that race day as per the Chief Steward.

6.2 SSKC financial members are entitled to purchase the use of undercover pit areas for their sole use during a race calendar season (first in first served). Should the owner of the covered pit area not be in attendance at that scheduled race meeting, or the covered area has not been purchased by another club member, the covered area may be used by any participant on a first in basis. Should a financial club member wish to purchase the use of these covered pit areas, please contact the Club Secretary/Treasurer. To keep your pit area, payment needs to be made by the completion 2nd meeting of the season. Sunstate members will have preference at the beginning of each season, but other members and non-members may purchase a pit bay after Round 2. Preference is given to the previous user.

**NOTE:** The Covered areas closest to the track exit will be used for Scrutineering during such events as Blue Ribbon Titles etc. hence the reduced price for these bays.

6.3 As the SSKC utilizes the facilities from North Brisbane Junior Motorcycle Club, all competitors must leave their pit area clean and tidy at conclusion of the meeting, including picking up any general rubbish such as zip ties, tear offs etc. Helmet tearoff retainer is compulsory to ensure we keep the area tidy.

**Article 7**

These rules should be read in conjunction with the SKAA Rulebook and Specifications and the Speedway Australia Rules & Regulations.

In the Speedway Australia Rulebook, particular attention should be given to sections on:-

2.2 LICENCES

2.3 NEW DRIVERS

2.4 JUNIOR RACING

4 RACE PROCEDURES

7.3. CONTROL OF PIT CREW

SECTION 17 - SAFETY APPAREL: KARTS

SECTION 18 - PIT RULES & WH&S REQUIREMENTS

APPENDIX 4: RULE VARIATIONS – KARTS

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