

Drivers Briefing – 20/21 November

Please all read the briefing very carefully and welcome to the last rounds of the year. Check final instructions / websites and the Alpha Notice Board for the timetable of the day and other relevant information.

Please note that face masks will be mandatory in all buildings, toilets, the dummy grid and collecting areas. If you are unable to wear a mask regrettably you will not be able to attend. Under 6 year olds are exempt. Please bring your own, we will only have a limited quantity for sale. See COVID section for further details.

Please note the SR's, electric scooters are banned from Shenington and must not be brought to the circuit. If seen in use, a fine of £100 will be levied payable to Shenington Kart Racing Club Ltd.

Following the new guidelines for running a karting event, a driver's briefing will not take place on the morning of the race meeting, unless announced. There may be an aural briefing for novices and those new to the circuit, and if announced it is mandatory for those. It is the driver's responsibility, or PG in the case of a competitor under the age of 18, to ensure that they have read the supplementary regulations for the event, and the drivers briefing below and, as always, understand the regulations. Read the Shenington rules here: [Club Rules – Shenington Kart Racing Club \(sheningtonkrc.co.uk\)](http://sheningtonkrc.co.uk) . If you have passed a PG Entrant licence to some other person you must email the authorisation letter to skrc-compsec@hotmail.co.uk in advance. Do not come to or leave the circuit through either Alkerton or Shenington villages, so do not rely on sat-navs for the last part of your route. Read the website for the official routes. [Contact Us – Shenington Kart Racing Club \(sheningtonkrc.co.uk\)](http://sheningtonkrc.co.uk)

Make sure your team and mechanic read this briefing too.

You will sign on electronically and for the race day add your chassis and engine numbers and any seals etc, and slick tyre bar codes (you can always put them in at a later stage but only up to the close of scrutineering prior to the first heat, and your one set of NEW rain tyre bar codes, or if you don't have a new set of wets, then your best set. All fees must be paid in advance. You must confirm that you have read and understood the drivers briefing. Grids will be available online on the Alpha system, **please check your positions**. There will be a 2 or 3 practice sessions starting at 0900, then three heats and a final for all competitors starting approximately 1140, all weather permitting. **Be aware that Junior TKM & TKM Extreme Classes are only permitted used tyres to a maximum tread of 3mm during the current slick tyre shortage in the class.**

All classes especially Cadets – be sure to put the letter prefix on the tyre bar codes, e.g. D for Dunlop etc

Gates, Spectators and Catering

The public gate to the main road will be open from 0730 in the morning. Arrivals on Friday afternoon and early evening are permitted, or for those racing on Sunday, from 1800 on Saturday evening. Gates will be locked at 11pm each evening. All generators to be switched off by 2300. Catering will be available but please consume suitably socially distanced apart from your own 'bubble'. Please dispose of litter responsibly in the bin or take it home. Do not leave tyres or fuel cans, there will be a financial penalty. **Anyone arriving after 0930 will be charged the spectator fee of £5 per car (unless they hold a Shenington Social Membership) regardless of whether the entrant has nominated them on the Alpha system.** Cars must be parked in the spectator car park field, no pitting is permitted in that field.

Teams

If you (as a driver) are coming with a team then the team must have an Entrants Licence with public liability insurance and the team manager must complete the Teams form on our website so we have the list of attendees. The wearing of face masks within a team awning is highly recommended, and should be in accordance with the team's risk assessment which may be inspected. Good ventilation of awning areas is mandatory please. Could mechanics be reminded that if the turnstile from the grid to the grandstand is open, then they MUST NOT attempt to return via that turnstile. If they do, sanctions may be applied.

Race n Respect – very important

Shenington totally observes the Race n Respect guidelines and that means **NO SIGNALLING** to drivers from the side of the track please. The other Race n Respect guidelines are appended to the regulations on the website.

Officials, Programme and Regulations

Championship Regulations, the Supplementary Regulations for the day, and the Programme showing general timing and the list of officials are all available on our website and mostly also on the Alpha system Notice Board

General Points

The main aim of the Officials of the Meeting is to ensure that the event is run as safely as possible. Please remember that karting is a non-contact sport. In the event of any contact, the Officials of the Meeting will review any reports and if necessary, the judicial process will be used.

Please remember you **MUST NOT** take matters into your own hands. In the current situation where, social distancing is a must, any persons found taking matters into their own hands will be dealt with.

Scooters or bicycles etc must **NOT** be used whilst the track is in use. Electric scooters etc are banned and must not be brought to the meeting.

To keep viewing numbers down at the fence side your helpers should only watch the race involved and must follow social distancing guidelines at the fence side. The grandstand is now open but please respect social distancing and no signalling to drivers.

Do not leave behind any tyres or fuel cans etc. Fines are applicable. Take your rubbish home please. Cameras are **NOT** permitted on the karts on race days, not even during practice.

All bulletins, results, race status (Wet/Dry/Open) will be available digitally or on the club house window by the results sheets. Note that Sherington uses TAG-Heuer transponders, which are usually available for hire when entering the event.

We will be checking bar codes on tyres at the end of the races, and maybe randomly at other times, so make sure you fill in the online form correctly ensuring the first letter is entered e.g. D for the Dunlops etc. For Cadets only pre-used tyres are permitted for guests and one of the two sets of the year for members, see our regulations, no new or nearly new tyres after the first meeting unless you have joined the club and racing for the first time this year, or using your second set. Tyre bar codes for slicks should be entered on the digital scrutineering document, and the barcodes for any new set of wets/rain tyres (or if you don't have a new set, then your best set), and if you are purchasing at the track, our scrutineers can help you update if you don't have your tyres until the meeting, or you can add them during the practice sessions only. New members for Cadets can only use one set of slicks now until the end of the season.

Engine Starts

We will not be permitting engine starts other than on the dummy grid preparatory to going out in a session, then it can be started when the chequer flag is displayed. Honda Cadets can start and tickover during the previous session but the kart must be on the ground with the driver seated. No lifting of rear wheels. If you absolutely have to try an engine prior to the following session ask SKRC for advice or ask the grid marshal. SKRC do NOT allow engine starting in the pits / paddock or your awning otherwise a £50 fine will be levied. No driving of karts in the pits or paddock.

Specific Covid-19 related rules

Anyone who has returned from outside the U.K. within the previous 10 days must advise us on skrc-compsec@hotmail.co.uk with details of return date and countries visited, whereupon they will be given further advice about attendance.

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms must not attend any events, or if on site, leave and self-isolate immediately. If you are identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 positive person, do not attend the site. If already at the event, leave and self-isolate immediately.

A one-way system will be in operation around the paddock and in buildings and will be marked on the floor. Please always follow this system. Toilets have a one ways system, one door for entry and one for exit. Don't try and come in the Exit please.

The wearing of face masks is mandatory in toilets and buildings, including scrutineering, weighing area, pre-grid, dummy grid, parc ferme and collecting area. Please do wear face masks where advised in these areas as a courtesy to others otherwise we will have to ask you to leave the site. Those under age 6 are exempt. Regrettably if you are unable to wear a face mask please do not attend.

If spectating, face coverings are highly recommended if social distancing is not possible.

Marshals and officials are exempt if alone or socially distanced on the track

It is highly recommended that fluid resistant type IIR masks are used in preference to face coverings. Face masks/coverings are for individual and personal use and should not be shared with others. Hand washing and/or sanitising remains critical in shared areas. In escalating order of severity the following actions will apply for non-compliance with a request by an official: i verbal warning, ii for a second offence, the COVID-19 Officer will refer to the Clerk of the Course and Motorsport UK Steward, iii further non-compliance by that same individual will result in removal from the venue.

All teams must bring a first aid kit to enable them to deal with minor injuries.

Track walks are now allowed up to 10 minutes prior to track action. Note that dogs are never allowed on the circuit, but are permitted in the paddock if under control and on a lead or in an enclosed vehicle. Please be responsible and clean up any mess.

Novices must familiarise themselves with the track layout, the Out and In, before taking to the track and the flag signals. A track map is available on the SKRC website and in the brown scrutineering building. There will be safety scrutineering for all novices, and for any other karts or classes requested by bulletin or at the request of the Chief Scrutineer.

Should any person attending feel unwell and exhibit any symptoms of Covid-19 they must inform the organisers of the meeting immediately on 01295 688035 by mobile phone and let them know all details of who they have been in close contact. They must then leave with as little contact as possible with anyone else and organise a test by phoning NHS 111 then immediately inform SKRC of the result either way.

Motorsport UK Guidance is here: [2021-07-19-motorsport-uk-covid-19-guidance-from-19-july-2021.pdf](https://www.motorsportuk.org/2021-07-19-motorsport-uk-covid-19-guidance-from-19-july-2021.pdf)
([motorsportuk.org](https://www.motorsportuk.org))

Race/ Practice Session Starts

Please ensure you get to the grid with plenty of time. Drivers must wear their helmets from the dummy grid to leaving the post-race collecting area (unless immediately replaced with a face mask in the post race collecting area). Any mechanics must always stay with the kart, and it is not permitted to congregate at the front of the pre-grid or dummy grid so as to maintain social distancing rules. If you are leaving a trolley in the trolley park, you must do so as quickly as possible and return to your kart. Trolleys should be sanitised before you make your way to the pre-grid.

It is absolutely forbidden to lift the rear of a kart with the engine running anywhere.

Junior Incident Marshals / "Pushers" are not permitted on the track, whether practice or racing.

There will be one rolling up lap for non-gearbox karts, and 2 for gearbox karts. Honda Cadet and Gearbox karts will have a standing start. Honda Cadet must go straight to the grid via the cut-through.

Please ensure that you leave the dummy grid in a safe manner. You must be in formation at the exit from the chicane and we may use a speed monitor for all karts on the exit of the Bruno chicane. The speed limit at this point is 30 mph, although this is subject to change at the discretion of the clerk of the course should conditions dictate. A penalty may be applied for exceeding the speed limit or being out of formation, or accelerating before the red light goes out, **beware and check results** for any penalties. There will be a yellow flag displayed at Hangar bend and from this point up to the start line you must not overtake.

Keep a steady speed on approach to the start line and stay inside the tram lines. Once the lights are extinguished, the race will start. If the lights remain on and false start flag is displayed, you must use the cut through between Café Corner and the Bruno Chicane and for gearbox standing starts the immediate right cut-through.

In the event of false starts the Clerk of the Course reserves the right to place any offending driver to the rear of the grid or issue an alternative place or time penalty – be warned.

During the race or practice session

Please ensure you are familiar with all flag signals.

The Clerk of the Course may request a black and yellow quartered flag to neutralise the race should there be an incident that requires this, you must slow right down, ensure there is no overtaking, and should close up safely as per a formation lap but in single file.

All Start line flags will be displayed via the Digi Flag, except in the event of an electrical failure, when flags will be used.

The direct drive (non-gearbox karts) use the first hairpin towards Stratford and the gearbox only use the full circuit. Should a non-gearbox driver overshoot the hairpin you **MUST** not turn around and come back, you must take the gearbox hairpin and safely and slowly with hand up re-join the race.

If you need to come in to make repairs there are marked rectangular spaces to the left of the brown building at the top of the "chicken run". If you enter the parc ferme you cannot go back onto the circuit. If you do you will be black flagged.

Please note Q12.21 A kart alone on the track may use the full width of the track. However, as soon as it is caught by a kart which is about to lap it the driver must allow the faster driver past at the first possible opportunity. Flag marshals will display waved blue flags to indicate that the faster driver wants to overtake. Any driver who appears to ignore the blue flags will be reported to the Clerk of Course. (Note: it is recognised by SKRC that in karting, novices or other kart drivers being lapped are advised to stick to their line, and avoid sudden changes of direction).

In the event of a race stoppage a Red flag will be displayed. You must make your way slowly, with no overtaking, to the exit of Wilkins, prior to the finish line, whilst being prepared to stop at any other points if instructed by the officials.

If you must pit during a race to make repairs or for a black flag, this can be done outside the brown scrutineering building. If you decide to go into the post-race collecting area you are not permitted to leave again.

Incident Handling

Should you break down or be involved in an incident on circuit **you must give the marshal a thumbs up to show that you do not require medical attention. You must, where possible, move your kart to a place of safety** and follow the marshal's instructions

to go to a place of safety. **Do not remove your helmet at any time on the trackside until having left the parc ferme, or immediately replaced with a face mask once in parc ferme.**

Never lift a kart over a fence, there are possible gate exits behind lap-scoring, at the Wilkins hairpin and just past the direct drive Stratford hairpin for mechanics to access with a trolley. Always obey the marshal instructions. Karts may have to be left until the end of the next race.

Race Finish

A chequered flag will be displayed on the digi-flag or by flag at the start line. You must cease racing and do not overtake and make your way back to Parc Ferme and keep left at the approach to the brown building if directed for weighing, otherwise keep right.

There will be marked areas in Parc Ferme. The first driver should use the furthest away and then all drivers following should fill up from the next furthest. All drivers must remain seated until instructed by an official.

Nose cone checks will happen whilst drivers are all seated.

Scrutineering

When weighing, all personnel must be at least 2 metres apart. The mechanic will stand in the furthest from the weighbridge head unit, whilst the scrutineer will stand closest to it. All persons queuing must be at least 2 metres apart. The karts must stop on the distance markers for weighing in, and the mechanics must queue down the outside of the building and can enter after their driver / kart has been weighed. Weighing is permitted during practice by queuing down the side of the brown building.

Should the scrutineers require an eligibility check, the mechanic will remove the part requested. They will place it on the scrutineering table and step away. The scrutineer will then move the part behind a screen to conduct any check.

Judicial Hearings

Judicial hearings will normally be held in the upstairs Clerk's Office, either of which will be set up to allow social distancing with adequate ventilation. As per the new kart meeting guidelines, these will be held as per the Clubman judicial regulations. Remember there is seldom a requirement for a hearing during the heats, so check the results on the website for penalties. If you have to queue please maintain social distancing of a minimum of 2m and wear face masks.

During practice sessions misdemeanours will result in sanctions for drivers or entrants, at the discretion of club officials.

Check your results on the sheet in the signing on window, please do not take the live timing as the official result, it may be amended.

If there is anything you are unsure of please feel free to contact the Clerk of the Course either via his Mobile phone on 07929 613005 or via his email address at andrewphornsey@gmail.com.

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