

Drivers Briefing –16/17 July 2022, Motorsport UK E Plate & Historic Revival

Please all read the briefing very carefully and welcome to the first rounds of the year. Check final instructions / websites and the Alpha Notice Board for the timetable of the day and other relevant information. Please come and watch the historic and classic kart demonstrations throughout the weekend, please offer to help push start these cherished karts. Go and see the large display in their marquee. Welcome to the Super 4 KZ and 210 National drivers who are guesting at this meeting. Enjoy the pizza, bar and other attractions on Friday evening and the pig roast, music and bar on Saturday evening.

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 full driver's briefing will not take place on the morning of the race meeting, unless announced. There will be a briefing for novices and those new to the circuit, and mandatory for certain classes detailed in final instructions. 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. **The minimum fine is £100.** 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 on or before 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 short practice session starting at 0900, then three heats and a final for all competitors, all weather permitting.

All classes especially Cadets – be sure to put the letter prefix on the tyre bar codes, e.g. D for Dunlop etc
Tyres for Cadets are NOT restricted for this E Plate meeting, anyone can use new tyres if they wish.

Gates, Spectators and Catering

The public gate to the main road will be open from 0700 in the morning. Arrivals on Friday afternoon and early evening are permitted. 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. 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).** Cars must be parked in the spectator car park field, no pitting is permitted in that field. Do not park in the area in front of the A Pits Toilets, nor in front of the gate to the Grandstand Field, which will not likely be in use.

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 at your own risk, then they MUST NOT attempt to return via that turnstile. If they do, sanctions may be applied.

Race with Respect – very important

Shenington totally observes the Race with Respect guidelines and that means **NO SIGNALLING** to drivers from the side of the track please. The other Race with 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 should follow social distancing norms at the fence side. The grandstand is now open but please no signalling to drivers.

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

All bulletins, results, will be available digitally or on the club house window by the results sheets and the race status (Wet/Dry/Open) at the entrance to the pre-grid area.

Note that Shenington 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 tyres are not restricted for this meeting, you can use new tyres if you wish. 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. Once scrutineering closes you won't be able to add anything or make any changes. Certain classes (see final instructions) and all novices and newcomers must present their karts for safety scrutineering prior to the driver briefing. All others must use the check list on the digital notice board to self scrutineer.

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 with COVID-19 symptoms must not attend any events, or if on site, 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 highly recommended for competitors, entrants and visitors in the upstairs offices and signing-on buildings and recommended in the scrutineering area and grandstand. Please do wear face masks where advised in these areas as a courtesy to others. Those under age 6 are exempt. Individuals may choose to wear a mask and officials in certain circumstances may request that you do so, and these situations/requests must be respected e.g. in the Clerk's office.

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.

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, newcomers to the circuit, and for any other karts or classes requested by bulletin or final instructions or at the request of the Chief Scrutineer. Please refer to and use the self scrutineering safety check list on the digital notice board. Should you be subsequently checked by a scrutineer and the kart found to be deficient in any respect, you may be reported to the Clerk of the Course and a penalty may be imposed.

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.

Race/ Practice Session Starts

Please ensure you get to the grid with plenty of time. 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.

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 unless otherwise instructed. If the Honda Cadets and IAME Cadets are in the same race sessions, then Honda will have a rolling start, like IAME Cadet.

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.

NEW: For Standing Starts, Honda Cadet should line up from the SECOND ROW (marked yellow 3 and 4) and Gearbox from the THIRD ROW (marked 6, 7 and 8). This is to avoid pre-triggering the timing system with the transponders.

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. **Be aware there are new regulations for standing starts (U7.8.4) whereupon any driver that stalls and causes a false start, must then start from the back of the grid, their original place being left vacant.**

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, the leader must slow sufficiently to let the field close up, 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 Additionally 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 returning to the paddock.**

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 remain all seated.

Scrutineering

Do not drive onto the weigh bridge, stop beforehand and push the kart on.

Weighing is usually 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 be 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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