

Drivers Briefing –17 March 2024

Welcome to Shenington, we hope you enjoy your day. Please all read the briefing very carefully. Check final instructions / websites and the Alpha Notice Board for the timetable of the day and other relevant information. Welcome to the 2024 club championship, which runs all year, and the Winter 100 Series, which runs January to March, and remember the points for the Winter Series are carried forward to the main club championship. All information regarding regulations etc are on the Resources page on our website. Good luck to all those in with a chance for this, the final round of the Winter Series.

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.

Please ensure you have uploaded your 2024 Club Membership Card, and your 2024 MSUK Licence to your profile, without these you will not be able to race.

PLEASE STAY IN THE TRAMLINES COMING UP TO THE STARTS, UNTIL THE RED LIGHTS GO OFF

You will sign on electronically prior to the start of the meeting, a link will be emailed to you. All fees must be paid in advance. You must confirm that you have read and understood the drivers briefing. Following the new guidelines for running a karting event, a full driver's briefing may 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: [Microsoft Word - ClubRules \(sheningtonkrc.co.uk\)](https://sheningtonkrc.co.uk/microsoft-word-clubrules). 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 \(sheningtonkrc.co.uk\)](https://sheningtonkrc.co.uk/contact-us)

Make sure your team and mechanic read this briefing too.

Scrutineering for selected classes will be from 0745 on Sunday morning, do not be late. All classes must complete their tyre bar codes on the digital entry before close of scrutineering, do not forget please. Grids will be available online on the Alpha system, **please check your positions, use the Alpha Hub app.**

Scrutineering

On or before the race day add your chassis and engine numbers, noting we do need the official chassis to be entered on the system.

Add any seals etc, and click tyre bar codes that must be entered in the digital system before the close of scrutineering prior to the first heat, time as shown in the timetable, 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.

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, new tyres are permitted for the first time as a new member, and from September for new members only one set is permitted, thereafter 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. Cadet tyres are Dunlop for the Winter Series, then switch to Vega for April, we will be issuing a bulletin. Libre classes must purchase a set of used Komet red tyres from the club for the first meeting, and then only after a minimum per two meetings attended and pay the £30 cost each time.

There will be safety scrutineering in the Brown Building 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.**

Make sure you have a fire extinguisher, minimum 55B for competitors, and teams should in addition have a 2kg powder or foam if one or two competitors, otherwise one of each, at the door of the awning. No excuses this time!

Pitbay & The Alpha RaceHub app

You can book a pitbay, either for the long weekend, or the year, on the Alpha entry system now. All teams wishing to set up the day before must book a pit bay. For 2024 you will be able to book a new electric hookup pitbay, either for the year or the weekend. Do not park in front of the A Pits Toilets, this area does not belong to us. You will be moved.

You must download the Alpha Racehub app for your smartphone, where announcements, bulletins or calls to see the Clerk may be made

Gates, Spectators and Catering

The public gate to the main road will be open from 0700 in the morning. Arrivals on Thursday afternoon and early evening are permitted but see above for teams. Gates will be locked at 11pm each evening. All generators to be switched off by 2300. No loud music at any time, and switch off by 2300 latest. Catering will be available. 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 on a race day will be charged the spectator fee of £10 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 may not be in use, or only for gearbox, weather permitting. There have been some thefts at the circuit and in the area recently, please ensure your equipment is kept secure, especially overnight.

Teams

If you (as a driver) are coming with a team then the team must have an Entrants Licence with public liability insurance. Could mechanics be reminded that they MUST NOT attempt to return via the turnstile giving exit from the dummy grid. 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. No standing on fences.

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. For instance retaliation, or any persons found taking matters into their own hands will be dealt with very severely.

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

Track walks are permitted so long as back ten minutes prior to track activity. 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.

The grandstand is normally open but please no signalling to drivers. Smoking or vaping is not permitted on the dummy grid, pre-grid, collecting area or parc ferme or inside any building

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 in the morning.

Please ensure that you have a fire extinguisher to hand, as per Motorsport UK regulations in Kart Yearbook Appendix 4.

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.

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. There is a 5 second maximum time, no continual revving. 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.

Race/ Practice Session Starts

Novices and newcomers 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.

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. Work is NOT permitted on the kart on the dummy grid except to remove air from tyres, unless specific permission is given.

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 1 rolling up lap for non-gearbox karts, and 2 for gearbox karts. Gearbox karts will have a standing start. We have changed to a 2 x 2 standing start with tramlines and the gearbox will use the staggered orange stop lines. For a rolling start, if a kart puts a wheel outside of the tram lines before the red light goes off, there is a fixed penalty.

Be aware that with so many classes, inevitably some classes will be mixed, sometimes with a split start, sometimes all together. Be courteous if another class kart is trying to pass, or you are coming up on a kart not in your class.

Please ensure that you leave the dummy grid in a safe manner. Weaving is not permitted. 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 lead and pole drivers bear the responsibility for controlling the pack speed and ensuring stragglers have caught up. 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 or before the acceleration line, **beware and check results** for any penalties. There will be a yellow flag displayed at Hangar bend and from this point until the start lights are off you must not overtake and be in formation in the tram lines.

Keep a steady speed on approach to the start line and stay inside the tram lines. Once the red lights are extinguished, the race will start and drivers can break formation. If the lights remain on or go yellow 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.

Gearbox karts: Normally a red flag will be displayed when the karts take up their grid slots. The red flag will be withdrawn and the red start lights come on, start when they go out. Should a kart fall to the back of the field for any reason on the rolling lap, and not be in formation by Post 9 at Wilkins Hairpin, that kart must immediately fall back to and start from the rear of the grid. If a driver has a problem they are to alert the starter with a hand up, and this kart must then start from the rear of the grid. Incident marshals will be on stand-by to assist one restart attempt upon a false start. If the kart fails to start the kart will be put in a safe place. Upon a race start the driver and only driver will be given one attempt to start their kart, if this one attempt fails the kart must be put in a safe place. **Be aware the regulations for standing starts (U7.8.4) whereupon any driver that stalls and/or causes a false start, must then start from the back of the grid, their original place being left vacant.**

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. All official signals at the Start Line will be given by the coloured panel digi-flag on the gantry, unless there is an electrical failure in which case flags and boards will be used.

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. Marshals will attend to the incident when the karts are bunched up.

All Start line flags including the chequer, 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 if there are any digi-flag failures. 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. Please do not make an extra lap.

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.

Parc Ferme is defined as the area between the dummy grid and the brown scrutineering building area including the fenced off area at the exit of the brown scrutineering building.

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 for the checks. If anything incorrect is suspected, photos should be taken and the item sealed. Competitors karts must not be removed without specific permission from the Chief Scrutineer.

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.

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.

Specific Covid-19 related rules

If in doubt or have tested for COVID within the last 5 days, please do not attend.

A one-way system may be in operation around the paddock and in buildings and toilets and will be marked on the floor. Please always follow this system when in operation.

The wearing of face masks may be requested inside the upper offices and the signing on room. A face covering means a tight fitting covering. If an official asks you to don a face mask please comply. We ask anyone with a cold or flu to wear a face mask when in proximity to others. All teams must bring a first aid kit to enable them to deal with minor injuries.

Should any person attending feel unwell and exhibit any symptoms of Covid-19 they should leave with as little contact as possible with anyone else.

If there is anything you are unsure of please feel free to contact the Clerk of the Course or the officials in race control