

RATHBONE RACEWAY RULES

Introduction and General Disclaimer

Rathbone Raceway is a privately owned and operated go-kart racetrack. Rathbone Raceway is private property. Any person on this property without permission of track owners or management is guilty of trespassing and is subject to penalties of the law. Through your registration or association, you have been given the authority and the right to be on this property in conjunction with racing activities. **HOWEVER, THE MANAGEMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVOKE AND CANCEL THIS AUTHORITY AT ANY TIME.**

The rules and/or regulations set forth herein are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of racing events and to establish minimum acceptable requirements for such events. These rules shall govern the condition of all events, and by participation in these events ; all participants agree to comply with these rules. **NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM PUBLICATION OF OR COMPLIANCE WITH THESE RULES AND/OR REGULATIONS.**

These rules are intended as a guide for the orderly conduct of the racing events and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to a participant, spectator, or official. The race track management shall be empowered to impose any further restrictions that in his/her own opinion do not alter the minimum acceptable requirements. Any interpretation of these rules is left to the discretion of the appropriate track officials **THEIR DECISIONS ARE FINAL.** While all attempts have been made to make these rules as precise as possible, they are not all encompassing.

Any questionable items should be pre-approved by track officials. If it is not specifically allowed, one should assume it is disallowed. The track makes no apologies for disallowing any items not specifically allowed in these rules or otherwise pre-approved. Any person or persons entering into competition or actively participating in competition, including kart owners, pit crew members, vendors, officials, media, or others in the pit area, are covered under these rules and regulations and are considered **MEMBERS** under these rules and regulations.

Rathbone Raceway Inc. reserves the right to refuse or accept the entry of any kart or participant without recourse. Furthermore the track reserves the right to revoke or cancel the rights of any entry, or any participant's claimed right to be on the track premises, if it is determined that a participant's presence or conduct is not in the best interest of the track, the sport of go-karting, other competitors, spectators, track management or employees. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN.**

General Regulations

KNOWLEDGE OF RULES-Members are responsible to know policies and regulations set forth herein and those that become effective during the season. A driver/owner assumes full responsibility for the conduct of their pit crew and their adherence to the rules and guidelines of the track. The driver/owner shall be the sole spokesperson for the kart and the team and shall receive any penalty resulting from his/her pit crew's actions.

AMENDMENTS TO RULES-Rathbone Raceway reserves the right to amend, alter, or remove any rules, policies or procedures as published. This may be done if the track deems it necessary for the betterment of the program, further clarification of existing rules or improvements to safety.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK- Members assume full responsibility for any and all injuries sustained property damage and/or death at any time while on the race premises or en route to or from. No member will have any claim for expenses or damage against Rathbone Raceway or it's promoters or officials regardless of negligence. No insurance is extended on vehicles in the pits or infield.

PROGRAM-The program consists of qualifying and feature events. The raceway will determine the number and nature of event, which constitute a complete program, Preliminary events for a division may be deleted for extended programs. Track management reserves the right, without recourse to alter the preannounce length or nature of any event if weather, track conditions, driver or fan safety concerns or other factors warrant such a change.

PARTICIPATION- competing karts are subject to inspection by raceway officials at any time. Such inspection does not deem a kart safe and free from defects. No expressed or implied warranty of safety shall result from publication of or compliance with these rules . Kart, part, and/or equipment will not be considered as having been approved by reason of having passed through inspection at any time or number of times unobserved or undetected.

TRACK CONDITIONS- Any driver or pit crew member may inspect the racecourse for defects, obstructions, or other conditions, which may affect competition. If a driver feels that conditions are unsafe, the driver shall report such knowledge to the pit steward or track owner. If a driver feels that the conditions are still unacceptable for competition, they have the option of not competing. By choosing to participate, a driver deems that racecourse is acceptable for competition. The driver further acknowledges that kart racing inherently involves risk and by competing they are assuming these risks with full knowledge and awareness of these risks.

CONDUCT-All members are subject to proper conduct. Acts detrimental to the sport of kart racing, such as abuse of the officials and vulgarity are prohibited. Entering the pit area of another competitor after an incident is considered instigating and will be dealt with accordingly. Repeated violations of this rule could result in permanent suspension.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY- Absolutely no alcoholic beverages will be allowed during the race program. Mandatory revocation of rights will take place for any member found to be using illegal drugs or consuming alcoholic beverages while the race program is in progress, or prior to entering the race premises. What you do after completion of the race program is your business, but as long as karts are still operating the afore mentioned pastimes will not be tolerated.

VULGAR LANGUAGE AND INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR-Anyone who uses vulgar language or actions towards another will be asked to leave the premises. Our intentions are to provide a fun, safe , and non invasive sporting event. While we fully understand that situations arise from time to time we strongly encourage you to control your actions for the sake of everyone attending these functions.

DECISIONS-All of the decisions concerning scorekeeping, suspensions, disqualifications, penalties and interpretation of these rules by Rathbone Raceway ARE FINAL. questions or comments regarding such decisions will not be discussed during the race program. All inquiries about any decisions should be made in a respectful and civil manner or they will not be heard. Under NO circumstance is ANYONE to approach the flag stand during a race program.

INSPECTION-Any kart is subject to a full inspection by a track official at any time while at the raceway. Failure to comply will result in disqualification. Post race disqualifications do not require inspection of additional karts. All karts must be available for inspection immediately following an event. Failure to report to the designated inspection area if so instructed by the track officials will result in disqualification. Compliance with rules will be determined by the procedures, equipment, and tools adopted and utilized by the raceway. Official weight is per track provided scales. Competitors are urged to check compliance against such standards before entering competition. Contact the technical inspector or the pit steward prior to the racing program start time if you wish to have your kart checked against any track equipment.

RACE DAY CHECK-IN

Each day of racing, drivers are required to register with the pit steward at the designated check-in area in the pits. This should be done as soon as you arrive at the track.

In order to be lined up according to the required line-up procedure for the qualifying events, the driver must be checked in at least ½ hour prior to the officially posted start time for the days events (cut-off time). While any member of the pit crew may check -in the driver, it is ultimately the driver's responsibility to make sure that he/she is checked -in for that day's events..

Any driver that check-in after the cut off time will be allowed to participate in qualifying events, but will start at the end of his/her qualifying event. Drivers must check -in regardless of when they arrive at the track. If for some reason a driver change is required prior to the qualifying event this change must be declared to the pit steward .

The driver that drives the kart in the qualifying event is the only person allowed to drive the kart in the feature.

STARTER AND FLAG REGULATIONS

OFFICIAL STARTER-All practice and competition activities on the track are under the immediate control of the starter and other track and pit entrance flagmen. All competitors shall adhere to their directions. Failure to do so at any time may result in disqualification.

STARTING PROCEDURES

INITIAL STARTS-All initial starts for heats and features will be double file. Absolutely no passing until the green flag comes out. The head starter will indicate by waving the green flag that the race is starting. In order to be scored, a kart must be on the track and take the initial start. Once the initial start has taken place, no additional karts will be allowed on the track.

The pole sitter will set a slow but steady pace with all the other karts maintaining the same pace until the green flag is indicated. Karts should be nose to tail and side by side until the green flag is waved.

COMPLETE RESTARTS-If the head starter calls off an initial start or a caution comes out before the first lap is scored, it will result in a complete restart. If the start was called off because the head starter did not like the formation, all karts should return to their original starting spot. If after a second attempt to start the race is waived off, the head starter has the direction to move one or both front row starters to the rear of the field if he feels either driver is failing to properly obey the green flag. Front row drivers must remember that while "the pole sitter sets the pace; the head starter starts the race".

Any kart that exit's the track and then returns before the restart must start in the rear. If your chain comes off, it may only be repaired one time on the track.

RESTARTS-restarts are double file until the halfway point of the race has been reached . All restarts after the halfway point will be single file. Lapped karts are placed into the lineup in the place they were running in when the yellow or red flag came out. A driver of a lapped kart may elect to move to the end of the field if he/she is uncomfortable starting where he/she otherwise should line up. The driver should indicate this to the track official by motioning to the rear. The head starter will indicate by waving the green flag that the race is starting.

REPAIRS-Karts may only re-enter a race under a yellow flag. Drivers wishing to re-enter a race must wait to be waved on to the track by a track official. Once the white flag is waved indicating that the race is about to re-start, no karts will be allowed to re-enter the race until the next yellow is displayed.

Explanation of Flags

GREEN FLAG-Signifies the start of an event All karts must remain in line until receiving the green. Green may be followed immediately by yellow for complete restarts, at the discretion of the starter. On caution laps, racing will resume when the green flag is displayed.

YELLOW FLAG-Signifies track is not clear, Karts must decrease speed, get into single file until told to double up, if applicable. **NO** passing is allowed under caution. Drivers must pay attention to the track officials. Continued failure to move into the directed position or failure to allow another driver into position may result in a driver being placed in the rear of the field. **CONTINUED FAILURE TO OBEY THE ON-TRACK OFFICIALS LINEUP INSTRUCTIONS WILL RESULT IN A BLACK FLAG.**

Track officials will determine which karts, if any initiated the need for the yellow flag. These karts will be placed in the rear of the field. Any kart that exit's the track under yellow will line up after all the other karts.

RED FLAG- Signifies automatic halting of the race . All karts must **STOP!** The race is scored according to the last lap completed under green.

BLACK FLAG-Signifies disqualification with immediate exit from track to pits required. If disqualification is for equipment violation, kart may return to competition upon remedy and approval by track officials. If procedure violation, kart must remain in the pits and driver loses all points for that event.

WHITE FLAG-Signifies one lap remains for caution or completion of the race.

CHECKERED FLAG-Signifies completion of event. Finishing positions decided according to distance traveled regardless if kart takes checkered.

Lineup Procedure

Lineups will be posted prior to the day's events. Check the board for your starting spot and also for the order of the heats and feature events. It is the driver's responsibility to know when he/she is supposed to be lined up. A driver should watch what class is currently lined up and judge when he/she should be getting ready to race.

Failure to be in the heat lineup area when the heat goes on the track will result in a driver losing his/her starting spot and being forced to start at the end of the heat, If a driver arrives at the lineup area after the heat has been sent to the track, the driver must follow the track lineup person's instructions on when they are to enter the track. If time permits before head starter gives the green flag, the lineup person will motion the driver onto the track. Failure to obey the lineup person's instructions will result in an immediate disqualification for the race.