

# FLAGS - IMPORTANT



Dear Driver,

Welcome to the world of Stoxkarts where our experienced team will make every effort to make sure that your racing experience is as enjoyable and as safe as possible. Your safety, and that of every other competitor, helper, official or spectator, is of prime importance to us, and to this end we have drawn up some notes that will help ensure your safety and the safety of others.

**Dress:** An approved helmet, racing suit, neck brace and gloves must be worn at all times whilst racing.

**Stadium Etiquette:** No alcoholic drinks allowed prior to or during the race meeting. No smoking anywhere in the pits area, in the kart or on track. A 5mph Speed Limit within the stadium at all times except whilst participating in a race. No person other than the driver to ride on the Kart. Full safety equipment must be worn whilst the Kart is in motion, other than within the confines of the Pits Area. No starting of engines until ordered to do so. The driver is responsible for the behaviour of his own mechanics or helpers. Watch your language – as a driver you are a role model for younger fans and an ambassador for Stoxkarts.

**Race Officials:** All race meetings are governed by the Steward of the Meeting and you will at all times be under his/her authority. He/she will be assisted by the Clerk of the Course, the Pits Marshall and Track Marshalls. Orders given by any of these officials, as well as any Stoxkart official, should be obeyed without question. These orders may be verbal, by use of signals such as hand signals and lights, or by signal flags. As flags/lights are the main means of communication during a race you must understand their meaning fully.

-  **GREEN FLAG/LIGHT:** The track ahead is clear and you may race at full speed.
-  **STATIC YELLOW FLAG/LIGHT:** Exercise caution – stationary Kart(s) on raceway ahead.
-  **WAVED YELLOW FLAG/FLASHING YELLOW LIGHT:** Slow down to walking pace immediately. **NO OVERTAKING.** There are almost certain to be safety personnel or marshalls on track.
-  **RED FLAG/LIGHT: STOP IMMEDIATELY** - Serious incident. Remain belted-up in Kart until instructed otherwise by further signals or instructions from an official.
-  **WHITE FLAG WITH RED CROSS:** Technical Disqualification. Retire to the infield and stop.
-  **WHITE FLAG with BLUE SPOT:** Oil or Debris on track. Exercise caution.
-  **BLACK FLAG:** A driver who is black flagged or whose number is shown in conjunction with a black flag must retire from the race immediately for safety reasons.
-  **UNION JACK:** The race leader has reached the halfway point in the race
-  **BLACK/WHITE CHEQUERED FLAG:** The race winner has completed the race distance. Keep racing at speed for minor placings.
-  **CHEQUERED FLAG WITH RED FLAG/LIGHTS: RACE OVER** - Slow down and proceed to track exit.

**Race Caution Procedure:** When a race caution (waved yellow flags/ flashing lights) is introduced you must immediately reduce speed to walking pace and move into single file with approximately one kart's length between karts. Any driver who overtakes during a race caution will, at the discretion of the Steward of the Meeting, either be docked two points per car overtaken, be disqualified from the race or, in a serious incident, be disqualified from the rest of the meeting. You must stay in the position that you are in when the caution starts. If another kart passes you on a caution **DO NOT** re-pass. Leave it to the Steward. By the same token you cannot wave other karts past. If you are unable to maintain speed and hold your current position you must retire to the infield.

**Exiting the Kart:** Once you have left the pits you are expected to remain in the kart, suitably helmeted and harnessed, until you return to the pits, or until a race official instructs you that you can exit safely. If you are involved in an incident and unable to continue to race you must remain securely strapped in the kart and await instructions. It is the safest place to be. Under no circumstances should you release the seat belts or raise the aerofoil on track unless told to do so by a race official. If you believe that you are hurt and in need of medical attention you should first count to ten to allow time to gather your wits, and then indicate that help is needed by giving a 'thumbs down' to the nearest official. The official will then pass the information on to the Steward of the meeting. No matter how much it hurts – **STAY IN THE KART WITH YOUR BELTS IN PLACE.** If you are deemed to have become unconscious through any reason during the meeting the senior member of the track medical team will be asked to decide if you may or may not continue to race during that meeting, and his/her decision will be final.

I have read the above safety notes and agree to abide by them. I further agree that should I be in breach of any one of these safety notes I could forfeit the right to take any further part in the meeting and the hire would be terminated without refund

Signature..... Date..... Venue .....

**MOTOR RACING CAN BE DANGEROUS. By obeying the rules you can alleviate or minimise the risk.**