



DRIVER'S HANDBOOK

**FOR ALL DRIVERS
AND PARENTS OF JUNIORS**

LEGAL COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

This handbook forms part of the official governance framework of Stoxkarts Ltd., and is compliant with UK law under the Companies Act 2006, Children Act 2004, Data Protection Act 2018 (UK GDPR), and Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

Fully compliant with UK Safeguarding, Equality, and Data Protection Law



STOXKARTS DRIVER & PARENT HANDBOOK 2026

Going Beyond Gold Standard in Safeguarding & Welfare

Welcome to Stoxkarts Ltd. – the home of Short Oval Karting... with impact!

Our formula is built on Safety, Fairness and Family, providing drivers of all ages with a fun, competitive and professionally run racing environment.

This handbook gives drivers and parents the key information needed to race safely and responsibly under the official Stoxkarts Rulebook (SX/10) and our approved policies and procedures.

By taking part, you become part of the Stoxkarts family — upholding our values of respect, teamwork and enjoyment both on and off the track.

The Stoxkarts Team

2. WHO CAN RACE?

Stoxkarts is open to drivers of all abilities, offering a clear pathway from Juniors to Seniors.

Juniors and Seniors never race together.

Junior Drivers (Ages 11–16)

Must be aged 11 to 16th birthday. Require parental consent and a Junior Licence (SX/2).

Senior Drivers (16+) Require a Senior Licence (SX/1). Drivers under 18 must also complete the Parent/Guardian Agreement (SX/4).

Both use the same kart spec but differ in weight limits and welfare controls.

Day & Hire Drivers One-off or guest drivers may use a Day Licence (SX/3)

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3. TRYING A KART – HIRE EXPERIENCE

We offer fully inclusive Hire Kart packages for potential new drivers.

Includes:

Race-prepped kart - Racewear (helmet, suit, gloves). Drivers must supply their own ankle covering footwear.

Trackside support - Full Damage (within the rules of racing)

4. GETTING STARTED

First things first - Read the Rulebook (SX/10)

To race in Stoxkarts, all drivers must hold a valid Stoxkarts Licence issued by Stoxkarts Ltd.

Licence forms (SX/1–SX/5) are available from the Stoxkarts website or from the Stoxkarts Transporter.

Each form must be fully completed, signed, Full Licences must be returned a minimum of 7 days prior to your first event with the required photo, medical details, and full payment.

Once your licence has been approved you will be added to the registered drivers group on Facebook. This is where bookings etc.. are taken. Book in for the meeting you wish to race at.

No driver may take part in any event until their licence has been approved and confirmed by Stoxkarts Ltd.

We are here to support you at every step.

5. DRIVER RESPONSIBILITIES

Every driver represents Stoxkarts Ltd. on and off the track.

Drivers must always act safely, respectfully and in line with the official Rulebook (SX/10) and this handbook.

Drivers must:

Attend all briefings and follow officials' instructions.

Junior drivers must race with controlled contact only ('nudge and spin')

Senior drivers are expected to demonstrate leadership, clean racing, and professionalism.

Race safely and within the rules — avoiding reckless or dangerous contact.

Ensure their kart meets all technical and safety regulations.

Wear the correct, approved safety equipment at all times.

Use their RACEceiver earpiece when on track.

Treat other drivers, officials, and spectators with respect and sportsmanship.

Report any incidents or concerns to an official immediately.

PARENT & GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITIES

Parents and guardians play a vital role in keeping Stoxkarts safe, fair, and enjoyable for everyone.

By signing a Junior or under-18 licence, you agree to support your driver and the officials in upholding the rules and values of Stoxkarts Ltd.

Parents/Guardians must:

Not consume Alcohol or drugs while signed on at an event.

Ensure their driver arrives with all required safety equipment and paperwork.

Supervise their driver at all times while at an event.

Set a positive example showing respect towards officials, marshals, and other families.

Never approach the Steward or track staff in anger.

Report any safeguarding or conduct concerns through the Designated Safeguarding Officers.

Support the fair and safe running of all races by following official instructions.

Parents must support positive behavior and respect for officials.

Abusive, intimidating, or aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated and may result in suspension of both driver and guardian from Stoxkarts events.

Failure to meet these standards may result in penalties, suspension, or licence withdrawal.

6. RACE DAY OVERVIEW

A Stoxkarts race day is designed to be safe, structured, and enjoyable for all drivers, parents, and officials. Every competitor must sign in, attend briefing, and follow instructions throughout the event.

Arrival & Sign-In:

Arrive in good time and report to sign-in with the track and Stoxkarts.
Drivers must be signed in with the track prior to scrutineering.
All karts must pass a scrutineering before going on track.
Junior drivers must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at sign-in and scrutineering.
Drivers must attend the drivers briefing.
Random grids are issued on the day and posted for all to see.

On-Track:

Follow officials' signals and RACEceiver instructions at all times.
Keep rolling laps closed within grades and drive responsibly.
Respect red, yellow and black flags immediately.

After Each Race:

Listen for instructions on the RACEceiver.
Return to the pits safely.
Do not enter or leave the track without permission.
Any post-race checks or inspections must be completed before returning to your transporter.
Attend trophy presentations when scheduled.

End of Meeting:

Leave the pits tidy and take all waste home.

If something goes wrong:

Injury: Alert a marshal or medical staff immediately.
Safeguarding concern: Speak to the DSO or contact Stoxkarts HQ confidentially.
Dispute: Complete an SXF/1 Protest or Misconduct Form.

7. RULES & SAFETY HIGHLIGHTS

All racing is run under the official Stoxkarts Rulebook (SX/10) and ORCi regulations.
Drivers, parents, and teams must always race safely and show respect to others. Controlled contact is allowed (bump to pass, Spin in the Corners)
No following in or attacking stationary karts
Red flag = stop immediately
Yellow flag = no overtaking, slow speed
Keep arms in the kart at all times
Stay in kart unless instructed otherwise.

These rules exist to ensure that every driver, parent and spectator enjoys Stoxkarts racing in a safe, fair and professional environment.

8. WELFARE & SAFEGUARDING

Stoxkarts Ltd. is committed to providing a safe, supportive and inclusive environment for all drivers, parents and officials.

Our Commitment:

We follow the Stoxkarts Safeguarding Policy (SXP/2) and Safe Zone Statement (SXP/12).

All concerns are taken seriously and handled confidentially.

A Designated Safeguarding Officer (DSO) is available at every event.

All senior officials working with juniors are DBS-checked and trained.

Reporting a Concern:

If you ever feel unsafe, worried, or witness poor behaviour:

Speak to a Safeguarding Officer or any event official.

Complete a Safeguarding or Misconduct Form (SXF/1) if required.

You can also contact safeguarding@stoxkarts.co.uk in confidence.

Everyone — drivers, parents and officials — shares the responsibility to speak up and protect others.

9. TRAUMA-INFORMED SAFEGUARDING

Our safeguarding officers are trained to recognise and respond calmly to signs of trauma, fear, or anxiety. Every driver and parent will be treated with respect and understanding, ensuring that any concerns are handled privately and appropriately.

10. MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

Stoxkarts promotes positive mental health and wellbeing for all drivers, parents, and team members.

We want everyone to enjoy racing in a supportive, understanding environment on and off the track.

Wellbeing Checklist:

Stay hydrated and take regular breaks

Eat properly before and during race days

Get enough sleep and rest

Talk to someone if you feel stressed, anxious, or upset

Support Contacts:

Mind UK: www.mind.org.uk | 0300 123 3393

Motorsport UK – Mental Health Support: www.motorsportuk.org/wellbeing

Remember — looking after your mental wellbeing is just as important as maintaining your kart.

11. DIGITAL CONDUCT & CYBER AWARENESS

Be respectful online. Your behaviour on social media reflects on both you and Stoxkarts Ltd.

Key Points:

Think before you post. Never post abuse, blame, or comments about race incidents.

Avoid sharing private or identifiable images without consent.

Do not use social media to criticise officials, drivers, or the series.

Always follow the official complaints process for any disputes.

All online activity should uphold the same respect and professionalism expected at the track.

Reference: [SXP/13 – Photography & social media Policy]

12. INCLUSION & ACCESSIBILITY

Stoxkarts Ltd. is committed to equality, inclusion and fairness for all.

We recognise and support drivers with physical, learning, or neurodiverse conditions, and will make reasonable adjustments wherever possible to ensure safe and fair participation.

Everyone is welcome in Stoxkarts — respect, understanding and teamwork are at the heart of what we do.

Reference: [SXP/5 – Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policy]

13. PARENTAL CONDUCT & BOUNDARIES

Parents and guardians play a vital role in maintaining a positive paddock culture.

Alcohol or drugs are not permitted while signed on.

Aggression or intimidation will not be tolerated.

Concerns must be raised calmly via an official.

Remember: all officials are volunteers working for your and your children's safety.

14. EQUIPMENT & CHECKLIST

All drivers must use approved, well-maintained safety equipment and ensure their kart is safe to race before going on track. All safety equipment must have passed pre meeting safety checks.

Minimum Requirements:

Helmet, Race Suit, RACEceiver, Gloves, Balaclava & Footwear which must provide full ankle coverage.

Novice Cross: Must be displayed clearly on the rear of the kart until advised otherwise by officials.

Orange 'J' Plate: Mandatory for all Junior drivers.

Seat & Pedal Setup: Must be correctly adjusted and securely fitted to ensure safe control.

Officials may check any equipment at any time, Unsafe or non-compliant gear may result in refusal to race.

15. USEFUL LINKS

[SX/10 – Rulebook](#)

[SXP/0– Policy Pack](#)

[SXF/1 – Protest Form](#)

[Licence Forms & Medical Form](#)

16. YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Drivers are encouraged to share ideas, feedback, or welfare concerns. Speak to your DSO, email Stoxkarts Ltd., or contact us online. Your views help us keep improving the sport.

17. OFFICIALS & CONTACTS

Officials:

- DSO: At least 1 DSO available at every meeting Christina Higgins, AJ Hemingway.
- Test Admins: Julie Fenton, Christina Higgins, Claire Holden, Jill Farrington
- Scrutineers: Jason Holden, Ian Higgins, Michael Havercroft Carl Nunn
- Assistant Race Directors: Jason Holden, Claire Holden

18. POLICY PACK REFERENCE

All Stoxkarts policies are published within SXP/0 – Full Policy Pack 2026 and are available for download from the official website.

This master document is approved annually and confirms alignment with UK law, ORCi regulations, and NSPCC safeguarding standards.

19. EMERGENCY MEDICAL ARMBAND FORM

All drivers (Except Hire Drivers) are required to carry a folded Emergency Medical Form in their armband while racing.

This form contains:

Driver's name and licence number

Medical conditions or allergies

Emergency contact details

Any declared medication

It must be updated regularly and remain legible.

A printable version is available on the [website](#)

20. DRIVER RACE-DAY PRE-EVENT CHECKLIST

This checklist is for use by drivers, parents/guardians, or team members to ensure all key preparations are completed before racing.

- ✓ Sign in at track and with Stoxkarts
- ✓ Attend Scrutineering with your kart. Make sure your back panel is off, you have your licence, helmet, suit, gloves, boots, and neck brace and they are compliant.
- ✓ Attend Drivers' Briefings, parent/guardian must attend with under 18s.
- ✓ Before going on track make sure the kart has passed scrutineering.
- ✓ Transponder fitted
- ✓ Fuel is topped up, cap fitted securely, and fuel tap on
- ✓ Helmet, suit, gloves, boots, and neck brace are worn.
- ✓ Armband is worn and up to date.
- ✓ Seatbelt fitted and adjusted
- ✓ Check steering wheel is secure.
- ✓ Check brakes before leaving pits.

This checklist supports safety and compliance with the Stoxkarts Rulebook and event procedures. It should be completed prior to each meeting.

21. FLAG GUIDE

- Green Flag / Light: Track is clear – race at full speed.
- Static Yellow Flag / Light: Caution – stationary kart(s) ahead.
- Waved Yellow Flag / Flashing Light: Stop safely – no overtaking – await instructions.
- Red Flag / Light: STOP IMMEDIATELY – Serious incident. Remain belted in.
- X White Flag with Red Cross: Technical disqualification – retire to the infield.

- ● White Flag with Blue Spot: Oil or debris on track – proceed with caution.
- Black Flag: Disqualified – retire from the race immediately.
- Union Jack Flag: Race has reached the halfway point.
- ⚑ Black/White Chequered Flag: Race winner finished – keep racing for placings.
- ⚑ ● Chequered Flag with Red Light: Race over – slow down and exit safely.

KEY EVENT CONTACTS

Officials are available at every meeting for help and advice.

IAN HIGGINS – Director, Race Director, Steward, ORCi Technical Scrutineer, Policy Compliance, Safeguarding Oversight.

Email: ian@stoxkarts.co.uk

CHRISTINA HIGGINS – Director, Junior Driver Welfare, Parent Liaison, Lead DSO, Junior Conduct Oversight.

Email: safeguarding@stoxkarts.co.uk

JASON HOLDEN – Stoxkarts Clerk of the Course, ORCi Chief Technical Scrutineer, Trackside conduct

Email: jason.holden1@ntlworld.com

CLAIRE HOLDEN – Race Director, Steward, Track & Pit Administration,

Email: claire.holden38@outlook.com

AJ HEMINGWAY – Safeguarding, DSO

Email: aj.503.hemingway@icloud.com

CARL NUNN – ORCi Technical Scrutineer

MICHAEL HAVERCROFT – ORCi Scrutineer

PAUL HEATH – Stoxkarts Technical Scrutineer

ORCi – Governing Body Email: secretary@orci.co.uk | Website: www.orci.co.uk

DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS

Stoxkarts Ltd. is committed to the highest standards of child protection and safeguarding. If you have a concern or need confidential advice or support, please contact one of our appointed safeguarding officers:

CHRISTINA HIGGINS – Junior Driver Welfare, Parent Liaison, Lead DSO, Junior Conduct Oversight

Email: safeguarding@stoxkarts.co.uk

AJ. HEMINGWAY - DSO

Email: aj.503.hemingway@icloud.com

All DSO officers are trained in safeguarding procedures and operate in line with ORCi and NSPCC CPSU standards.

EXTERNAL SUPPORT & HELPLINES

For additional confidential support or to raise a concern outside of Stoxkarts Ltd.:

- NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000
- Childline (under 18s): 0800 1111
- ORCi Safeguarding Lead: www.orci.co.uk