



2010

Albany-Saratoga Speedway Karting Rules

GENERAL RULES

The rules and 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 conditions of all events, and by participating in these events you agree to comply with the conditions set forth by these rules. Unless specifically addressed herein, rules are to be determined by the Official World Karting Association Rulebook. The official Albany-Saratoga Speedway Rulebook will supersede WKA rules unless otherwise noted at a driver's meeting. these rules.

The Race Director shall be empowered to make changes from any specifications herein. He may also impose further restrictions that in his opinion do not alter the minimum accepted standard of the sport. If changes occur in the rules and regulations set forth herein, said changes will be announced at the driver's meetings and published on the ALBANY-SARATOGA SPEEDWAY website. It is the responsibility of ALBANY-SARATOGA SPEEDWAY members to keep themselves informed.

Safety and Sportsmanship will be emphasized at all events. We are involved in kart racing to have fun and promote racing. Compliance with safety rules is the surest way to prevent accidents and have fun. Poor sportsmanship by competitors and crew members can also take the fun out of karting. Safety rules as well as rules regarding sportsmanship will be addressed specifically.

No expressed or implied warranty of safety shall result from publication of, or compliance with these rules and regulations. They are intended as a guideline for the conduct of the sport and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to participants, spectators or others.

The track officials run the program. Their word is final regarding rules and tech. Please respect the officials. Good sportsmanship is expected from all participants and their crews. All disputes should be brought to the attention of the race director in a polite and civilized manner.

ELIGIBILITY

All entrants must meet the requirements of the division in which they wish to race. Any entrant under the age of 18 will be required to have parental permission to enter an event. *A birth certificate is required for all racers under the age of 18 in order to be eligible for a specific division.*

Driver Age Requirements: All classes have a minimum “competition age” for drivers and some have a maximum age limit. Both limits are stated in the specific class description.

Competition Age: A driver’s actual age as of December 20th of the previous year shall establish his/her “competition age” for the current calendar year. EXAMPLE: A driver is competing in a class that has a maximum age of 15 years. If the driver is 15 on December 20, 2009, the driver may compete in that class for the entire 2010 calendar year, no matter how early in the year the 16th birthday occurs.

Eligibility to Advance an Age Category: Minor driver of at least 9 years of age whose birthday qualifies them to move up to classes with the next higher age requirement may do so under two conditions. If their birthday occurs by June 30th of a competition year, they may advance to classes with the next higher age requirement at the beginning of the competition year. If their birthday occurs after June 30th, they may move up on or after their birthday and complete the competition year in classes with the next higher age requirement.

Prohibition from Moving Back an Age Category: If a minor driver meets the requirement outlined above and chooses to move up to a class with the next higher age requirement, he or she may do so. However, once the competitor advances to the next higher age level, he or she must continue to compete at that level.

All drivers shall demonstrate their driving ability to the satisfaction of the race officials.

Karts and equipment must be safe and able to pass technical inspection.

Both kart and driver must be registered; entry fees must be paid upon registration.

Pit passes are required and insurance waiver must be signed before each practice or competition.

The track officials have the right to reject the entry of any kart or driver.

All karts must register prior to the driver’s meeting. Late entries will start last in heat races. Feature line up will be based upon heat race finishes.

ABSOLUTELY NO KARTS ON THE TRACK FOR ANY REASON, UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN REGISTERED FOR THE DAY.

Numbers must be minimum six inches high and displayed on front, back, and sides of the kart. Number should be legible, use dark numbers on a light kart and light numbers on a dark kart. For example: white or yellow numbers on black karts or red numbers on a white kart.

Numbers must be approved by the handicapper/head scorer. There will be no duplicate numbers in each division.

Karts that do not display numbers according to regulations will not be scored, at the discretion of the head scorer.

HANDICAPPING

Upon registration all entrants will draw for position for the first heat race. The second heat race will run a reverse line up of the first heat. The feature line up will be determined by an average of the two heats. In the event of a tie for position in the feature, position will be determined by the racer's original draw.

Officials have the right to position a kart further back in the lineup for safety reasons. All first time drivers must start in the back until they prove their ability to drive.

Once a kart is qualified, only that kart and the driver who qualified may compete in the qualified position for the feature.

Karts and or drivers that did not qualify in the heats will start at the rear of the feature, with approval of track officials.

If a consolation race is necessary, position will be determined by finish order of the heats. Karts qualifying through the consolation race will line up at the rear of the feature in the order that they finished the consolation race.

All events will run two 8 lap heat races and a 20 lap feature race for each class, unless otherwise noted at the driver's meeting.

POINTS

Only members of ALBANY-SARATOGA SPEEDWAY will be scored for points. Points will be allotted per the WKA Rule Book.

All races will be point races unless otherwise specified. Points will be accumulated during the season. High point drivers in each division will be "Track Champion".

Points are awarded to the drivers, not the kart number. If you are driving a different kart, then **it is your responsibility to tell the scorer**, especially if you switched karts during the event.

Points will be awarded to racers taking the green flag in the feature race. If a driver changes classes at any point in the season his or her accumulated points will not be transferable to his new class.

Points will be carried for club members **ONLY**. To be eligible for a championship trophy you **MUST** have competed in a minimum of half of the race events for that class.

Although the points championship is set up to reward the dedicated, consistent racer, all racers have problems. Therefore a racer's lowest score of the season will be dropped; these will include races that he did not participate in. A "DQ" WILL COUNT AS A DROP.

Point standings will be updated and posted weekly.

The Junior Rookie class will be a non-points class.

PROTESTS

No protests will be allowed or considered while the race is in progress. A protest may only be made by a licensed kart owner or driver in the same class after the race has ended.

Track officials have the right to refuse a protest.

ANY protest accompanied by profane language or violence will be immediately refused.

A reminder; the driver will ultimately be responsible for the actions of his team or pit crew.

All non-visual protests must be on a protest form and submitted to the race director.

All visual protests (those not requiring any type of measuring device to determine legality) must be made before the feature events. A protest involving engine legality must be submitted by a kart owner or driver in the same class.

Engine protests must be in writing and posted with a \$50.00 cash bond within 10 minutes after posting the official results. In the event that the kart under protest is not legal, the \$50.00 will be returned. If the kart is found to be legal, \$25.00 will be awarded to the kart owner and \$25.00 will be retained by ALBANY-SARATOGA SPEEDWAY. The driver of the illegal kart will forfeit all awards and receive a point penalty, to be determined by the officials (based on the severity of the illegality) for that day.

Other protests must be in writing and submitted to the race director within 15 minutes after the Final Results are posted. The race director will consider the protest and if accepted will provide a verbal decision within 72 hours.

ALL DECISIONS MADE BY THE TRACK OFFICIALS ARE FINAL!

SUSPENSION

ALBANY-SARATOGA SPEEDWAY officials may suspend for a definite period of time, or terminate the membership of any individual for any violation of the rules herein or set forth by the WKA, if such action is determined to be in the best interest of the sport. Notice of such suspension or termination and the reason for such action will be mailed via certified mail or delivered in person. Upon receipt of notice, the individual shall have the opportunity to appeal by written request. Appeals will be heard by track officials.

ANY DECISION MADE WILL BE FINAL.

PIT PROCEDURES

Anyone entering the pit area must sign in according to track policy. No one will be allowed in the pit area without proper registration and pit pass. Fees will not be refunded.

Children are permitted in the pits. A signed minor release and waiver of liability must be on file for all minors. Parents are responsible for their children at all times!

Any driver, owner or crew member who fails to sign the required release forms and purchase a pit pass for a particular event will subject the driver or owner of the kart associated to disqualification and/or a fine.

Each kart owner is responsible for keeping his pit area clean. DO NOT DUMP FUEL OR OIL ON THE GROUND, drums may be provided for dumping, if not, please ask an official where to dump.

Respect for competitor's equipment is expected. Anyone found tampering with or stealing another competitor's equipment will be disqualified from all future events.

Alcohol and drugs are prohibited in the pit area. Any participant found to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be disqualified and forfeit any awards or points. Stricter penalties may be imposed by track officials. Any violent behavior or profane language in the pits will subject the driver or owner of the kart associated the driver to disqualification, penalties and/or fine.

When exiting track all karts must stop and engines must be shut off on the exit road.

TRACK PROCEDURES

NO ONE shall be allowed on the track to drive a kart who has not signed the proper paperwork.

No one shall be allowed on the track unless given permission by a track official during a race event.

No driver, owner, or pit crew member shall have any claim for damages, expenses or otherwise against the track owners or promoters or track operators, by reason of disqualifications or damage to kart or driver or both. They agree that the track is in a safe and useable condition when they take part in the racing activities.

The starter/head flagger, upon direction of the Race Director, will be in complete charge of the race. His flag signals are to be obeyed without exception. It is the responsibility of the drivers to know the flagging procedures. A mandatory driver's meeting will be held before each event. Any questions about flagging procedures should be addressed at this time.

On the ORIGINAL start, the starter will show the green flag when he feels the field is in proper order and the leaders have reached the designated starting point of the race. No kart may pass another until they have reached the location designated by the starter. Starting the race before reaching this point will automatically result in a restart at the rear. If you jump the original start, you will go to the rear. This is for ALL positions. If you pass a kart before the start/finish line or the starter you will be penalized positions or put to the rear of a restart, at the discretion of the Race Director.

On the restart, after one lap has been completed, the leader sets the pace. When the leader reaches the starting point, provided the field is in proper order, the starter will throw the green flag. As with the original start, no one may pass before the designated location and any kart jumping the green from any position will be penalized. **A lap is considered complete when all karts pass the start/finish line. The final lap is considered complete when the leader passes the start/finish line.**

Restarts are double file until halfway. The Race Director reserves the right to start single file at any

point he deems necessary.

A race may be stopped at any time at the discretion of the Race Director, if it's considered to be dangerous or unsafe to continue.

In the event of a caution, karts involved in the accident or spun out, causing the yellow flag to be displayed must go to the rear. They will assume position at the rear of the field in the order that they leave the scene of the accident. All other karts will be lined up as they finished the last completed lap per the scorers. If a karter spins out to avoid a kart involved in the accident causing the yellow flag, he or she may be allowed to resume their prior position. The Race Director also reserves the right to place a kart that has been deliberately hit back to his position at the last recorded lap.

Participants about to be lapped by faster competitors are responsible for being aware of the approaching faster karts and must yield the racing line until the faster karts have passed. Lapped karts will observe the passing (blue) flag or subject themselves to disqualification.

Finish position is determined by the distance traveled regardless if the kart is running or not.

Any driver who drives through the infield or off the track in a reckless manner shall be placed one lap down or black flagged from the event and may be suspended from future events, at the discretion of the officials.

If a qualified driver chooses to drive a kart other than the one he/she qualified, that kart shall start last in the feature. Points are awarded to the driver and not to the kart.

FLAG RULES

Each competitor is responsible for the knowledge of and adherence to the following flag signals. All flag signals are to be obeyed without question.

GREEN: Start or restart of any race or practice session.

YELLOW – CAUTION: Slow down and hold position. No passing until the green flag appears. Be prepared to stop.

RED – STOP IMMEDIATELY! Any driver disobeying the red flag will be immediately disqualified from the race.

BLUE OR BLUE WITH YELLOW STRIPE: Passing flag, a faster competitor is overtaking you or preparing to lap you. Make room. Unless otherwise instructed at the pit meeting, lapped karts are to move to the outside of the track.

WHITE: One lap to go.

BLACK: Continue one more lap at reduced speed and pull into the pits for consultation.

BLACK FLAG ROLLED: Warning that your driving borders on disqualification.

*Note: Any driver who has received the black flag must remember that he/she may have received it for a mechanical defect of which they are unaware, fuel leak, flat tire, etc. and **MUST** enter the pits.

Failure to heed the black flag may result in the competitor not being scored for those laps completed after the black flag is presented.

CHECKERED: Finish of the race. Proceed for one more lap at reduced speed. Winner to take "Victory Lap."

SAFETY REGULATIONS

All karts are subject to safety inspection by track officials before they are allowed in competition. Drivers must have mandatory safety gear on at all times on the track.

Albany-Saratoga Speedway adheres to all WKA safety rules* and they will be strictly enforced. It is advised that all competitors purchase a WKA rule book each year.

The following safety equipment is required:

1. Approved full head coverage racing helmet.
2. Approved rib/chest protector for junior classes.
3. All steering & brake component bolts/nuts must have cotter pins or safety pins.
4. Driver's racing suit or heavy jacket and pants.
5. Safety gloves.
6. Approved neck brace.
7. CO2 or dry chemical fire extinguisher available in pit area.
8. Return springs on carburetors in good working order.
9. Brakes.
10. All Rookie, Junior 1 and Junior 2 classes must run a loop bumper that extends past the frame rails.

***CHAMP KART RACERS:** WKA mandates that Champ kart drivers wear a Full Fire Resistant Driving Suit with an SFI rating of 3.2 A1 or better. It is strongly recommended for 2010 but will not be mandated by the Speedway until 2011.

All body panels must be rounded on karts. No sharp edges. Nothing should be protruding from the kart.

Karts are to be refueled in the pit area only. During refueling, engine must be stopped and the driver must vacate the kart.

DRIVING PROCEDURES

Rules and procedures shall apply to all practice sessions as well as racing events.

All entrants must prove their ability to drive. First time drivers are required to wear an "X" on their helmet for their first three events. All first time drivers will start in the rear for their heats. It will be up to the Race Director's discretion to start the first time driver in the rear for the feature.

The starter/head flagger, under the direction of the Race Director, is in control of the race. Any disregard for the starter/head flagger will result in disqualification.

The race does not begin until the green flag is displayed. Pole setter will set the pace. Anyone jumping the green flag will be sent to the back at the discretion of the starter/head flagger.

When two or more karts enter a corner simultaneously, the lead kart has the right of way. Deliberate blocking, rough riding, bumping or pushing is prohibited. Any driver hitting the track markers is subject to disqualification.

IF THE RACE DIRECTOR DEEMS A DRIVER IS ROUGH RIDING, DELIBERATELY BUMPING, PUSHING OR BLOCKING, HE WILL PENALIZE THE DRIVER ACCORDINGLY. SAFETY IS A MAJOR CONCERN; ANY DRIVER JEOPARDIZING THE SAFETY OF ANYONE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

Drivers shall raise one arm over their head to signal when they are slowing abnormally, applying excessive brake, pulling off the course or warning other drivers of impending hazards.

Drivers are to go immediately to the scale area following each race. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. It is your responsibility to make sure that you have been weighed by an official.

TECHNICAL RULES

Unless otherwise noted, kart specifications and engine rules shall be as stated in the WKA rulebook. If you are unsure of a rule or specification, ASK.

The Race Director may require any competitor to submit to technical and/or safety inspection at any time. Failure to do so may result in loss of points and awards for all classes run at that event and may result in suspension of membership.

WKA spec mufflers are required. This will be a tech item.

Entrants must meet age and minimum weight requirements for the class entered. All ballast must be securely fastened to the kart, painted white and have kart number on them. Karts will be weighed after each event with driver and helmet. Track scales are official. Technical inspections will be randomly held during the course of the season. Decisions of the tech inspectors are final. Anyone refusing a tear down will be disqualified and will not be allowed to race in future events until he has been inspected by an ALBANY-SARATOGA SPEEDWAY tech official.

The Race Director reserves the right to amend any technical rules in the interest of parity.

CLASSES

Only classes with enough participants (minimum of 5) will run on a weekly basis. Officials reserve the right to combine classes as deemed necessary.

All first time drivers must wear a **LARGE X** on the back of their helmet.

If 5 or more karts show up to race in a specific WKA class, we will run that class. However the class may run with another class as deemed necessary by the Race Officials.

Championship trophies or plaques will be awarded to the 5 top point drivers in each class at the end of the year. Rookie class will not compete for points; however, will be eligible for year end awards.

Class	Age	Weight	Plate	Special
Rookie Raptor	5-7	250	Purple (0.425")	4:1 gear ratio
Rookie Animal	5-7	250	Purple (3 hole plate – hole size 0.225")	4:1 gear ratio
JR 1 Raptor	7-10	265	Purple (0.425")	
JR 1 Animal	7-10	265	Purple (3 hole plate – hole size 0.225")	
JR Sportsman 1 Champ	8-10	300	Purple (3 hole plate – hole size 0.225")	
JR Sportsman 2 Champ	10-12	325	Turquoise (top hole .275; bottom hole .325)	
JR Champ	12-15	360	Black (0.575")	
Sr. Animal Champ	15-up	425	N/A	
JR 2 Animal	10-12	285	Turquoise (top hole .275; bottom hole .325)	
Animal JR	12-15	320	Gold (.505)	
Raptor 370	15-up	370	N/A	
Animal Light	15-up	325	N/A	
Animal Heavy	15-up	375	N/A	
JUNIOR TOBIAS SLINGSHOT	8-13	685	600 V-TWIN BRIGGS & STRATTON (SEALED MOTOR) (NEW RED SEALS ONLY)	
TOBIAS SLINGSHOT	13-up	760	600 V-TWIN BRIGGS & STRATTON (SEALED MOTOR) (NEW RED SEALS ONLY)	

Note * Classes grayed out will run together.

*Classes may be combined as deemed necessary by Race Officials

ENTRY FEES

For regular shows entry fees are: \$18.00 members, \$21.00 non-members. (per class) Fees for special events will be posted prior to the event.

Pit passes are purchased for each event. Pit passes are non-transferable and non-refundable unless the event is canceled by the officials.

\$7.00 members, \$9.00 non-members

MEMBERSHIPS

Although not mandatory, club memberships are recommended. Members pay reduced entry fees and pit passes, and vote on club business. Only members are eligible to compete for Points Championships.

For the 2010 karting season, drivers, crew members and others who have a valid 2010 AKA Membership card will receive the same pricing and benefits as Albany-Saratoga Speedway members.

Memberships cost \$25.00 Driver, \$15.00 Associate member, \$50.00 Family membership