



EXECUTIVE DESK

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Welcome to our first newsletter. Each month the Qld Executive aim to release a newsletter which will inform everyone on what the Executive are doing, something from the Officials Co-ordinator and Technical Advisor and a feature article. If you want to see something in the newsletter just let us know.

Currently the executive are working on the State Calendar, State Regulations and getting ready for the AGM. We are meeting with each Zone to go through the zonal series dates and regulations. The calendar will be released following the AGM on the 24th & 25th November.

OFFICIALS CO-ORDINATOR (Mark Hogan)

The other month, the State Exec made the decision that all officials, in fact any who deal with minors under the age of 18 should have their Qld Blue Card. The take up from Qld Officials applying for their Blue Card has been very successful. If you have yet to apply, the process is simple, just drop a line to Annette English, the State Administration Officer, either by phone or email admin@kartingqld.com.au and ask for the application to be sent to you. It only takes a few minutes to fill out.

With Official Schools, the decision was to trial video hook-ups this year, instead of travelling all over the state as in previous years. This means those who need to attend the schools to maintain their accreditation could do so from their own home and at a convenient time. The schools so far held this year have been successful. It has been interesting to have people attending from different parts of the state at the same time. Also, I have had a couple of people join up all around the one computer, which was good. The timetable this year has been a bit of a 'scattergun' approach to try and get to those officials whose accreditation was due to expire, as accreditation lasts two years. Next year it will be a more structured approach with set weekends each month to run the schools.

Finally, P platers / D grade licence holders. Everyone should be aware that if your club is running Timed Qualifying, a P plate driver starts on the grid where they qualified. Random draw grids, a P plate starts rear of field for the Random Draw section only. Once you have a heat which is calculated based on the points accrued (such as format 15 onwards), the P plater will start based on what points they have gained.

TECHNICAL ADVISOR (Shaune English)

The rules in relation to video recording systems are contained within Technical Rules, Chapter 1, Rule 8.

The following is a brief description of the requirements:

- Video Cameras are mandatory for National Championships and National Series (e.g. AKC , Pro Tour and Race of Stars
- When fitted – **the first camera must be mounted on the Nassau Panel.**
- The camera fitted to the Nassau Panel must have a maximum of 180 degree vision
- There can be up to 4 cameras fitted to a kart
- Cameras must have a multi-strand tether securely attached to the camera and the kart frame of body work.

In addition to the rules on placement there are rules on weights. A fully contained system such as a Go Pro or similar must **weigh less than 0.3kg** including the mounting brackets. For a multipart system, the camera and mounting system must weigh less than 0.2kg and the total system must weigh less than 1kg.

There has been an incident recently where a camera came off a kart and the camera and mount weighted 600g.

A MINUTE WITH CARTER MOBBS



My name is Carter Mobbs, I am 11 years old, I race in the cadet 12 class.

I started go karting when I was 7, I have been racing for almost five years.

I got into karting because my Dad raced, it looked like lots of fun so I gave it a go.

My Dad and I used to go to the track after school and on weekends, it was not long until we were travelling to seek more competition.

Some of the highlights throughout my go karting career are;

Winning the Central Qld Kart championships in both Cadet 9 and Cadet 12 classes in 2014/2015.

Winning the first round of the Australian Kart championships as a cadet 9 in 2014, I was the youngest driver ever to win an Australian kart championship round in Australia.

Placing 2nd in the Queensland Kart championships 2017, Cadet 12.

Winning the Queensland Kart championship in 2018, Cadet 12.

Winning round 4 of the Australian Kart championships in 2018, Cadet 12.

I still have one goal I would like to achieve this year, that is to win the Gold Coast Race of Stars.

My goal next year is to be the cadet 12 Australian Kart champion.

The thing I like most about racing is the competition, I love competing against the best drivers in the country.

Also I like catching up with my karting friends at each race meeting.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT



Karting Queensland has again provided driver training to our newest members of the sport with training provided by Queensland karting identity Johnny Grother. This incentive is designed to give free tuition to drivers, parents and crew to make the step up from turning laps to getting competitive.

Bundaberg hosted the first of 3 training days at the Dromeside raceway and was held in conjunction with the Queensland Championship shake down meeting on the 15th of September. 11 Drivers made the grid with various levels of skill and ability. Bundaberg is an excellent layout which tests drivers in every aspect. Much focus was taken on the track walk where the drivers did their slowest lap of the track ever with the walk taking over an hour. Getting the drivers to break each corner down to its basics where the cadets got a good understanding of getting the kart to the corner and keeping the speed up enough not to run off.

Mechanics got on the tools adjusting most of the karts pedals so the driver is maximising the dynamics of using the brakes to full effect and remembering the ergonomics of ever growing kids and the importance of being comfortable. Mums also got some valuable information on diet and nutrition. Shaune English was available to discuss to the drivers the importance of scrutineering and worked through some of the technical requirements and why we have the rules in place for the safety requirements of each vehicle.

Townsville hosted the Northern regions training day on September the 29th and under glorious weather 9 new faces to Karting and 1 other more experienced driver benefited greatly from the

training. The Townsville club has been a very well established club in Qld karting and with many top performing drivers hailing from this club its important to keep that tradition going. Drivers also walked the massive layout with time taken to identify the various track camper changes and how this can effect cornering and ensuring the exit speed of the turns is maximised.

The mechanics and crew of this group where particularly interested in the setup of karts and how it worked. Wheels where stripped and karts where analysed for straightness and particular attention was aimed at things that can be done at home/workshop to maximise the preparation for karting events also.

Every driver from both sessions where extremely thankful to KQ and Johnny G with personal best lap times dropping and results showing immediately at Bundaberg with drivers winning events for the first time and showing significant improvements. The next round of training will be in Warwick with a date yet to be set.

Got questions or would like to see something in the newsletter, let your club secretary know or email admin@kartingqld.com.au .