



## EXECUTIVE DESK

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24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> November is the Karting Qld AGM and as part of the weekend we will be participating in the Building Better Clubs Conference organised by Karting Australia. This is a great opportunity for all attendees to learn new and innovative ways to grow our sport and clubs.

During 2018 Karting Qld has been working hard to promote and develop our sport through our Junior Development program and our ongoing collaboration with KA through their Junior Sprocket Program. Marketing was rolled out for the zonal competitions along with the Zonal Logos and it was great to see the logos incorporated into all Zonal Series Trophies. Marketing, Promotion and development will be another focus point for the new year. We would like to thank everyone for your support and we are looking forward to continuing to work with everyone in 2019.

## TECHNICAL ADVISOR (Shaune English)

### Is it Non-Compliant or Cheating

**Cheat:** act dishonestly or unfairly in order to gain an advantage

**Noncompliant:** someone or something that does not conform to an accepted model or standard

Inspections done in Scrutineering are to ensure compliance with the standards as set in the KA Manual or the Homologation Documents. While there are some who will push the boundaries as far as they can (or further), the majority of breaches found in scrutineering can be categorised as:

1. Ignorance of the rule – it's amazing how many times I've been asked how wide a Kart can be as I'm measuring it.
2. Poor Maintenance – yes, you should check there are no tears in the air filter.
3. Accidental – forgot to measure the width after moving the tyres out.

Unfortunately, following a ruling of a breach of the Technical Rules I hear people saying that they have been labelled a cheat. Often, this is not the case and there is no deliberate attempt to break the rules.

For some reason, a mistake on the track is accepted but a mistake at Scrutineering is obviously cheating.

I am 100% in favour of finding and prosecuting people who deliberately break the rules in order to gain an advantage. They do not belong in any sport.

However, before you label somebody a cheat following a breach of the technical rules consider the following:-

- Where they cheating or found with a non-compliant part?
- Did you know the rule they breached? (could it have been you?)
- Do you actually know what happened or are you making assumptions?
- How would you feel if you were the person found guilty?

The majority of people feel bad enough when they breach the rules, don't make it worse and drive people away from the sport just so you can feel superior by giving others a label.

## A MINUTE WITH THE BUTLER FAMILY



Mick, Darlene and Zac are all members of the Gladstone Kart Club and race together as a family.

We caught up with Zac to find out what it was like racing together as a family and what he liked about racing.

*It's a lot of fun racing and having both Mum & Dad race as well, although sometimes Dad forgets to do stuff to my Kart so I don't race as well. I was really proud when Dad won the C & D Titles at Cooloola, it's a great track. I really like passing people on the track but Mum doesn't.*

*We have raced at lots of tracks and when John Grother had the Junior Development day at Bundaberg we went and John helped me with going faster, even Mum learnt heaps to help her race better.*

*I am aiming to get on the podium at the CQ Series and would love an invite to Race of Stars.*

**SUPERNATS 22 – LAS VEGAS**



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Congratulations to all the Karting Australian Drivers who competed in Las Vegas. Various Drivers from Qld competed and made us all very proud. For the full story visit <http://www.kartsportnews.com/2018/11/19/two-wins-a-one-two-in-masters/> and Cooper Photography Facebook page for all the Pictures.

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