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Welcome to Ipswich Kart Club, Australia's largest kart club and Home of Champions.

## Getting Started in Karting

The purpose of this document is to answer a number of questions asked by those looking to get into the sport of karting and to also offer some advice on the best way to go about it.

## Come and Try Days

Ipswich Kart Club runs regular Come and Try Days; the intent of these days is to give potential kart racers the opportunity to drive a real racing kart prior to committing to the sport. The minimum age is 6 years old. The club provides everything including safety gear, racewear and of course a kart. We will also provide a bit of driver instruction on the day. A fee of \$150.00 applies to participate in an IKC Come and Try Day. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website to see when the next Come and Try Day will be held.

If you require further information on Come and Try Days please contact our Development Officer, Russell Innes at [jnrdevelopment@ipswichkartclub.org.au](mailto:jnrdevelopment@ipswichkartclub.org.au)

## The Process

To start racing karts the process is outlined on the Karting Australia web page which has all the information regarding how to start karting, including a range of instructional videos. <https://www.karting.net.au/>

Basically, you join a club, obtain a licence, and buy a kart and safety gear. If you would like to join our club and get a Licence, go to the Karting Australia website and go to the Licences and Entries Tab and follow the instructions.

New Karter's are limited to driving low to medium powered karts due to racing licence restrictions. A new driver will start with a D class licence and progress to a C class licence, after the driver has received four endorsements by the Event Stewards, having been observed at four race meetings. A further six endorsements will result in the driver's licence being eligible to be upgraded to a B class, at this point the driver is allowed to drive higher powered karts.

Before your first race meeting, you will be required to complete an ODS (Observed Driving Session) and complete the Ipswich Kart Club ITP (Induction and Training Process). The ODS can be done at a normal practice day under the supervision of an authorised official. Please contact our Development Officer Russell Innes on 0402584486 to arrange for this official to be present.

## What to buy

As stated above, new Karter's are limited to driving low to medium powered karts due to their racing licence restrictions. Below are some suggestions on what constitutes a suitable kart depending on the age of the driver. When it comes to purchasing a kart, it is a good idea to try and buy the newest kart your budget will allow. Good quality safety gear is paramount and the best investment you will make.

## **Karting Classes at Ipswich Kart Club**

### **Cadet 9 (6 – 9 years)**

The purpose of this class is to teach young people to drive karts of restricted performance at a limited cost. Competitors use a Vortex 60cc Mini Rok fitted with a restrictor plate. Drivers aged between 6 and 7 are only able to practice and must be 7 years of age before starting racing.

### **Cadet 12 (10 – 12 years)**

Using the same principal of the Cadet 9 class, Cadet 12 use a Vortex 60cc Mini Rok without a restrictor.

### **KA3 Junior (12 – 16 years)**

This class allows close competitive racing in karts fitted with the IAME KA100 Reedjet engine (fitted with a restrictor)

### **KA3 Senior (15+ years)**

Utilising the IAME KA100 Reedjet engine without a restrictor, this class offers fast and competitive racing.

### **TAG 125 Restricted (15+ years)**

The TAG Restricted class caters for entry level competitors using push button or key start engines such as the Rotax MAX, X30, ROK GP and Galaxy engines fitted with a restrictor plate. The engines used in these classes are water-cooled and are fitted with a clutch and provide an easy step for a beginner.

### **TAG 125 (15+ years)**

The TAG class caters for the higher licence grade seniors, using the same engines as TAG 125 Restricted but without a restrictor plate.

### **Open Performance (15+ years)**

The Open Performance class is the fastest club level class in Australian karting and caters for the higher licence grade seniors, driving the very high performance gearbox karts, twin engine karts, etc.

## **How much do they cost**

In the case of Cadet karts, you could expect to pay between \$4000 and \$6000 for a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand competitive package with a Vortex Mini Rok. A new Mini Rok package would start from around \$8000. For a Junior kart fitted with IAME KA100 engine expect to pay between \$4000 and \$6000 for a competitive 2<sup>nd</sup> hand package. Likewise, a Senior kart with a competitive KA100 or TAG Restricted engine will be priced somewhere between \$5000 and \$7000 for a good 2<sup>nd</sup> hand package.

## Where to buy a kart

So where is the best place to buy a kart? You could look on our classifieds page IKC Classifieds <https://www.facebook.com/groups/237481623082595/> or Karting Classifieds Australia <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1536845376635719/> but a better suggestion would be to purchase a kart via a kart shop. Here you will generally find good advice, help with kart setup and even provide driver training.

### **Power Republic**

Shop Address: 5/130 Currumbin Creek Road, Currumbin. Contact: 0410 205 252 – [powerrepublicengineering@gmail.com](mailto:powerrepublicengineering@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.powerrepublic.com.au](http://www.powerrepublic.com.au)

### **Brisbane Karts**

Shop Address: 5/36 Kenworth Place, Brendale. Contact: 0434123093 – [brisbanekarts@gmail.com](mailto:brisbanekarts@gmail.com)

### **Project X Racing**

Shop Address: 3/11 Westerway Street, Slacks Creek. Contact: (07) 3299 2225 – [william@projectxracing.com](mailto:william@projectxracing.com)  
Website: <http://projectxracing.com/>

### **Northside Kart Supplies**

Shop Address: 88 Dorrigo Street, Kedron. Contact: 0406 867 031 – [sales@northsidekarts.com.au](mailto:sales@northsidekarts.com.au)  
Website – [www.northsidekarts.com.au](http://www.northsidekarts.com.au)

### **PatriziCorse**

Shop Address: Cnr John Lund Drive & Sickle Avenue, Hope Island. Contact: Ph: (07) 5530 1583 – [info@patrizicorse.com](mailto:info@patrizicorse.com)  
Website: <https://patrizicorse.com>

## About Ipswich Kart Club

The track is available for general practice on Wednesday evening, Friday, Saturday and Sunday except on public holidays. Driver training opportunities hosted by various kart shops and driver trainers, are available on Thursday. Please always check our website and Facebook pages as these times may change. All general practice bookings and payments are made via the Karting Australia KOMP Portal <https://portal.karting.net.au/octozy/login?oc=KARTING%20AUSTRALIA>

Facility opening hours are,

**Wednesday** 4.00pm – 9.00pm (Track operating times are 4.30pm – 8.30pm)  
**Thursday** 8.00am – 5.00pm (Track operating times are 8.30am to 4.30pm)  
**Friday** 8.00am – 5.00pm (Track operating times are 8.30am to 4.30pm)  
**Saturday** 8.00am – 5.00pm (Track operating times are 8.30am to 4.30pm)  
**Sunday** 8.00am – 4.00pm (Track operating times are 8.30am to 3.30pm)

### **Practice Fees**

IKC Members: \$30.00 per day

Non-members: \$50.00 per day

### **2026 Membership and Licence Fees**

Senior Membership	\$150.00
Junior Membership	\$150.00
Family Membership	\$350.00
Competition Licence (New)	\$384.00
Competition Licence (Renewal)	\$365.00
Practice Licence	\$215.00

## 2026 Race Dates

31<sup>st</sup> January – Ipswich Kart Club Championship Round 1 (Cadet Titles)

7<sup>th</sup> March – Ipswich Kart Club Championship Round 2 (TAG Titles)

2<sup>nd</sup> May – Ipswich Kart Club Championship Round 3 (KA100 Titles)

15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> May – Australian Kart Championship Round 2

1<sup>st</sup> August – Ipswich Kart Club Championship Round 4 (TAG Restricted Titles)

29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> August - Ipswich Kart Club Championship Round 5 IROC (Ipswich Race of Champions)

10<sup>th</sup> October – Ipswich Kart Club Championship Round 6 (Castledine Challenge)

7<sup>th</sup> November – Ipswich Kart Club Championship Round 7 (Capri Cup)

## Ipswich Kart Club key contacts

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