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## KartSport Responds To A Changing Market

### To: Club Presidents, Secretaries and Conference Delegates

New features and benefits have been released today following the “Fit For Purpose” themed Conference of Clubs.

#### [Have A Go's: Run What You Brung!](#)

The objective here is to allow for newcomers to experience the sport for virtually no cost in a non-competitive environment. All one needs is a safe kart that meets KartSport rules for a [Have A Go skid session at Club](#) sanctioned events.

“Have A Go” skid sessions may be run standalone or integrated into a normal Club Day programme as per KartSport’s guidelines and may use out of spec tyres, different engines etc. Note: If run on a Club Day these sessions are not run as races, but as timed sessions as agreed by the Club Convenor and the Chief Steward.

#### [Mixed Classes Starting Lineup Rule J2.24](#)

To allow flexibility at Club Days especially where new Club Day Light class competitors with X plates would rather start at the rear of the combined field rather than in the middle of the mixed Light/Heavy field.

#### [Licensing Pathway to Tier 1 & 2 Refined](#)

A refined criteria that will require one less observation to achieve both Tier One and or Tier Two and which can be fast tracked by attending and passing an approved [Academy training session](#).

#### [Track Limits Rule J1.1](#)

Existing rule replaced with the CIK-FIA Sporting Code definition of a race track. The existing rule was proving to be unmanageable and not in the best interests of competitors or officials taking into account existing track corner layouts and a lack of self-policing kerbing. This rule change will also align us with most of the free world including Australia.

#### [“Paperless” Judge of Fact Reports Rule C2.18.9](#)

Judge of Fact decisions will be notified in the Announcements section of the My-Laps competition results. Judge of Fact decisions will not require a separate written notification to a competitor. Notifications will be made via the My-Laps system including the App once upgrades finished. This will greatly reduce work load for our officials at big events.

#### [No Contesting an Official's Decision Option for Club Days Rule C4.2](#)

Option for Clubs to implement this on Club Days to help free up officials to multi task.

NOTE: A Working Group has been formed (Graeme Moore, Wayne Keats and Brian Lotter) to explore possibly taking this further to an extent where Clubs may be able to run an event with less officials.

#### [Race Officials, Apart from the Chief Steward and the Clerk of Course, Can Race/Crew on a Club Day](#)

Clarification: This is possible under our current rules at a Club Day (Group F event) providing the minimum number of officials are officiating on track at any one time as per the Track Safety Plan. Refer rules and or contact Colin Harris, National Steward.

## **Trial: KartSport Whangarei: Bathurst in the Valley 14/15 October 2017**

A "one off" trial exemption has been issued to KartSport Whangarei to allow Junior Restricted Competition Licence holders aged between 11 to 13 years to participate at Whangarei's annual Bathurst in the Valley event on 14/15 October 2017 in the Junior Clubsport LO206 (Briggs) class. Any ongoing changes will be reviewed by the Executive after this event.

## **Revised/Mixed Age Groups**

Executive Member Kent Ramsay is leading a project to review this entire area with researched and potentially compliant proposals to be submitted prior to the next Executive meeting in November.

## **REAR BUMPER Rule K1.6 - K3.17**

Here we are catching up with most of the rest of the world where rear protection pods have been standard issue on new chassis for up to 11 years. Currently competitors buying new chassis are often paying extra for locally made steel rear bumpers due to perceived/actual performance gain. Introduction of rear protection pods is necessary for the progressive implementation of push back nose cones for Group A-E events.

## **Push Back Nose Cones Rules K1.42.1 – K3.16.1**

In a quest for improved driving standards and far less damage to karts this change will see the progressive implementation of push back nose cones for all events except Group F Club Days. Push back nose cones have become the norm in many countries around the world in recent years. During 2017 these have been trialled on the 125cc Rotax Junior class at most rounds of the NZRMC with a positive improvement in driving standards and reduced damage.

## **Summary:**

Following on from the *Fit For Purpose* themed Conference of Clubs the Executive are determined to move with haste in enabling Clubs to be as flexible as current governance and safety allows in terms of delivering awesome event experiences for competitors that at the same time maintain a spirit of parity and fair play.

Links: For the full list of changes and more detail click [HERE](#)

**Best regards**

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