

# **Norwalk Karting Association**

## **2011 Race Schedule & Rule Book**

### **(Constitution & Bi-Laws)**



## **Norwalk Karting Association 2011 Racing Schedule**

### **Spring Race Season**

March 26<sup>th</sup> Practice Day Rain Date March 27<sup>th</sup>

April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Points Race Easter Sunday No Racing Rain Date TBA

April 9<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Points Race Rain Date April 10<sup>th</sup>

April 16<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Points Race Rain Date April 17<sup>th</sup>

April 23<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Points Race Rain Date April 24<sup>th</sup>

April 30<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Points Race Rain Date May 1<sup>st</sup>

May 7<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Points Race Rain Date May 8<sup>th</sup>

May 14<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Points Race Rain Date May 15<sup>th</sup>

May 21<sup>st</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Points Race Rain Date May 22<sup>nd</sup>

### **Fall Race Season**

September 17<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Points Race Rain Date September 18<sup>th</sup>

October 1<sup>st</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Points Race Rain Date October 2<sup>nd</sup>

October 8<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Points Race Rain Date October 9<sup>th</sup>

October 15<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Points Race Rain Date October 16<sup>th</sup>

October 22<sup>nd</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> Points Race Rain Date October 23<sup>rd</sup>

October 29<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Points Race Rain Date October 30<sup>th</sup>

November 5<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Points Race Rain Date November 6<sup>th</sup>

November 12<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> and Final Points Race Rain Date November 13<sup>th</sup>

November 19<sup>th</sup> Fun Day

# CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE I

### NAME

#### Section 1:

The name of the Club shall be "Norwalk Karting Association".

## ARTICLE II

### PURPOSE

#### Section 1:

The purpose of these rules is to ensure the safety of the competitors, while also creating an enjoyable and competitive atmosphere for everyone participating.

## ARTICLE III

### MEMBERS

#### Section 1:

Any adult, who has attained the age of eighteen years and is found to be in good character, shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be extended to the spouse and children between the ages of five and seventeen. A family member becoming age 18 automatically becomes a member and will be responsible for dues. However if they turn 18 during the calendar year they will have the option to remain under their family's membership or apply for their own membership. All families who were under a family membership prior to 2009 may maintain a family membership.

#### Section 2:

All members shall be required to pay dues in full with the application, before being allowed to participate in scheduled events. Membership will start when dues are paid.

## ARTICLE IV

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### Section 1:

The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the club. They shall establish the hour and place of the meetings, make recommendations to the club, and perform such other duties as are specified in the Constitution and/or By-laws. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the Club and none of its acts shall conflict with actions taken by the Club. The Board shall consist of officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Immediate past President. While in office,

they shall pay no dues and receive two pit passes for each week of the Spring and Fall seasons.

**Section 2:**

The elected officers shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary and the Treasurer, all of whom shall be members in good standing.

**Section 3:**

Elections shall be held at the annual meeting in November. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of members in good standing present.

**Section 4:**

The regular term shall be one year. The regular term shall begin in January of the next calendar year.

**Section 5:**

All officers, at the expiration of their terms, shall render to their respective successors, all the Club property and moneys in their possession.

**Section 6:**

If an elected officer fails to discharge the duties of his or her office for three consecutive meetings, that officer shall be requested to properly discharge their said duties or render his/her resignation.

**Section 7:**

Eligibility requirements for all officer positions will be one year's previous and consecutive service, and membership in good standing with the Club, and at least a 50% attendance record at Club meetings for that year, counting the October meeting.

**Section 7a:**

Eligibility requirements for all Track Officials will be that they are members in good standing with the Club.

**Section 8:**

Any vacancy shall be nominated by the Board of Directors for approval by the membership where as the balance of the present term in office may be served out. If the office of Treasurer is to be vacated, the Treasurer's records shall be verified to be correct by the Board of Directors before acceptance of the Treasurer's resignation.

**ARTICLE V**  
**DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS & OFFICIALS**

**Section 1:**

The President shall preside at all meetings, General and Board, during the transaction of Club business. He/she shall uphold the Constitution and the By-laws of the Club. He or she shall cast one vote in case of a tie.

**Section 1a:**

The President shall act as the Race Director. The Race Director is a NKA senior race official with responsibility for all aspects of a WKA/NKA sanctioned event. He or she is in charge of all other race officials and personnel and has complete charge of the karts while on the track. The Race Director is responsible for enforcement of all WKA rules and regulations stated in the WKA Technical Manual, Tech Updates, and all supplementary rules in force for an event. The Race Director may direct the Head Flagman to warn competitors of unsportsmanlike or unsafe driving via pointing furred black flag. He or she may direct the removal of a driver from the track for driving infractions or defective equipment by presenting a waving black flag. The Race Director has the authority to assess more severe penalties for unsportsmanlike driving or conduct.

**Section 2:**

The Vice President shall assist the President and assume role of Race Director in the President's absence.

**Section 3:**

The Secretary shall record the proceedings of all meetings and be responsible for all Club correspondence.

**Section 4:**

The Treasurer shall collect all fees, dues and assessments, record all monetary transactions of the Club, and assist with pre-race sign in. The Treasurer will also produce a monthly financial report.

**Section 5:**

The Immediate Past President shall serve as an advisor to the President, and serve as a voting member on the Board of Directors.

**Section 5b:**

Two driver representatives will be selected by the Board of Director and confirmed by a club majority vote. One person will represent the Junior drivers and the second will represent the Senior drivers. Both representatives will serve as advisors to the Board of Directors.

**Section 6:**

The Board of Directors shall select The Head Flagman, Chief Scorer, Grid Steward, Appeal Committee, and Pre-Tech Safety Committee. They will be under direct supervision of the President and Vice President.

**Section 7:**

The Head Flagman is in charge of all Corner Marshals and Pit Steward. In addition he/she is responsible for making flag signals to the drivers under the direction of the Race Director. The Head Flagman and Race Director shall conduct daily and pre-race drivers meetings to brief competitors on the use of flags, special track conditions, and other relevant information.

**Section 8:**

The Chief Scorer is in charge of scoring. The Chief Scorer or designee posts all official race finishes. In addition, he/she is responsible for the maintenance of scoring needs and for pre-race sign in.

**Section 9:**

The Grid Steward is in charge of hot pit and grid area including all officials, drivers, and pit crew in these areas. The Grid Steward will assign pits, direct gridding and maintain orderly conduct in these areas. He/she shall be in communication with the Head Flagman and will be responsible for verifying that all karts have been pre-teched before entering the racetrack and will see that all corner marshals are in their proper locations. The Grid Steward may also be called upon to fill in as Corner Marshall for the first turn.

**Section 10:**

Corner Marshals shall be the attained age of 16 years of age and older. Corner Marshals will be posted around the course to assist the Race Director and Head Flagman in the safe and orderly conduct of the event. Corner Marshals shall be alert and will use the caution, red, and passing flags in their areas as needed. They will be responsible to keep track clear during race events, but should never endanger themselves while conducting their duties. In addition, Corner Marshals may be called upon to review any on-track incidents and in doing so it will be expected that they will render an honest account of the incident.

**ARTICLE VI  
COMMITTEES**

**Section 1:**

All committees shall be nominated by the Board of Directors, and must be approved by the membership.

**Section 2:**

The Appeals Committee shall be responsible for assisting the Head Flagman and President in rendering penalties according to the constitution and by-laws if so requested by the President and Head Flagman or during an event.

**Section 3:**

The Pre-Tech Safety Committee shall inspect for compliance with all rules and regulations regarding the safety of equipment of kart and driver. The Pre-Tech Safety Committee shall also inspect equipment to verify it fits the driver correctly and that seats and pedals are adjusted to the driver. It is the Kart owner's responsibility to see that all safety equipment fits the driver properly and that the kart is in safe operating condition.

**ARTICLE VII  
MEETINGS**

**Section 1:**

A Regular Business Meeting will be held the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM. Meetings will be held in accordance with the Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised Edition). Meetings require two weeks notice, and will be posted on the Norwalk Karting Association Web Site: [www.norwalkkartingassociation.net](http://www.norwalkkartingassociation.net)

**Section 2:**

The number of members present at a regular business meeting shall be the quorum. 51% of members present shall constitute a majority vote, which shall rule.

**Section 3:**

Persons not members of the Club may attend Regular Business Meetings by invitation of any Club member, but they cannot vote, and shall speak only at the invitation of the Officers.

**ARTICLE VIII  
DUES AND ASSESSMENTS**

**Section 1:**

The dues shall consist of an annual fee to be decided upon by the Board of Directors and approved by the Club members at the January meeting. Dues shall be paid in full by the regular March meeting. Dues collected after the March meeting will be assessed an additional \$25.00. Any member joining after June 1st will pay half of the membership dues.

**Section 2:**

Funds and dues shall be deposited in the General Fund and used for the actual expenses and maintenance of the club.

**Section 3:**

Assessments shall be submitted to the General Membership by the Board of Directors for approvals. All moneys collected shall be used only for the specific purpose requiring said assessment.

**Section 4:**

Any property improvements expenditure costing over \$500.00 shall be approved by the General Membership with a majority vote at the monthly meeting.

**Section 5:**

All Karting Vendors must pay a \$100.00 vendor fee annually due at the first week of racing.

**ARTICLE IX  
AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1:**

Any amendments to the Constitution, and/or By-laws are made annually. All amendments must be in writing and submitted at the December meeting and voted on by the General Membership at the January meeting. An amendment must carry a 51% majority vote of the members present.

**Section 2:**

The club will have the ability to add or change by-laws at any time during the year; however restrictions must be followed.

**Section 3:**

The proposed addition or amendment of a current by-law request must be made in writing and posted for two weeks prior to the next meeting on both the Club website and at the sign in booth (during the season).

**Section 4:**

The proposal will either be posted directly on the home page or will have a direct link to it from the home page.

**Section 5:**

The voting for the proposed addition or change will be made during the next club meeting (all restrictions must be met).

ARTICLE X  
INTERPRETATION OF RULES

**Section 1:**

The strict interpretation of all rules, regulations and by-laws shall be made by the Board of Directors.

**Section 2:**

When rules are not specifically defined within the club constitution and by-laws, the Board of Directors will defer to the latest printing of the WKA Technical Manual as interpreted by the Race Director.

**BYLAWS**

ARTICLE I  
GENERAL RULES

**Section 1:**

Members may not sue or press charges against another member, an official, the City of Norwalk, any benefactor of the Club, or the Club itself. Nor shall any member discredit or bring slander to the Club's well being. The penalty can be lifetime expulsion.

**Section 2a: Technical Inspections**

Upon request all vendors will provide a sample of methanol prior to the 1st heat to be tested and used as a baseline for fuel tech on that race day. Tech will be decided by randomly pulling "tech chips" out of a hat for that particular day, unless otherwise deemed necessary by the race officials. Any or all parts that have to be removed to get at the to be teched parts can be teched, if Tech Officials or the Board of Directors deems it to be necessary. If any part must be changed on the motor, an Official must be notified and present while that part is being changed. That part will be held until released by the Tech Official. If the top 3 finishers in a class agree that they don't want tech it **can** be waived by the race officials. **All kart motors must be equipped with a tech bolt kit. A tech inspector or club official must properly seal kart motors official prior to the first heat. It is the kart owners or drivers responsibility to see that the motors are sealed.**

**Section 2b:**

Any class participant may protest another competitor's fuel, motor or kart for a set fee. All protests of technical specification legality, driver conduct and scoring must be submitted in writing by legal entrant from the same class in which the alleged violation occurred. If a kart specification is protested, the protesting driver's own kart will also be subject to full inspection. If an engine specification is protested, the

protesting driver's engine can also be subject to full inspection. VERBAL PROTESTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

### **Section 2c:**

All protests must be submitted in writing to the Race Director (or designated official) of the WKA/NKA sanctioned event within 30 minutes after completion of the race that is being protested, or in the case of a scoring protest, 30 minutes after the results have been announced and/or posted. After the close of the 30 minute time window all races are official and final unless posted otherwise by a race official. The written protest must refer to (1) the specific Technical Manual page, (2) the Technical Update section, or (3) the specific supplementary rules in force for an event and (4) protest fee, if applicable. No money is required for the initial protest procedure. Anyone filing a protest on another competitor's equipment must keep his or her own equipment in impound area following the race. Once a competitor's equipment has been removed from the impound area, he or she has waived the right to file a protest on another competitor's equipment regardless of whether 30 minutes have elapsed from the completion of the race in question. If a driver's finishing position is adversely affected by an incident on the track, the driver cannot be reinstated to his or her previous position. However, this does not prevent the driver from filing a protest after the race to argue a position penalty given by the officials.

LEVEL 1 PROTEST – The Race Director will make the decision based on information gathered by officials and involved competitors. The Race Director will then deliver the decision to the competitor.

LEVEL 2 PROTEST – The competitor will then have the opportunity to appeal the decision to (a) the WKA Board of Trustees or (b) protest committee at the track.

### **Section 2d:**

If a protest is denied by the Race Director and the driver wishes to appeal, there are two options, (1) he or she may do so with the Appeals Committee at the track based on the fee rates noted in Article 1, Section 2e. In order for the appeal to be heard at the track, the protesting driver must sign a waiver waiving his or her rights to have an appeal heard by the WKA Board of Trustees. The Appeals Committee will meet and decide the outcome of the appeal and deliver the decision to the Race Director, so that the driver can be informed and the correct finishing order can be posted at the event. (2) If the protesting driver chooses to have the WKA Board of Trustees hear the protest, the fee is \$100. The appeal will be placed on the agenda for hearing at the next scheduled board meeting. When the appeal goes to the Board of Trustees and involves an engine or chassis part, the item must be packaged and sealed by the protestor and given to the event Race Director to be taken to the Board of Trustee meeting. The driver must file his or her appeal within fifteen minutes after the race official has given the decision on his/her initial protest. If a driver's protest is denied, he or she may appeal that protest only after the final/feature race has been completed. If protest is denied on an issue prior to the running of the final/features, there is no appeal. Appeals that are not resolved at the track may also be heard by a five-person committee at another location in lieu of the upcoming Board meeting.

**Section 2e:**

At the end of the race day there will be a tech inspection of the protested item. If the protested item is found to be legal the protest fee will be given to the protested. If the item being teched is found to be illegal the protestor will get his fee back and the protested racer will lose points for that day.

**Protest fees:**

Kart	\$25.00
Fuel / Oil / Restrictor Plate	\$25.00
Roll Cam	\$50.00
Carb, tank, gasket, head	\$40.00
Coil, flywheel, exhaust	\$40.00
Complete lower end	\$100.00
Complete teardown	\$225.00

**Section 2f:**

No Officer or Club Official shall make a call, judgment or be involved in any decision making process in which an immediate family member is a competitor.

**Section 3:**

Any unauthorized person (non member) who wants special permission to be inside the track area must receive permission from the Club officials, and must sign a liability release.

**Section 4:**

A copy of the Constitution, By-laws and Track Schedule is available on-line at the NKA website or can be supplied if requested. A copy will also be present at the track.

**Section 5:**

Everyone racing and/or participating in a scheduled event must sign a release form and obtain a pit pass each week.

**Section 6:**

All present are to give full cooperation to officials at all times.

**Section 7:**

Anyone under eighteen years of age cannot race unless a parent or proof of guardianship is present. Parental consent is required as per WKA/IKF instructions.

### **Section 8: Competition Age**

A driver's actual age as of December 20, 2010 shall establish his/her competition age for the 2011 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, 2010, the driver may compete in that class for the entire 2011 calendar year, no matter how early in the year the sixteenth birthday occurs.

### **Section 8a:**

Minor drivers of at least nine years of age whose birthday qualifies them to be moved up to classes with the next higher age requirement may do so under two conditions. If their birthday occurs by June 30 of a competition year, they may advance to classes with the next higher age requirements at the beginning of that competition year. If their birthday occurs after June 30, they may move up on or after their birthday and complete the competition year in classes with the next higher age requirement.

### **Section 9:**

Any new racer shall put an "X" on his or her helmet and rear number plate for three weeks and sign in as a "Rookie/New Racer." All first time racers will start at the rear of all heats and feature races for a minimum of three weeks. During this probationary period the racer will keep his/her earned positions on the track once a completed lap has occurred. At the discretion of the Official Starter or the end of the three-week period, they may be allowed to pick a chip at sign in for heat starts positions.

### **Section 10:**

Each membership family is required to have an adult 16 years of age or older to corner marshal a minimum of five time per race day.

### **Section 11:**

Each family/driver is required to participate in all fund raising efforts as outlined by the Board of Directors.

### **Section 12:**

Each family/driver will be assigned daily duties for track set-up and tear down.

## **ARTICLE II TRACK RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **Section 1:**

All approved participants will be admitted through the sign in booth. Proper ID is required, and all fees and waivers must be completed to race. All forms must be neat and legible. This will be stressed and insisted upon.

**Section 1a:**

Each pit stall shall have at least one up to date fully charged 5 lb ABC type fire extinguisher in operating good condition.

**Section 2:**

Pit Areas are limited to kart crews and shall allow ample space to be provided so that karts can be moved in and out with ease. Pit areas will be kept orderly and clean.

**Section 3:**

Kart engines can be started and run between 9:00 A.M. and the beginning of the drivers meeting. No kart engines will be allowed to be started and/or run until the completion of the drivers meeting. All generators – both vendors and drivers – must be turned off during the driver's meeting. This will be strictly enforced. Penalty for non-compliance is to be a minimum of loss of starting position in first two heats for that day. Continued non-compliance will have escalating penalties to be assessed.

**Section 4:**

Entry fees will be paid by participants before the drivers meeting. Any sign in after the drivers meeting will incur a late fee.

**Section 5:**

Only persons with a pit pass shall be allowed in the pits or to race on the track. Per insurance regulations and City licensing agreement, no one under the attained age of 16 years of age will be allowed on the track during racing unless he/she is a participant in that race.

**Section 6:**

Alcohol may not be consumed at any time during a racing event. A racing event is concluded at the completion of the last race of the day, and when the track is cleaned up and all equipment is put away. Penalty for non-compliance is to be a minimum of loss of starting position in first two heats for the following race event. Continued non-compliance will have escalating penalties to be assessed.

**Section 7:**

All kart owners and participants will act like ladies and gentlemen at the track and will see that their crews do likewise. Vulgarity is not acceptable. It is also that person's responsibility to supervise any children or other family members while on track property. Shirts and shoes are required.

**Section 8:**

A whiteboard will be erected in the pit area and shall have the lineups for each race posted no less than 10 minutes before race time.

**Section 9:**

The Race Officials must approve any re-arranging of the class lineups.

**Section 10:**

No kart and/or driver shall be allowed on the track unless approved by an official. During intermission only people interested in getting into karting and have properly signed in will be allowed on the track. Any exceptions to the rule will be approved by the President, however; absolutely no practicing of karts will be allowed.

**Section 10a:**

No kart shall be allowed on the track until it has passed the safety inspection. It is the kart owner's responsibility to see that the Safety Tech Official has inspected the kart.

**Section 10b:**

If an alternative driver pays the race fee, he or she may test an alternative kart during the practice session as long as the driver and kart meet the age, kart, and safety requirements.

**Section 11:**

If any kart cannot be lined up on the grid, the Head Flagman can put it in the back of the field. A grace period of two full course caution laps will be allowed prior to starting the race.

**Section 12:**

The green flag is used during practice and the race to indicate that the track is clear. It is used to start a race and to restart a race after a yellow or red flag. The race shall be considered started after the green flag has been thrown and all karts have passed through the first two turns.

**Section 13:**

If all karts fail to make it through the first two turns due to a spin or accident, the race will be restarted. There will be only two attempts at a double file start. In event the accident or spin only involves one kart the Official Starter/Flagman may use his/her discretion on whether to restart the race or not.

**Section 14:**

A driver must start a race to receive points.

**Section 15:**

A driver must finish the race with the same kart he/she started with to receive points.

**Section 16:**

The blue flag with the diagonal yellow stripe is a passing flag tells a driver that he or she is being lapped and must yield the racing line to allow lapping karts to pass. Failure to obey the blue flag will result in disqualification. When a kart receives the passing flag the driver shall hold their line and remain there until the lapping kart or karts have passed. Do not try to race passing karts.

**Section 17:**

The yellow flag indicates an unsafe condition on the track. Under the yellow flag, drivers are to reduce speed, stay in line, maintain a close interval with kart directly ahead, and proceed with caution. Passing is not permitted. Drivers may not race back to start/finish line. When a yellow flag is displayed in a corner, it may only pertain to that corner. When a yellow flag is being waived in a corner and by the Head Flagman, it signifies a full course caution.

On a restart during a race, all karts will line up as instructed by the Head Flagman in front of the scoring trailer at the finish line. When all karts have been lined up correctly, the race can be restarted.

Restarts after a yellow or red flag will revert to the most current order of last completed lap. If no laps have been completed, the field will revert to the order as lined-up when last green flag was given. In either case, the kart(s) causing or directly involved in the incident will be placed in the back of the field. A lap is considered complete when all karts on lead lap have passed the finish line or scoring loop.. When the caution flag has been thrown by the Head Flagman on the last lap of a race, the race will be considered yellow/checkered ending the race. If the checkered flag has been displayed, those karts that have passed the start/finish line shall be scored as they finished.

**Section 18:**

The red flag indicates that all drivers are to stop quickly and safely as possible at the point designated by the race officials. Drivers may not race back to the start/finish line. Disobeying the red flag will result in immediate disqualification. The red flag will be given by Head Flagman at the start/finish line and followed by a Corner Marshal.. It may be used if, in the opinion of the Head Flagman or Corner Marshall, the track is unsafe to continue the race. In the event a race is called complete after a red flag is dropped, all karts not involved in the accident shall be scored as finishing in the last position that they crossed the line in the previous lap. In the event of a red flag the kart driver causing the red flag cannot continue the race without the consent of the EMT and/or track officials.

**Section 19:**

A waving black flag tells a driver that he or she must proceed immediately to the pit area or a location designated by the race officials. It can be used to tell a driver that he or she has been disqualified due to an on-track infraction such as bumping, pushing, blocking, rough driving, or other unsafe or unsportsmanlike activity. If it is due to unsportsmanlike driving in group qualifying or pre-final, the driver will start at the rear of the next round of competition. If it is in the final, the driver will receive

zero points for the race. A waving black flag can also be used to tell a driver about unsafe equipment or safety apparel in which case the driver will receive race points based on his finishing position as shown by scoring. If the unsafe condition can be repaired, the race official may allow the driver to reenter the race. In all cases, failure to leave the track immediately may also result in suspension of membership privileges. In such an event the driver shall raise his or her hand, avoid interference with the other karts and exit track to the scales, within one lap.

**Section 20:**

The white flag indicates that one lap remains in the race. The white flag is a courtesy flag and its use is not required.

**Section 21:**

The checkered flag is used in practice to indicate that practice laps are over. When displayed in a race it indicates that the race is complete, and drivers are to proceed to the pits or scale/impound area. If a white flag is used, the checkered flag must follow the white flag. A red or yellow flag cannot be displayed alone after the white flag. They may be used with the checkered to indicate caution on the track, and under these conditions, racing to the checkered is prohibited. Waving checkered and black flags indicate that the race is ending under conditions subject to review and potential action by race officials. For scoring purposes, all karts will hold their positions before entering the pit area. In the event an error occurs, the final position shall be determined by the scorer's record.

**Section 21a:**

Any restart because of an accident shall be restarted double file to the halfway point. After the halfway point or after two caution flags, karts will be lined up in single file.

**Section 21b:**

Any driver who takes the initial green flag gets at least last place points progressively, i.e.; first driver out gets last points, 2<sup>nd</sup> driver out gets 2<sup>nd</sup> to last points, etc. These points are awarded only if the kart weighs in after that race. This rule does not apply to karts disqualified for driver misconduct.

**Section 21c:**

If 50% of the race has been run under the green flag, when the red flag is dropped, the Head Flagman has the authority to call the event complete.

**Section 22:**

All Members are responsible to clean their pit area at the end of each race day.

**Section 23:**

All members are required to help set up and clean up the track. Failure to comply will result in loss of starting position or points at the discretion of the Race Officials.

**Section 23a:**

All karts must remain in the tow trailers or vehicles until the track is set up. This rule does not apply to track vendors.

**Section 24:**

There will be absolutely no riding of bikes, scooters, skateboards etc. and playing ball within the pit area and track once race practice starts until the end of the day and only after the track equipment is picked up.

**Section 25:**

In the event of an accident on the track, only the first aid crew, firemen, corner marshals and Club Officials shall render assistance. Violation may result in suspension as may be decided by the officials.

**Section 26:**

If a race is stopped (Red Flag) all karts must remain on the track and motors must be shut off. When the track is cleared, the scorer will line up the karts and the Head Flagman will resume the race. Only under Red Flag or full course caution can a competitor's crew member enter the infield with starter only to restart the kart. If any maintenance is done on any kart during a red flag or yellow flag situation, that kart will start at the rear of the field. Any kart leaving the track area to conduct maintenance will be disqualified for the remainder of the race. Race Officials in an emergency may direct karts to any area to aid in the continuation of the race program.

**Section 27:**

All maintenance and/or repairs performed on any kart during the running of any race in which it is entered shall take place only in a safe area away from the racing surface. No kart shall be refueled while the engine is running or with the driver in the kart. If a driver's engine stops while on or adjacent to the course, it may only be restarted after the full course caution (yellow) flag has been displayed, unless otherwise covered by race official at driver's meeting. If a driver's engine stops on or adjacent to the course and the kart is taken to the pits, the engine may not be restarted and the kart may not reenter the race.

**Section 28:**

After a race has started any kart, which spins out alone, causing a yellow flag will restart at the rear of the pack. Anyone involved in an accident that causes a yellow or red goes to the rear. "Involved" is to be interpreted by track officials. Should no loss of position be assessed prior to the restart, the initial event cannot be used to

move driver back after a further restart unless the driver(s)' action resulted in another restart.

**Section 29:**

Racing will not start unless all of the safety requirements are met.

**Section 30:**

A drivers meeting will be conducted each race day. All drivers and minor's parents/guardian are required to be present at each meeting. New drivers will receive a flag and safety lecture by Head Flagman until he or she is sure each participant understands him or her. Failure of driver to attend mandatory drivers' meeting will result in the driver starting in last place position for the start of the first two races.

**Section 31:**

Entry fees for the year shall be determined by the Board of Directors and approved by the General Membership by the March Meeting. Entry fees shall remain unchanged throughout the year unless voted on by the General Membership.

**Section 32:**

Protective clothing requirements: Helmets must comply with WKA /IKF rules 115.1 and 115.2. High leather shoes (ankle coverage) can include work shoes, boots and leather sport shoes. Fingered gloves and neck braces (115.3) are mandatory. Nothing should be worn that is ripped or worn in such a way to expose parts of the flesh. In addition, chest protectors meeting SFI Specification 20.1 are mandatory for all drivers in all classes where the minimum age is 12 or lower. If driver's hair extends appreciably from beneath the helmet, it is MANDATORY that the driver wears a "balaclava" or head sock to prevent hair from extending outside helmet. Also, no apparel items such as bandanas, sweater hoods, loose belts, etc., will be permitted.

**Section 33:**

Cone hitting: If a driver is intentionally hitting cones he/she will be warned by the Head Flagger (furled black flag). Excessive cone hitting may result in loss of position or disqualification at the Head Flagger's discretion.

**Section 34:**

There will be no substitute drivers allowed.

**Section 35:**

Rain day: If the whole day is rained out, the club will race on the next available Sunday. If it starts to rain after racing begins. The day is only complete if all classes have completed two heats. Points for the day will be based on the finishes from the

first two heats and added to an average of the points from the first two heats. A fun day or rain out is not considered a racing event.

**Section 36:**

Any Norwalk Karting Association member driving a kart on public thoroughfares or who assists a person driving a kart on public thoroughfares is subject to immediate suspension of membership privileges, except for sanctioned events such as parades.

**Section 37:**

If a driver is forced to stop on the racing surface during practice or a race, the competitor must raise both hands to signal approaching drivers that he or she is immobile. The driver is also responsible for moving the kart to a safe area as quickly as possible.

**Section 38:**

All driver penalties must be assessed prior to green flag and/or restarts.

**Section 39:**

Drivers signed in after the driver's meeting will start in the rear for the first two heat races. Parents are allowed to sign in their minor drivers.

**Section 40:**

All members are required to help set-up and clean up the track. Permission to miss set up and/or take down must be given by a track official. Track officials have the right to change starting positions and/or deduct points at their discretion.

**ARTICLE III  
FINES AND PENALTIES**

**Section 1:**

Failure of tech will result in the loss of points for that day in all classes that the failed part raced in. The second offense will result in loss of points for that day and suspension for the next scheduled race event. On the third offense, there will be permanent suspension at the discretion of the Board.

**Section 2:**

All karts must proceed directly to scales upon leaving the track after each scored race to be weighed. Any kart failing to do so will be automatically disqualified. If a kart is found to be light, 0 (zero) points will be awarded. If a racer is involved in an on track accident, requires medical attention, and cannot finish the race, the racer and kart will not be mandated to weigh in upon exit of the track.

**Section 3:**

Anyone found tampering with another kart without permission will be expelled or suspended at the discretion of the Board.

**Section 4:**

Any driver who does not obey flags immediately will be subject to loss of points. Any further penalty or suspension will be up to the Head Flagman, Track Officials and Appeals Committee.

**Section 5:**

Any kart in a race more than two laps behind and competing may be flagged off at the Head Flagman's discretion.

**Section 6:**

Any kart, which in the opinion of the Grid Steward or other Race Officials, is not in good racing condition, shall be disqualified from competition until it meets WKA and Norwalk Karting Association regulations.

**Section 7:**

Anybody on the premises, who fights, acts unseemly or argues at Club activities, shall be subject to suspension at the Race Officials discretion. If a person starts a fight on the grounds or at any club function, that person will be immediately suspended or expelled. Any suspension or expulsion under this section shall apply to all persons affiliated with that Club membership. The decision of the Race Officials shall be final.

**Section 8:**

All karts shall enter the impound area after their feature. Karts may not be worked on after the feature until it has been released from impound. Karts may not be removed until released by the Race Officials and Tech official, and only after the track has been cleaned up. Failure to comply will result in loss of points for the day.

**Section 9:**

Any Club Member or Crew Member participating in events thought to be under the **influence of drugs or alcohol** at any race meet **will not** be allowed to continue to participate in that day's events. Ruling will be at the discretion of the officials.

**Section 10:**

Any violations of the club rules are subject to penalties at the Race Officials discretion.

**ARTICLE IV  
KART SPECIFICATIONS**

**Section 1:**

All karts will conform to WKA Gold Cup Specifications. Karts will be equipped with drum or disc brakes, chain guards, 3 number panels and W.K.A. mufflers. Any additional safety requirements of the Norwalk Karting Association must also be met. **Wolfe Plates (Rotor Guards) are MANDATORY. All kart must be equipped with 5/16 or 8 mm hub bolts.**

**Section 2:**

Tire Rule: There are no Club Rules governing the 2011 competition race year. For 2012 and beyond, the club will follow WKA Tire rules.

**Section 3:**

Mandatory spark plugs with a grounding strap or plastic tie wrap with 6-inch minimum length for all Flathead Classes and Animal Classes without a PVL ignition. All Animals' with the PVL ignition must have a fully functional kill switch in its stock position on the motor. (Note: there are two different locations depending on series of cover plate.)

**Section 4:**

Number Panels will be of lexan or plastic, and will be 6 inches high and visible with a maximum of two digits. Numbers and panels shall be of contrasting colors with no clear panels. The Scorer will have final determination on the legibility of the numbers on any kart.

**Section 5:**

Rear bumper height will be no less than in the center of the rear tires, and width for Kid Kart and Rookie classes will be at least to the vertical center of the rear tires, but not wider than the rear tire tread. Minimum tubing for bumpers and bars is 5/8" for Kid Karts and 3/4" for all others.

**Section 6:**

All fuel containers must be approved for holding fuel and clearly marked "Methanol."

**ARTICLE V  
CLASSES**

**Section 1:**

Competition age. The Club may request a birth certificate as proof of age for drivers who are Club members for any class where age is a factor. The parent or guardian

shall sign a waiver stating the age and birth date of the junior driver or non-participating minor.

## **Section 2:**

There will be a two kart minimum set as the number of karts required to be signed in and take the green flag at the start of the feature event for the event to be classified an official points event.

## **Section 3: Junior Divisions**

### **Section 3a:**

**Briggs Sportsman 1 Heavy**– Age 8-10 years old; 5HP Briggs Raptor engine with 0.500 turquoise restrictor plate or Briggs Animal engine with two hole turquoise restrictor plate 0.275 top hole and 0.325 bottom hole size; Minimum weight 265 lbs.; No steering column fairings permitted; Maximum nose height 14 inches; Dunlop DDM tires for front and back 4.50x5” with maximum wheel width of 6 ½” by 2012 competition race year.

### **Section 3b:**

**Briggs Sportsman 2 Heavy** – Age 10-12 years old; Briggs Animal engine with gold restrictor plate 0.505 holes size. Minimum weight 290 lbs. Maximum nose height 14 inches or 5HP Briggs Raptor engine with 0.600 gold restrictor plate. Minimum weight 280; No steering column fairings permitted; Maximum nose height 14 inches. Dunlop DDM front 4.5x5” and rear 4.5x or 6.00x5” with maximum wheel width of 6 ½” with 4.50x5” and/or 7 ¾” with 6.00x5” by 2012 competition race year.

### **Section 3c:**

**Briggs Junior Heavy** – Age 12-15 years old; 5 HP Briggs Animal engine with 0.575 black plate. Minimum weight of 330 lbs. 5HP Briggs and Stratton Stock engine. Dunlop DDM front 4.50x5” and rear 6.00x5” with maximum wheel width of 6 ½” for front and 7 ¾” for the rear by 2012 competition race year.

### **Section 3d:**

#### **Kid Kart**

- Ages 5-7 years old (Children must be the attained age of 5 on the day of the racing event)
- Engine Comer C-50 or Comer C-51
- Gas and oil premix **(NO FUEL ADDITIVES)**
- Carb Bore Must Remain Stock
- Muffler Must Remain Stock
- Stock Ignition Timing OEM Components Only
- 0.276 dia. No go restrictor
- Head 7.3cc Minimum
- 54 thru 58 jets Only
- Stock Comer Clutch
- Stock Air Filter
- 10-89 Gear Mandatory
- 150 lbs Minimum Kart and Driver
- Max Tire Width 550x5, Open Compound, Max Rear Tire Circumference 33 ¾”

- Full loop rear bumper required. Bumper must protect rear tires.

#### **Section 4: Senior Divisions**

##### **Section 4a:**

**Briggs Lite, Medium, and Heavy** – Age 15 years and up. Minimum weight requirement: 325 lbs for Lite, 350 lbs. for Medium, and 375 lbs. for Heavy. Briggs Animal engine with Firestone YKD front and rear 5.00x6 or 6.5x6 by 2012 competition race year.

##### **Section 4b:**

**Briggs Master Medium** – Must be over 35 years old. 5HP Briggs Raptor engine. Minimum weight requirement: 365 lbs or Briggs Animal engine with 0.575 (black) restrictor plate. Minimum weight of 385 lbs. Firestone YKD front and rear 5.00x6" or 6.5x6" by 2012 competition race year.

##### **Section 4c:**

**Senior Novice** – Age 15 years and up and an inexperienced racer (at the discretion of the Race Director). 5HP Briggs Animal Engine with 0.575 (black) restrictor plate. Minimum weight requirement 375 lbs. Briggs and Stratton Stock 5 HP engine; Minimum weight of 350 lbs. No tire rule.

##### **Section 4d**

**Senior Raptor** - Age 15 years and up. Minimum weight requirement: 350 lbs. Briggs and Stratton Stock 5HP engine. No tire rule.

##### **Section 4e:**

**Open Modified Class/2 Cycle Class** – Age 15 years and up. 5HP Briggs Raptor or Animal super stock limited or open/2 cycle 100 cc or 125 cc. Must conform to WKA regulations. Minimum weight requirement: 350 lbs. No tire rule.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **SCORING**

#### **Section 1:**

All classes will line up for their heats according to a number drawn. In the event that two heats are run for a class, the starting positions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> heat will be inverted from the starting positions of the 1<sup>st</sup> heat. Club members who are "new racers" as it is applied in Article 1, Section 9, shall start in the rear. In the case of a tie drawing, the driver drawing later shall draw again.

#### **Section 2:**

Heat finishing positions will be used for line up positions for the feature. Drivers shall be lined up in the order of their combined heat finishing positions. In the case of a tie, the feature starting position will be determined by original draw.

**Section 3a:**

There shall be two "drop races" each year, one in the Spring Season and one in the Fall Season. Drop races will be calculated after the final points race of each season, and will consist of the lowest points awarded for during that season. These drop points will be deducted from the total points that had been awarded to that time. This new total will be the driver's final point standing for that season. DQ's (disqualifications) will not be allowed to be used as a drop race.

**Section 3b:**

In the event of a point's tie at the end of the season, the championship will go to the driver with the most overall wins. In the event that there is still a tie, it will progress down through feature finishes until the tie is broken.

**Section 4:**

Any point's discrepancies must be given to the Scorer or the Board of Directors (IN WRITING) before the driver's meeting of the next race day. Points will be posted on the NKA website. If the scorer and Board are not notified in writing the points will stand as is for the rest of the season.

**Section 5:**

Karts will be scored as follows for the feature race:

POSITION	POINTS
1 <sup>st</sup>	200
2 <sup>nd</sup>	175
3 <sup>rd</sup>	155
4 <sup>th</sup>	140
5 <sup>th</sup>	130
6 <sup>th</sup>	120
7 <sup>th</sup>	110
8 <sup>th</sup>	100
9 <sup>th</sup>	90
10 <sup>th</sup>	80
11 <sup>th</sup>	75

and five point increments thereafter.

**ARTICLE VII  
SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Section 1:**

Rules governing any special racing event held by the Norwalk Karting Association shall be made at the discretion of the Officials, Board of Directors.