



Happy New Year to Everyone

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for a very successful 2011 season.

Although it is only January and the 2012 season seems far off, we would like to send this update out to notify all our racers and pit crews of some changes to the rules and classes for this upcoming season.

RaceDay Fees:

Race day fees have been increased by \$10.00. This increase is needed to offset the cost of the race day medical services. St. John's Ambulance was only charging us \$200.00 per event, however, they were very unreliable and would cancel at the last minute. We had to replace St. John's with a more reliable company. Unfortunately, after some research, the cheapest and most dependable company we could find charges a rate of \$600.00 per event. This put us in a negative cash flow situation for several events. We are hoping that the raise in raceday fees and the addition of new racers this upcoming season will rectify this. The family discount still applies.

Tires:

Last season, we ran into a tire shortage issue because we were unable to commit to a minimum number of tires. This season, C2 Kart Supply has committed to a very large number of tires to secure supply. We will continue to use the Vega Blue tires, however, these tires will be branded LKA and are only available from C2.

Concern was raised that tires could only be bought in sets. After negotiating with the C2 tire supply company, the tires will be able to be purchased "individually" in 2012.

Body Work:

All body work must meet at least the 2005 homologation specs. This means that both side bumper bars must be at 90 degree angles to frame and must include an upper bar. The side pods must attach securely to the bars. This rule eliminates the bread box style of the side pod.

Front Bumpers:

All front bumpers must be made of plastic, be homologated and include the breakaway component. It must be the appropriate bumper for the kart and cover a minimum of 50 percent of the front tires. The bumper may only be attached to the kart with the proper mounting hardware. Use of tie wraps, tape, screws or any other unapproved mechanical fasteners will not be allowed.

Rear Bumpers:

A full width bumper is mandatory for all classes for the 2012 season. Steel or plastic is allowed, however, plastic is the preferred choice.

All four stroke classes including Box Stock must conform to this rule: 45" minimum width-48" maximum with a 15mm, 5/8" minimum between the tire and bumper and 100 mm, 4" maximum. 50% minimum coverage for each rear tire.

2 Cycle Specifications:

All 2 Cycle racers will conform to ASN Section 8.18

Class Changes:

Novice will continue to run the GX160 Honda as per current ASN rules for the 2012 season.

All other classes (except for Box Stock) will run the LO206 Briggs and Stratton as per current ASN rules.

NOTE: There have been some notable changes made to these classes. Please check our website for details.

Two Stroke: Some changes affect the two stroke classes, the weight for the shifters have increased. This also includes the DD2 weight, and regular Rotax classes will stay the same except for some tire brand and spec differences.

Our goal is to provide a safe, fun and economical place to enjoy racing. We hope that everyone understands that for us to be able to provide this to all racers and spectators, changes are inevitable.

Ad Hoc Items:

Registration:

Registration forms will be on the website by end of this week. Also, C2 Kart Supply will be holding an Open House on March 25 at the Lombardy Hall and there will be a table set up for 2012 Registration.

Volunteers:

We are in need of some help this upcoming season. Anyone that is interested in helping out by volunteering their time, it would be so greatly appreciated. Please note that any high school students can use this time to go towards their volunteer hours.

Following are areas that we will need help in the upcoming season:

Race Director
Scoring
Flaggers
Scale and grid area help
Class technical reps
Overall track maintenance on raceday

Class tech reps: We are hoping to set up a group of tech directors for this season. Each person would be responsible for the teching of one class and then reporting to the lead tech director. Basic mechanical knowledge would be needed for this.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone this season as well as welcoming any new racers and pit crews to our club.

Please refer to the following websites for up to date information:

www.lombardkarting.com

www.asncanada.com

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