

MACKAY AND DISTRICT KART CLUB

Welcome to our Club



MKC strives to be a safe, supportive and fun-filled racing environment with a multi purpose outlook, that fosters the development of karting skills and where members strengthen their love of the sport with the opportunity of achieving their own goals regardless of gender, culture & background.

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Welcome to Mackay & District Kart Club

This welcoming pack has been developed to provide new and existing members of our club with information on how our club operates, costs, how often we meet, who to contact for further information and the safety of our sport and club

This will also help our members navigate what to expect as a competitor, member, parent or volunteer.

Vision

Develop our grassroots competitors and beginners as a club that aspires to improve and maintain a facility with a multi-purpose outlook, giving the community an opportunity to enjoy motorsport racing in an environment that embraces strong community values.

Values

Fun

Accountable

Safety

Teamwork

Enjoyment

Respect

What some of our members say

“The atmosphere is great, friendly and fun” – Parent

“My driving skills have improved and I have made lots of new friends” – competitor aged 10



Welcome Statement

Mackay And District Kart Club Welcome Pack Introduction

Thank you for your interest in joining our club, we value all our members and endeavor to create a safe and fun environment that encourages inclusive participation.

Mackay Kart Club is located on Grants Road, Palmyra just beside the local speedway track and drag club. MKC caters for budget racers to the racers that are a little more serious. MKC holds race meetings each month from February to November, including enduro races, title meetings and intercity competitions with Rockhampton Kart Club. Day memberships are available and race licenses for the people that want to try it without having to commit to buying a full year license. MKC also hosts hire karts once a month for those who just want to come and try in a hire kart and race a group of your friends. Check out the Fast Karts hire facebook page for more information. We are also excited to host an enduro round of Pedal Prix Super Series which is a competition held by school aged students in STEM.

We have a lot of younger competitors and work hard to create a great family and fun karting environment. So our code of conduct is important, the use of foul, abusive or threatening language and/or intimidating behavior to anyone will not be tolerated. When you are dealing with other people, please be courteous and civil. It's up to us to pave the way for the future of the sport.

If you have any questions regarding the club, welcome pack and any enclosed information please reach out to our committee.

Your membership is important to us and we encourage your input, we have various ways for you to communicate with the committee. We certainly encourage you to reach out to committee member, and we try to communicate as much as possible with you through our facebook page and emails.

Thanks again for joining our club, we look forward to your participation.

Regards

Mackay and District Kart Club Committee



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Our Track

Mackay Kart Club is one of the only concrete go kart race tracks in Australia, which is exciting but brings it's own challenges.



The major difference between concrete and asphalt is the rigidity and how load is distributed across the load of the base on which it is laid. Concrete is less flexible than Asphalt and transmits a higher more concentrated load to the base.

Concrete and asphalt can vary grip level, generally concrete is more grainy and the surface pattern creates grip. A driver generally talk about asphalt being large and wavy while bumps in concrete are more vibrational.

Light and dark surfaces and temperature also changes affect how hot the tyres get.



Getting Started

Joining a new sport can be a daunting task and even more daunting if you're new to motorsport. If you have any questions about which karts might be suitable for the class you want to race (or for any information), we encourage you to reach out to one of our committee members who can help you with your questions. Please check out the class rules and information on our webpage. It can be costly to purchase the wrong kart and have to start over again. We would love to spend the time giving you as much information as possible to make the transition into becoming a karting family as seamless as possible.

There are a few things that are unique to our club and being able to practice at the track is certainly a privilege bestowed onto our members. Therefore to be able to practice at Mackay and District Kart Club you will need to be a racing member of the club.

To be able to participate in any race events you can apply for a day license, however you will need to be a financial member of the club by the end of October to qualify for club championship points and a member to practice.

There are different membership options from racing – single to family

Class Rules

We offer a variety of senior classes, depending on what you want to race, as well as our unique beginner class, and our Novice 9 and Novice 12 classes. If you are new to karting and racing you will be required to display a P plate on your kart, and start rear of the field, by determination of the clerk of the course, usually after a few competitions and you are familiar with your kart, the race flow and are meeting certain lap times you can remove your P plate and will be placed in the grid starting positions. This is important both our junior and senior racers, and eases your transition from beginner to competitive kart racer.

Classes:

- Beginners (6-12)
- Cadet 9
- Cade 12
- Junior Yamaha KT100J
- Junior KA100 Restricted
- Senior Yamaha KT100J Light, Heavy & Superheavy
- Senior Sportsman Light, Medium & Heavy
- Open Performance

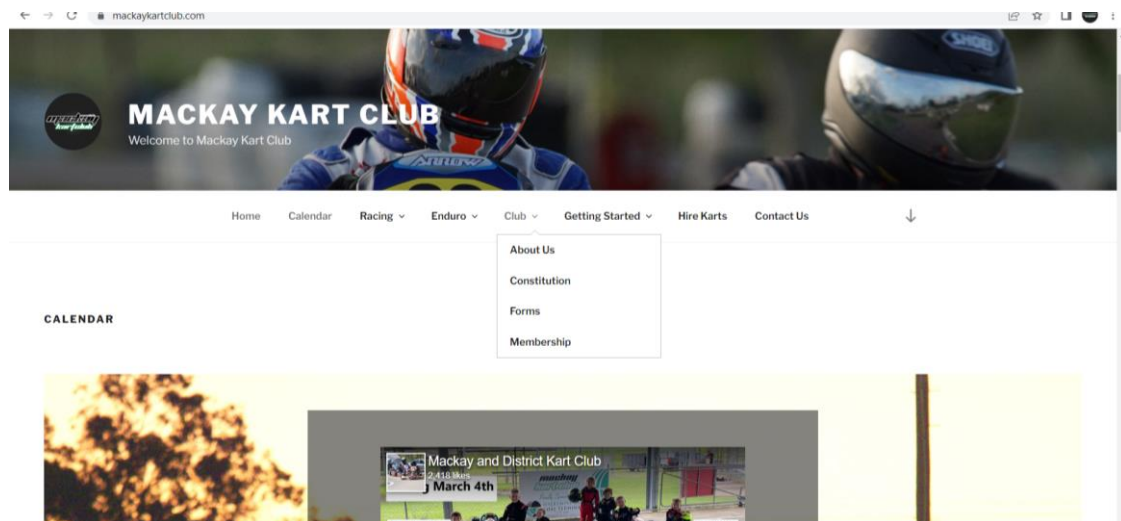
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Class Rules are also available on our website.

Signing Up & Membership

All club memberships, license and entry to events are done online through our website www.mackaykartclub.com . Click on Club, then Memberships



Select the appropriate membership!



Each year the members and committee work through the membership prices, refer to the website for current prices.

- Racing Single
- Racing Family

SINGLE DRIVING: CLUB MEMBERSHIP 2023

Duration	Price
12 Months 28-02-2023 – 27-02-2024	\$290.00

FAMILY DRIVING: CLUB MEMBERSHIP 2023

Duration	Price
12 Months 28-02-2023 – 27-02-2024	1st Adult: \$340.00 2nd Adult: \$105.00 1st Child: \$105.00 2nd Child: \$105.00 3rd Child: \$105.00 4th Child: \$105.00 5th Child: \$105.00

Race Days

We have monthly race days starting in February through to November, incorporating club days, titles and intercity championship with our sister club Rockhampton kart Club. Race days are very busy for our committee and volunteers, and lots of things have to happen in the background to make a race run as smooth as possible. We encourage you to nominate as early as possible to make it easier on us. To nominate for a race day please jump onto the club website.

Tyres

The Mackay Kart Club supplies and sells Dunlop tyres. The tyre types are below, for process on how to order and pay please jump onto the website and follow the instructions:

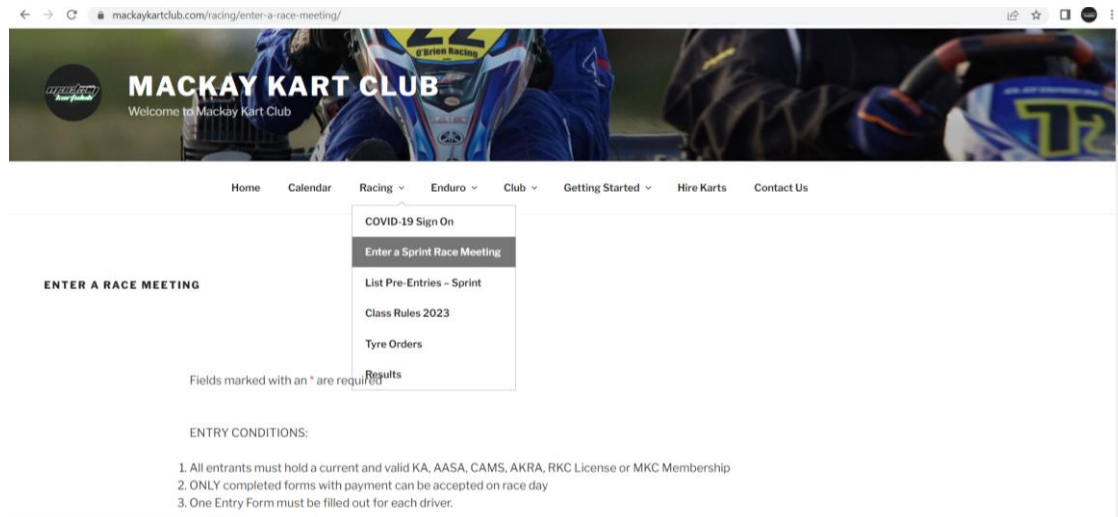
- New Dunlop- RS1 – Suitable for use in Senior J Classes and Yamaha Junior J
- Cadet Dunlop DFH – Suitable for Cadet Yamaha J/Comer, Cadet 9/Cadet 12
- Junior/Senior Dunlop DFH – Suitable for Junior KA100 Restricted, Sportsman Light, Medium & Heavy
- Senior Dunlop DFM – Suitable for Open Performance

Nominating for Race Days

We encourage you to nominate as early as possible to make it easier on us. To nominate for a race day please jump onto the club website. Click on Racing – and select Enter a Sprint Race Meeting.

- If you are a P Plater please record P behind the number you have chosen to race with when filling in your paperwork. This helps the team identify our new drivers when entering them in the system.

Note: When you are nominating online you are unable to record P behind your kart number, so just make sure you remember to put it on your technical passport on the day when nominating. This is important as it can effect the running of the race day and the timing operators.



Investing in appropriate safety gear is paramount to your safety whilst driving your kart. The gear has been designed to help protect you. If you are unsure on what to purchase for example please reach out, buying the incorrect helmet could be costly.

Safety Gear

1. Helmet – undamaged, appropriate standard
2. Neckbrace – recommended
3. Rib Protector – must
4. Race Suit- one piece complete
5. Hair in pony tail, tucked into suit – using a balaclava may help
6. Gloves
7. Clear visors for night under lights, or tinted visors for day racing
8. No skin showing

Purchasing a helmet

The old saying “two dollar helmet, two dollar head” investing in a good helmet could be paramount if you are ever in an accident. Find some further information on David Serra (Australian Champion and karting legend) [www. Kartclass.com/blogs](http://www.Kartclass.com/blogs)

- It’s important to invest in a good quality appropriate standard helmet (not motorcross type), full face road helmet
- If you are going to race Karting Australia you will need to ensure you have the appropriate race gear to race in their competitions
- Investing in appropriate clothing at the start of your race journey will save you money in the long run and help provide protection to your loved ones



Volunteers

How do I volunteer?

Our club is a not for profit, and is run all on volunteers including our committee and we love volunteers! Like most clubs we operate on the contribution of our volunteers and members, they are our lifeblood and work so hard to keep our club running and growing. There are a number of ways you can get involved:

- Volunteering to help out on race day (such as first aiders, timing operators, flag marshalls, canteen)
- Attending working bees to help keep the track and grounds looking amazing

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Pitting

Please be mindful of where you are setting up your camp, we understand that a lot of competitors pit from their vehicles. If you are not competing and your vehicle is not needed for pitting please park it out the front of the grounds.

There is some reserved pitting areas for our officials / committee who work on competition days and also compete.

Camping

Camping is available on race weekends and we do not charge a fee, with the use of shower and toilet facilities. Please turn off the lights at night if you aren't using them – to help avoid the bugs, and close the lid on the toilet to help avoid the frogs. Don't forget to bring bug spray!

Tyres/Fuel

No dumping of tyres and fuel, it is the responsibility of the participant. This is illegal at this facility, and action will be taken if found dumping these products.

Noticeboard

We have a noticeboard located on the nominations shed, this is for advertisement of your secondhand gear, and for us to post up important information.



Canteen

Our canteen operators are volunteers that work tirelessly to serve up yummy food for our competitors and spectators. We encourage you to help out even if for an hour or two to allow our volunteers to watch their family race too.

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Alcohol

Mackay & District Kart Club is governed by Responsible Service of Alcohol, no alcohol is to be consumed by drivers whilst competing and as a family friendly club, we do encourage everyone to wait until racing has finished.

Communications

We want to communicate as much as we can with you and have several ways that we communicate throughout the year.

- General Meetings
- Facebook
- Email
- Phone Call
- Race Days
- Working Bees

Safety and Important Information

With karting there is lots to learn, but to ensure the safety of our members, there's a few important bits of information we need you to familiarize yourself with:

- Karting is dangerous and accidents can happen.
- Karts may be checked at any time during race competitions for compliance, but it is your responsibility to ensure you are racing within the rules.
- During competitions one kart/one driver.. unless of course it's an enduro!
- You are to only enter the track on foot under the direction of the grid marshall and must be wearing a hi viz vest.
- Driving safely is important, and it is up to you as driver to not cause accidents by baulking, unnecessary changing of directions and unnecessary braking.
- Please report any incidents to the clerk of the course as soon as possible this includes any first aid incidents.
- Do not under any circumstances remove an injured competitors clothing, including helmets
- When competing or participating at Mackay & District Kart Club grounds you may appear in media and social, visual media, including photos and video which may be used in promotional materials used by the club.
- You must only drive onto the track using the out grid and leave the track via the ingrid. When completing your final lap please place your hand in the air after you pass the tower, down the main straight which allows drivers behind you to understand you are slowing down to enter the ingrid which is located about half way down the main straight. Unless otherwise stipulated in the supp regulations.
- Do not drive from the in grid to the out grid.
- Do not refuel or use chain lube on any of the bitumen or concrete areas. This should be done only on grassed/gravel areas. NEVER ON THE GRID.
- Don't rev your engine under the outgrid under any circumstances.
- Do not drive on the scales, please ensure you turn your kart off and push the kart on.
- Do not walk out onto the track area while karts are driving the circuit.
- If you come to a stop out on track place your hand up to alert other drivers you are slowing, or have stopped, and as safely as possible remove your kart off the track to a safe area. Then stand behind the nearest tyre bundle and have your kart collected when the session has ended.
- You must always practice only in your correct age group. Groups are as follows:
 - Novice and rookies together (cadets and cadet beginners)
 - Juniors with Juniors
 - Seniors with Seniors
- Smoking in the pits is to be avoided due to the motorsport pits containing numerous types of highly flammable materials. Do not leave your cigarette butts on the ground for others to have to pick up after you
- Do not leave any rubbish on the ground, there are plenty of bins. Leave your pit space in the best possible condition. Even better if you can separate your cans into the recycle bins, every bit helps.

Safety and important information

- The toilets are for use as needed including practice however please keep them clean, it's not the responsibility of others to clean up after you
- Never placed "unlicensed" drivers in your kart to "give them a go", please talk to the committee on how to allow this or attend the sessions through fast karts for some fun
- Karting Queensland and Karting Australia license is only valid on race days and is not valid for practice
- You must not park your trailers including when practicing past the canteen block
- If you damage something on the grounds, please fix it and report it to the committee.
- Reserved pitting – please discuss with the committee any requirements, this is generally a reversed area for our very busy committee who assist run the race days, and often run have multiple karting members participating. These are identified with signage.
- Transponder hire generally operated and organized through a 3rd party for hire on the day, or you can purchase your own.
- Do not under any circumstances have any machinery on the track when karters racing, travelling or are on the track.
- Please wear covered in footwear when on the outgrid and in the pits
- Heatstress and sunburn is a high risk for our volunteers and racers, please ensure you manage yourself appropriately. Taking frequent breaks, drinking plenty of water (not sugary drinks), wearing long sleeves, hats and sunscreen.
- Beware of any snakes and biteys around the grounds.
- Please ensure you have another person with you when you are practicing or racing for your own safety.
- Practicing is a privilege, please don't be the one to ruin it for everyone.
- For class rules please visit the website: www.mackaykartclub.com

Drivers Briefing

Each race day you (and your guardian if you are under 18) will need to attend the drivers briefing. This is where important information is communicated to the racers. If you do not attend the drivers briefing you will not be permitted to race.

Kart Racing Numbers

Each racer, must have a displayed race number, if there is duplicated numbers the first person to nominate uses that number.



Supplementary Regulations

Are sent out in advance of our competitions, it contains critical information for you to familiarize yourself with. These are emailed out prior to the event and published to the club's facebook page.

Scrutineering

Scrutineering could be conducted at any time, but ultimately it is your responsibility to ensure your kart is compliant. There is also scrutineering through title meetings and at other events.

Transponders

Transponders can either be purchased by the competitor and registered on the technical passport form OR hired through a 3rd party on the day, details will be in the supplementary regulations (supp regs).

Race results can be followed on [Race Monitor](#), you can look up historical data there also.

Flags

Please ensure that you are familiar with the flags, it is up to you as a driver to ensure you follow the flags when competing. All new competitors and members must complete the flag exam.

Child Safety

Child safety is an integral part of our club, it can have a major impact on the enjoyment and participation of children in sport. The safety of the children in and around our club is absolute paramount and everyone needs to ensure they provide a safe and secure environment for children and young people.

Other Safety Stuff

Mackay has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in Queensland and it's hot and humid. Please ensure you manage your fatigue, taking frequent breaks, using neck coolers, drink plenty of fluids (not sugary drinks), apply sunscreen multiple times a day, wear long sleeve shirts and broadbrimmed hats.

Versions

Date	Change	Committee Members
17.6.2023	First Issue	MKC Committee
22.6.2023	Version 2 – updated link to race monitor (Transponder)	MKC Committee