

MEMO

To : Kartdrome Members & Teams
Cc : Faisal Al Sahlawi & Kartdrome Staff

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From : David Bright
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Subject : **New Qualification Requirements for Outdoor Kart Owner Sessions V3**

Dear Teams and Members,

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve safety standards and ensure a positive experience during Kart Owner sessions at the Outdoor Circuit, we are introducing minimum qualification requirements for new kart owners entering 2-stroke karting sessions.

Recently, we have seen an increase in drivers with limited karting experience participating in busy Kart Owner sessions. While we fully support the growth of karting and welcome new drivers to the sport, it is important that all participants demonstrate sufficient experience, circuit familiarity, and track awareness before joining mixed on-track sessions — particularly during weekends, school breaks, and peak race periods when there is a big disparity between Experienced license holders and first time drivers.

Effective immediately, **new Kart Owner drivers** must meet **at least one** of the following criteria before participating in **busy Outdoor Kart Owner sessions**.

For the purpose of this policy, **busy sessions** include:

- **Weekends**
- **Public holidays**
- **The week leading up to a race meeting being held at the Kartdrome**

Where the Kartdrome is hosting **race meetings on consecutive weekends**, new Kart Owner drivers who do not meet the below criteria will only be permitted to practice on the **Monday between the two race weekends**. (Eg Double headers with RMC/O Plate & DAMC/RMC)

1. Arrive & Drive Lap Time

- **Kids below 13:** Achieve a fastest lap time below **35 seconds** during an **Indoor Arrive & Drive** session.
- **Teenagers & Adults:** Achieve a fastest lap time below **1 minute 15 seconds** during an **Outdoor Arrive & Drive** session.

2. Training / Tuition

- Completion of **1 x DAKA Course**; OR
- Completion of a **one-to-one tuition session with an Autodrome Instructor**, with the instructor confirming that the driver meets the basic standard required to access busy Kart Owner sessions.

3. Outdoor Race Experience

- Completion of **3 x Outdoor Ironman sessions**; OR
- Completion of **3 x SWS / Rookie races** at the Outdoor Kartdrome.

4. SWS Experience at Other Circuits

- Completion of **10 x SWS races at other circuits**, which must be verified in 'advanced' through the Sodi SWS website.

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5. Off-Peak Practice

- Completion of **5 x Off-Peak Practice** days at the Outdoor Circuit without any incidents.

6. Additional Criteria for Kids Who Do Not Meet the Above

Kids who do not meet any of the above criteria may qualify by completing at least one of the following:

- **5 x Dubai Bambino Cup or UAE IAME Bambino Cup races at other venues; OR**
- **10 x Indoor / Outdoor Bambino Practice sessions here at Kartdrome; OR**
- **10 x Arrive & Drive sessions at the Indoor Circuit.**

Drivers Visiting or Renting a Kart:

Drivers who do not meet the above requirements may still access the track Monday to Thursday during OFF-PEAK sessions all day during Kart Owner published timings.

Please note that staff reserve the right to remove any driver from a session without refund if their driving is deemed unsafe. Drivers removed from sessions must qualify through one of the criteria listed above before returning to busy owner sessions.

International Race Drivers:

International drivers are required to provide a valid karting licence or proof of **two stroke** racing experience (championship table) can join any regular kart Owner Session. These requirements are intended to help assess driver capability and readiness before transitioning into 2-stroke karting, contributing to improved safety, better session management, and a more enjoyable environment for all drivers and teams. We appreciate your cooperation and continued support in maintaining the highest standards of safety and professionalism at the circuit.

Age Criteria & General Eligibility for all other Categories:

- Drivers whose birthday occurs during the calendar year of the event/races may participate in the class/category corresponding to their eligible age group. (Except for Bambino, where the minimum age of 5yr must be met)
- Drivers who have completed one full season in a lower class/category may also be permitted to practice or compete in the next class/category, subject to the applicable age criteria.
- Drivers holding an EMSO/FIA race licence with an approved dispensation to compete below the standard minimum age for the category may also be eligible to participate.

➤ BAMBINO CATEGORY	5 – 8 years old	Drivers must have completed a minimum of one of the following requirements prior to participating in the Outdoor Bambino category: • Five (5) Bambino Practice Days at the Indoor; or • Five (5) Arrive & Drive Indoor Rental sessions; or • Three (3) Junior Ironman events at the Indoor Kartdrome; or • 3 x Outdoor Junior Ironman Session, SWS and/or Rookie Races.	
➤ MICRO MAX (Group 1)	8 - 11 years old	➤ SENIOR MAX (Group 2)	14 + years old
➤ IAME MINI (Group 1)	8 – 12 years old	➤ SENIOR IAME (Group 2)	15 + years old
➤ MINI MAX (Group 1)	10 - 13 years old	➤ DD2 (Group 2)	15 + years old
➤ JUNIOR MAX & JUNIOR IAME (Group 2)	12 – 15 years old	➤ DD2 MASTER & IAME SHIFTER/KZ (Group 2)	31 + years old

Best regards,



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