



VKCA RULES

General

The Vintage Kart Club of America (VKCA) represents karts manufactured in 1975 and earlier. Philosophy of the VKCA is simple. Karts configured as designed and equipped consistent with the era manufactured will comply with the rules. Safety and responsible conduct of each participant are the fundamental elements of club participation.

Event Participation

Participants in VKCA events shall abide by these and other rules implemented by the Board of Directors, insurance carrier, event officials or venue officials and waive the right to legal action against any individual or organization involved in the presentation of that event.

Safety

All VKCA events shall be run with safety as a first priority. The following are minimum safety requirements and are subject to review and approval by the Safety Director:

- Full coverage (full face) helmets are mandatory and must comply with the following: Snell rating 2005 SA, M and K. Snell CMS 2007 and CMR 2007 (youth helmet). 2010 SA and M.
- Note: Snell SA 2000 and M 2000 are no longer legal.
- Conformance of helmets shall be at the discretion of the Safety Director. Helmets shall not be damaged.
- Helmets of novice and rookie drivers shall be identified with an “X” (easily visible) on the rear of the helmet until proficiency has been shown.
- Neck brace.
- Abrasive resistant gloves.
- Heavy duty abrasive resistant jacket and pants required. Shorts are not allowed.
- Protective shoes, preferably high-top.
- Chest protectors recommended for children 8-15 years old.
- Kart equipment and accessories shall be in accordance with the date of manufacture and shall be subject to the approval of the Safety Director for safety and conformance.

- Safety wire or other retention device(s) are required for all brake, steering, and brake components. Roll pins must be cotter pinned. Front and rear wheel axle nuts shall be retained by cotter or approved safety pin. Double nut retention or other retention device for some components may be acceptable at the discretion of the safety director.
- All items subject to approval of the safety director
- Fire extinguishers shall be in each pit location readily available for use.
- Each driver has a responsibility to himself and the club to drive in a safe and sane manner.
- Driving of karts in the pit area, if allowed, shall be in a safe and slow manner

Classes

- 1) Juniors (ages 8 to 15)
 - a. Single engine kart. Slower karts are recommended for novices.
 - b. May participate in Single class if proficiency has been shown
- 2) Seniors (ages 60 and over)
 - a. Non competitive
 - b. Any single engine
- 3) Historic, Single and/or Dual (correct era engine, 1961 and earlier)
- 4) Singles Rear (ages 16 and older)
 - a. Stock or Modified with any era engine
- 5) Dual Rear (ages 18 and older)
 - a. Stock or Modified with any era engine
- 6) Sidewinders
 - a. Singles (ages 16 and older)
 - b. Duals (ages 18 and older)

At the discretion of the safety, race or event director, classes may be combined with another class up or down depending on the turn out of karts for a particular class at that event. Regard for the difference of handling characteristics needs to be addressed when combining classes, such as singles with duals, and sidewinders with rear engine karts.

Rules

- 1) The participant shall provide documentation of karts, engines, or parts should there be question as to eligibility for participation in the Historic Class.
- 2) Tires shall be of original vintage era design. Minimum hardness – Durometer 65+. Year of tire manufacture is exempt if tire durometer, vintage configuration, and design are consistent with vintage era.
- 3) All kart chassis, engines, and parts and accessories shall follow 90% compliance to the original era of manufacture.

- a. Disc clutches not allowed on karts participating in VKCA flagged events. No axle clutches allowed on sprints.
 - b. 4-cycle engines shall not be allowed for karts participating in either flagged events or as a component of a kart entered in a show.
 - c. Non-complying karts and equipment may be promoter approved and allowed to participate at VKCA events for practice days. Non-complying karts are not allowed during flagged sessions or eligible to participate for a show award.
- 4) In the interest of safety, modern brakes are permitted in all classes. However, it is encouraged that original or reproductions of era-correct brakes be used.
- 5) Kart dimensions: (Derived from IKF rulebooks for the relevant era)
- a. Sprint
 - i. Wheelbase - Maximum 50", Minimum 40" Axle center to axle center
 - ii. Overall maximum length, 72"
 - iii. Maximum width; Singles: 42", Duals: 46"
 - iv. Maximum height, 26"
 - v. Minimum tread width, 28" tire centerline to centerline

No Competitive Racing

Competitive Racing is defined as positioning karts on the starting grid by any means including, but not limited to, pea pick, timed trial, or previous finish position and/or recognizing a finish position by trophy or award. *It is a strict requirement that you have fun.*

Revisions:

- A) April 2013: Original release
- B) March 2015: Include "K" helmets in the list of approved head gear. Change description to mandate "full coverage (full face)" helmets. Include Snell 2010 SA and M. Include note stating that 2000 SA and M helmets are no longer legal.