

Scottish Karting - 2022

Scottish Karting has not really got going yet in 2022. The new year however will see a number of new initiatives that will hopefully make big differences.

Firstly, a long-awaited new form of club racing will be trailed by Motorsport UK. I have been lobbying for several years to make basic club events much simpler and inexpensive. A format has been put together that will cut away much of the red tape. Motorsport UK will not always appoint a Steward and rely on the club reporting back through the "Club Steward" system. This reporting method is not new as provision already exists for reports to be sent by the chairman of the Stewards' if a Steward is not appointed or can not attend for any other reason. Judicial work will be done by the C of C and other essential services will be in place such as medical cover and scrutineering. Put simply new drivers can register on the day, the overheads will be cut and therefore the per capita rate will be really small. There will be a limit of 100 drivers at a meeting. Several clubs in Scotland have already indicated their interest in being part of the trial in 2022. Hopefully a successful trial will lead to it being rolled out for every one in 2023.

The other change is that the Association of Scottish Kart clubs have decided to centralise their main championship, the Super Series. The championship will be organised by the association and four rounds will be held, one at each club. The ASKC will take all the entries and fees via the Alpha system and pay out all the costs for the meetings. Over the season, any profit (or loss- hopefully not!), will be shared amongst the clubs. The ASKC through the championship coordinator will hold the Championship permit. The ASKC have also appointed a central team of officials (clerks, club stewards and scrutineers) who will travel to each round. It is hoped that this will bring a degree of consistency to the championship. The series starts in May.

The first Kart committee meeting is on 17th March.

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