

## **Scottish Karting**

There is nothing really to report as only the West of Scotland Kart club has started their season.

One major innovation to start on 1<sup>st</sup> March is the mandatory use of CIK front fairings. This is an attempt to discourage contact driving. If contact is made, then the front fairing will become dislodged and any such driver arriving back in Parc Ferme at the end of a race with a dislodged fairing will suffer a mandatory 10 second penalty. No quarter given. Any attempt to improve driving standards is to be encouraged, but there are the cynical amongst us who have known some drivers "brake test" others. We wait and see.

The West of Scotland Kart club is in the process of having installed and commissioned a 16 camera track system at a cost of around £18.5k. Again an attempt to tackle bad driving and prevent costly accidents to both the fabric of drivers and their equipment. The safety of drivers is paramount, but the cost of repairing their equipment is, I feel, driving folk away from our sport.

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