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Daniel Connor Second at Elite Academy



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New Zealand karters Daniel Connor and Arie Hutton have returned from Dunedin keen to put skills learned at this year's Elite MotorSport Academy into use.

Connor, 18, and Hutton, 17, were two of nine promising young motorsport competitors from around the country to complete this year's course run recently by the Motorsport NZ Scholarship Trust in conjunction with Excellence in Sport South Island and the School of Physical Education at Otago University.

Daniel Connor was placed second overall, matching Daniel Kinsman's achievement last year.

Over the week-long course the attendees were put through a number of different programmes aimed at getting the very best out of them mentally as well as physically and the two karters say the experience will definitely benefit their on-going careers behind the wheel.

"I definitely picked up a number of skills, from a range of fitness techniques to mental strategies. The media and sponsorship sessions were also very beneficial," said Hutton.

"They weren't just skills you could apply on the track either," added Connor. "They were skills you can apply to your life."

Since it was established in 2004, 82 promising young motorsport competitors have completed the Elite Academy programme. Successful graduates who have gone on to greater things include 2011 Production World Rally champion Hayden Paddon, V8 Supercar series race winner Shane van Gisbergen and 2012 GP3 series points leader Mitch Evans.

And though karters have only been eligible for selection for the past two years Hutton says he and Connor fitted in just fine.

"The people running the programme were really welcoming and we already knew most of the other drivers from when they raced karts!"



The Academy class of 2012.





Rules Round 25

There have been 10 proposals submitted to Rules Round 25. Eight from Clubs and two from the Executive. To view the proposals [CLICK HERE](#). Responses from Clubs are due by 29 July.



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2012 National Conference



The 2012 National Conference is being held in Auckland on 17-19 August at the Waipuna Hotel. Nominations for office are as follows:

Patron: Robert Cunningham
National President: Lance Hickey
National Vice President: John Lennox
South Island Executive: Darryn McDonnell
North Island Executive: no nominations received

As no nominations have been received for the North Island Executive position, nominations from Clubs, with written acceptance from nominees, will be accepted from the floor at Conference. It is strongly recommended nominees without previous Executive experience be present for the election process.



SuperKarting has staged a big revival in Europe over the last few years. This is the field at a recent round of the 2012 CIK-FIA European Championships at Snetterton, England.



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Training Update

KartSport New Zealand has a number of training activities planned over the next few months. These include:

- Auckland Area senior Race Officials catch up, Auckland on 21-7-12.
- New Grade 4 Race Official training, Wellington on 4-8-12.
- Race Control/AMB Workshop, Wellington on 8-9-12.
- Technical Officers Workshop, Wellington on 17-11-12.



Reminders

- **Cameras.** Reminder that cameras **MUST** be fitted prior to scrutineering and conform to: *Rule K1.9 CAMERA: Attachment of a camera(s) and/or a recording device(s) to a kart is acceptable providing the camera/recording device(s) and all attachments are **fitted prior to scrutineering and conform to the following:***
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- Competitors and guardians are reminded that drivers can **only practice in a class of kart which is allowed for their respective age.** See Rules E3 and Q5.1 for details.
- If you wish to keep your Competition Licence Number you need to keep your Licence current. **This is especially applicable to senior competitors holding a one or two digit Licence Number.**
- When sending your Licence for renewal please ensure you use the **current**

Application Form, include your valid **Club Membership Card** and your **complete old Licence/Log Book**. Both will be returned to you with your new Licence/Log Book. **Failure to include these will delay processing and cause added administration time/cost**. Currently about **15%** of renewal applications are arriving incomplete.

- Please fill out your Application Form clearly, especially your **email address** which is normally our key means of contacting you and sending you **E-Line**.
- **One Day Licences** are limited to 3 in 12 months.
- **Licence Declarations** are only for those competitors who leave their Licence at home or have lost their Licence. Licence Declarations are not available for when a Licence is in transit.
- **Licences in transit** – if the event Race Secretary does not hold an email from KartSport New Zealand advising that a Licence is in transit, the competitor will be required to complete another Licence application and pay the relevant fees to the Club. These will be forwarded after the event by the Club to KartSport New Zealand and if a Licence is being held or has been returned the 2nd payment will not be processed.
- **Event Indemnities** – These must be signed even if a Change of Guardian Form is being used.
- Reminder that the only wet tyre to be used for practice and racing for classes subject to Rule L3.5 is the **Dunlop KT12 SLW2**. This Dunlop wet tyre became compulsory for these classes on **1 April 2012**.