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CHRISTCHURCH

Our thoughts are with all in Christchurch, especially members of the Christchurch Kart Club, Officials and Administrators. Please see item below regarding Licence issue.

Notice from Christchurch Kart Club

In light of the recent events in Christchurch, the Christchurch Kart Club Committee has postponed Round Two of the Club Champs due to be held on Sunday 27 February. A new date will be announced as soon as possible.



Rule Update 2011-2
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Rule Update 2011-2 has recently been published on www.kartsport.org.nz.
[CLICK HERE](#)

There are a number of Safety Related items which take effect immediately. These include:

- New rule regarding Repair Lanes
- Revised rule regarding KZ2 Standing Start procedure
- Revised rule regarding Bolts
- Revised rule regarding Ground Clearance and Chassis Protectors
- Revised rule regarding Disc Brake Protectors
- Revised rule regarding Steering Wheel Hub



Licence Renewal Contingency Plan

FOR ALL NEW LICENCES and RENEWALS

Due to the situation in Christchurch the following contingency plan will apply **until further notice**:

- All Licence application forms and payment are to be mailed to:

KartSport New Zealand, PO Box 28219, Remuera, Auckland, 1541
- Competitors who have mailed their Licence application, but not received their Licence/Log Book back, will need to complete a Licence Declaration Form at registration for each event



entered until their new Licence/Log Book is delivered. There will be no charge for this Declaration. The driver's next of kin and contact details plus doctor's name and city must also be added to the Declaration Form so that the event Officials have this information readily available on the day.

- There will be a delay in getting new Licence/log Books/transponders delivered to competitors. These items all originate from Christchurch and currently there is no mail in and out of the city.
- We will attempt to keep Clubs up to date regarding Licence applications received during this period.
- **All queries regarding Licence issue should be directed to [Robert Hutton](#). Please do not call our Competition Licence Secretary, Lyn Love.**



Thank you for your co-operation and patience during this difficult period.



Special Half Price Membership Promotion Successful

Welcome to all those new members who joined during this promotion and thank you to those Clubs who participated with special offers.

A total of **71** new members were issued Licences during the 4 month promotion which ran from the beginning of October to the end of January. This compares very favourably (**+51%**) with the 47 issued for the same period 12 months ago.

At the end of January we had a back log of 17 Half Price applications, received just before the deadline, so the actual response was even better than reported above.

A more detailed report will be sent to Clubs, including calculations on the payback to participating Clubs, KartSport New Zealand and the benefit to the karting trade.



Robert Cunningham Appointed Patron

Robert (Bob) Cunningham has been appointed Patron replacing Norma Triplow-Sanders who retired mid last year. Robert is well know in New Zealand karting and motor racing circles and retains strong international karting links.

His first involvement with karting in New Zealand was in running his three sons, Aaron, Wade and Mitchell at Mt Wellington in 1994. Since that time and until recently Robert has been very involved with the management of KartSport Mt Wellington. He also spent six years on the KartSport New Zealand Executive and was President from 2004 to 2006.

Robert was made a Life Member of KartSport New Zealand in 2007 and is currently a Technical Officer and Race Official.



Executive Changes

Graeme Moore Appointed National Vice President

KartSport New Zealand wishes to announce a change in Vice President. Tarnia Richardson has resigned from the position for personal reasons.

Tarnia has been a member of the Executive since 2006 including 3 ½ years as Vice President and made a significant contribution to our sport, especially in the areas of governance and the establishment of the Permits Department in 2007. Tarnia will continue in her role as National Race Control Advisor and continue to manage the training of our Club Race Control teams.

“On behalf of all members, the Executive and Clubs I would like to thank Tarnia most sincerely for the expertise and commitment given over the last 4 ½ years” noted National President, Lance Hickey.

Under Regulation B11.3.9, the Executive has appointed Graeme Moore to the position of Vice President until this position is available for election at the 2011 National Conference. Graeme was previously the North Island Executive Member. Graeme is the Director of the KartSport Academy and leading the development of our new Strategic Plan.

Andrew Donohue Appointed to the Executive

KartSport New Zealand wishes to announce that Andrew Donohue, Wellington has been appointed to the position of North Island Executive Member. Andrew replaces Graeme Moore who has moved to the Vice President position.

Andrew is currently Vice President of KartSport Wellington, a position he has held for 3 years. Andrew started karting as a twelve year old and has only recently stepped back from competing so that he can run his two sons who currently race in the Cadet class. Andrew is the Quality Assurance Manager for the Agriculture ITO and also the NZ distributor for MIR race suits.

Andrew’s appointment has been made under Regulation B11.3.9, by the Executive. This appointment is for the period up until the 2011 National Conference where this position will be up for election.



Tech Talk

with **John Lennox**
National Technical Officer

Sealed Engines for Tuning Runs at 2 day Events....

Tech Officers are often asked by competitors at 2 day events if they can break a seal to change a carb or engine for the Tuning Run on day 2 of the event. The answer is no. The rules under L8 are

very clear especially *"Any engine, carburettor or exhaust system that is to be changed is to be surrendered to the Technical Officer, prior to the use of the second engine, carburettor or exhaust system, until after technical inspection has been completed"*.

Therefore after engines have been marked there can be no breaking of seals to change a carb or engine unless the item changed is surrendered to the Technical Officer. This includes Tuning Runs on day 2 of an event.

Technical Inspection

Two key areas that significantly slow down technical inspections is people who are unfamiliar with how to strip an engine or do not have the correct tools for the job and people with no containers to store engine parts that have been stripped and checked.

It is recommended that you select a competent person to present your engine for tech, one who has the tools and knows how to do the job. It is also extremely helpful if that person has a box or container for parts and also some small zip lock bags for small parts such as carb springs and screws etc. This ensures that parts are safe and can be transported out of the tech shed easily when tech inspection is completed.

Please also remember that there are usually others waiting to come into tech, so please do not remain in the tech shed reassembling your engine as this simply holds things up for others yet to be inspected.



2011 Championship Events

Speedy Signs 2011 KartSport New Zealand National Sprint Championships KartSport Southland, 22-24 April.

Time to start preparing for the big sprint event of the year. Expect to see the return of a few Australian Rotax drivers. A revised track, a brand new Clubhouse plus a great Southland welcome and hospitality awaits competitors and crew.

For more info [CLICK HERE](#)

Entry Form available soon.

Competitors using **MG-AZ** tyres will purchase their race tyres at time of entry. Tyres will be

distributed and marked by KartSport New Zealand Technical Officers on Thursday afternoon prior to the event. More details will be in the event Supplementary Rules.

NOTE: MG Tyres NZ has undertaken to supply tyres for this event from the same shipment. This procedure is designed to ensure tyre distribution is made as fair as possible for all competitors.



Reminders

- If you are purchasing a new race suit make sure it complies with Rule G3.2 "new rule applicable **1-1-12.**"
- If you race in one of the tyre restricted classes, please note that the **MG-AZ** tyre must now be used for **all practice and racing**. The "across the counter" retail prices (incl GST) from your local kart shop are as follows:

Full Set (two front and two rear)	\$NZ 280.00
Front Tyre (single)	\$NZ 67.75
Rear Tyre (single)	\$NZ 72.25
Cadet Set (four front tyres)	\$NZ 271.00