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Advance Notice of 2018 Rule Changes

At the Executive meeting on 4th of November a number of important Rule Changes were approved effective 1-1-18. While the publishing of detailed Rules will take a week or so, below are key changes which competitors need to be aware of for next year.

AGE GROUPS

Sprint Age groups for JR, Junior and Senior Licences have been aligned more closely with other countries, in particular Australia. This will assist competitors to more easily complete a series within a calendar year.IE

Cadet Licence: For persons aged 6 years and under 10 years.
Note: Club Days only until 7 years old.
Junior Restricted Licence: For persons aged in the calendar year of their 9th birthday and under 13 years.
Junior ClubSport Licence: For persons aged in the calendar year of their 11th birthday and under 16 years.
Junior Licence: For persons aged in the calendar year of their 12th birthday and under 16 years.
Senior Licence: For persons aged in the calendar year of their 15th birthday and over.
Note: For SuperKarts with an engine over 150cc, minimum age 17 years.

MIXED JUNIOR CLASSES

Junior ClubSport and Junior classes will be permitted to practice and race together.

ROTAX ENGINES

We have been advised that there is another round of new barrels on the way for both Rotax Max Senior and Rotax DD2 engines respectively. Concurrent with the introduction of these new cylinders we will be revamping the cylinder rules for all Rotax engines to allow the use of all previously compliant cylinders (including some previously deleted). These changes have been made on the recomendation of the NZ Rotax distributor.

PENALTIES FOR PUSHBACK NOSECONES

For displaced nosecones these will be:
Cadet and Vortex Mini ROK: 5 seconds
All Junior and Senior Sprint classes: 10 seconds
These penalties are the same as applied in Europe.

TRACK & COMPLEX CODE

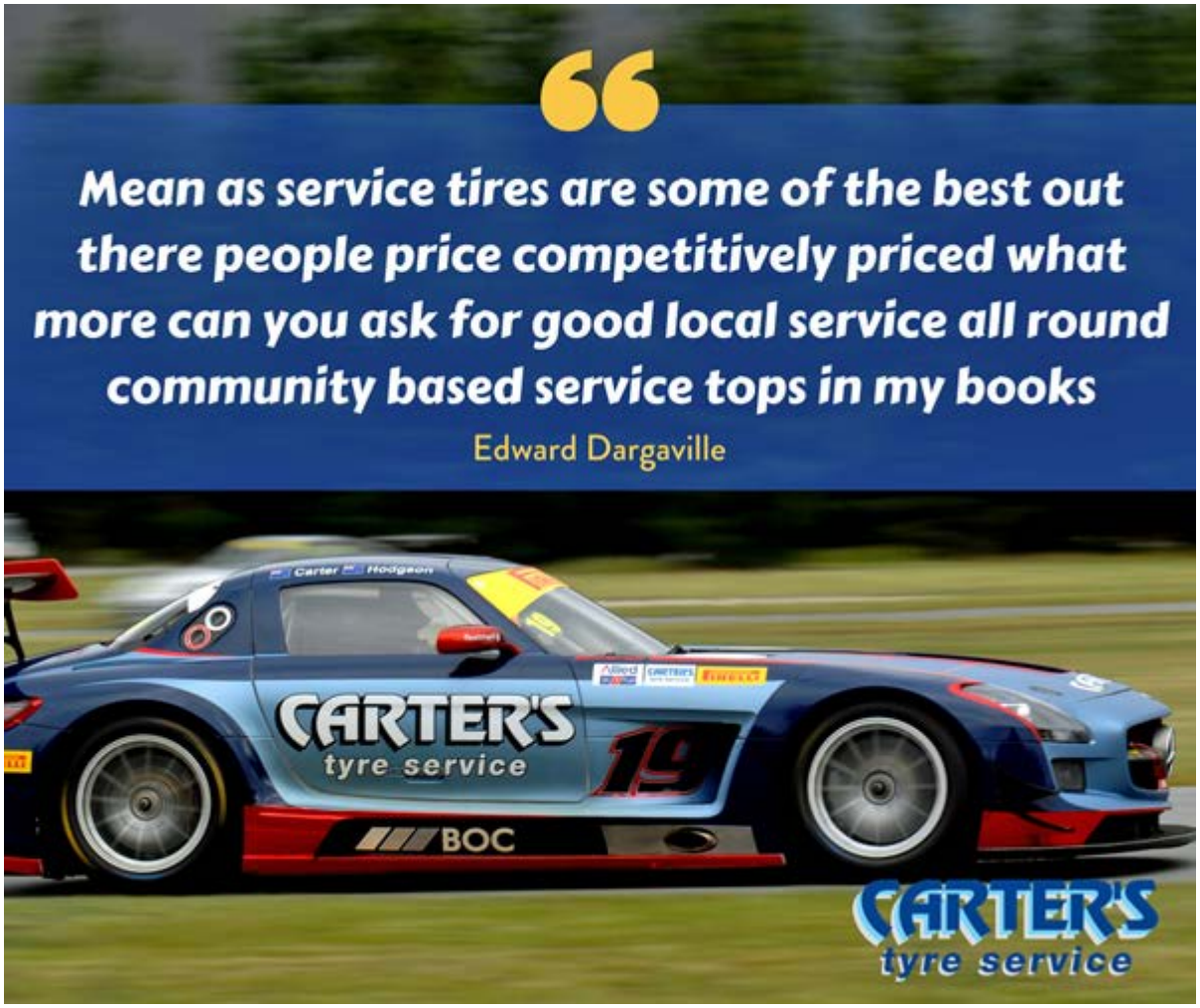
Changes to the Code, following feedback on a draft (from some Clubs), will be progressively introduced over the next few years. Those updates with a safety emphasis will receive priority, followed by other enhancements to improve the operation/decision making conditions for our volunteer Race Officials and Technical teams.

SERIES CLASS WINNERS RECOGNITION
Winners of approved series classes will be permitted to run respective letter plates during the next calendar year (in the respective class). eg ProKart winners can run **PK**, Goldstar winners can run **GS**, Top Half winners can run **TH**, Mainland winners can run **MN**, NZRMC winners can run **RM** and ROK Cup winners can run **RC**.

MAXIMUM FIELD SIZES
The maximum field sizes for predetermined grid events will be increased to match the maximum field size for timed qualifying events. This will assist events (eg Top Half) currently experiencing field sizes bigger than 24 and should result in more racing laps for all concerned.

ISLAND SPRINT SURVEYS

Thank you to those of you who completed the respective Surveys.
The **South Islands** received an overall **Very Good/Excellent** rating of **94%.**
The **North Islands** received an overall **Very Good/Excellent** rating of **88%**.
Well done and thank you to the respective host Clubs and officials involved.
Interestingly the majority at both events both preferred the format they ran (SI 20:13, NI 26:23) and both preferred One Day of testing (SI 17:15, NI 34:14).



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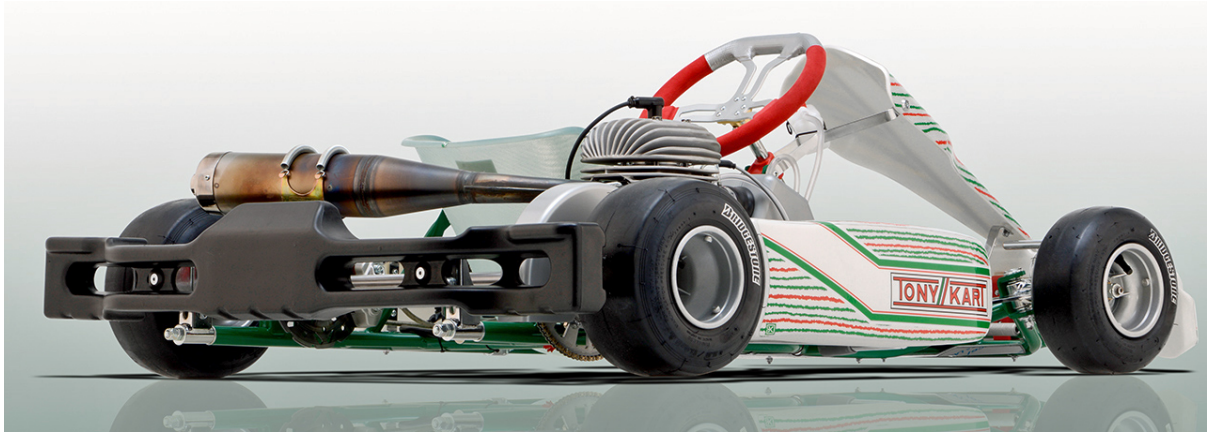
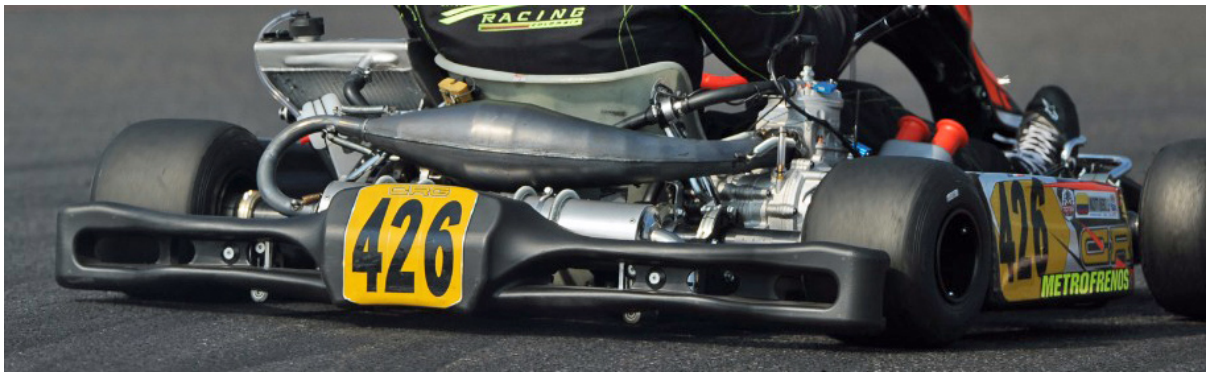
JUNIOR/SENIOR ENGINE PROJECT

KartSport New Zealand is making steady progress evaluating possible engine options to fill the gap left by the almost complete disappearance of the Yamaha KT100 engine and to also offer competitors a choice of performance non gearbox engines. Expect an announcement before the end of March 2018.
Project Terms of Reference are **HERE**

REAR PROTECTION PODS REMINDER



Reminder **Rear Protection Pods** are required on all Sprint chassis (except Rotax DD2) from **1 March 2018**. Order your one now from your local kart shop. (See **Rule Changes 2017-5** published 1-9-17)