



KartSport New Zealand Inquiry Report

2019 WPKA Goldstar R2 Cadet ROK Results

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Venue: By electronic communication on the Judicial Worksite

Date: 8 March 2019

Background:

The KartSport New Zealand Executive voted on 6 March 2019 (ref Rule C5) to hold an Inquiry regarding the results of the Cadet ROK class at the 2019 WPKA Goldstar R2 held at KartSport Hawkes Bay on 3 March 2019

The Terms of Reference were as follows:

- In light of the error found in Rule K3.3 (detail as published here on 6-3-19 <http://www.kartsport.org.nz/about-us/hot-topics/cadet-chassis-testing-wpka-goldstar-r3>) review the Judge of Fact exclusions made at the end of Heat 4 and review the Official Results for the Cadet ROK class and determine the correct results.
- To make a recommendation regarding how the WPKA should treat the result of the Cadet ROK Grand Prix (contested by only two karts) at the same event bearing in mind most other potential competitors did not contest the Grand Prix as they understood their chassis were non-compliant. NOTE: The Grand Prix points are accumulated at each Round to find an overall Grand Prix winner at the end of the Series.

Process:

- The Inquiry was by way of electronic exchange of documents and voting and was held under KartSport New Zealand guidelines based on the inquisitorial process (Rule C5).
- The statement made by KartSport New Zealand on 5 March 2019 was reviewed and provides the key evidence for this Inquiry.

Finding:

- The decimal point error identified in Rule K3.3 of 2006 Manual and subsequently repeated in all issues of the Manual up until 21 November 2018 was the root cause of so many karts failing the testing undertaken in Hawkes Bay. This error was not discovered until 5 March 2019.
- KartSport New Zealand was under the impression to revised tolerance of 2.0mm +/- 0.1mm, discussed with Kiwi Kart in November 2018 would provide an appropriate tolerance. This has subsequently been shown to not be the case
- KartSport New Zealand's decision of 7 March 2019 to immediately implement the May 2005 Executive decision which changed the tube thickness tolerance from "2.1mm, NZSI tolerance allowed" to "2.10mm +/- 0.32mm" (0.02mm added to account for the ultrasonic testing tolerance) means all the chassis excluded at Hawkes Bay are now within specification.

Outcome:

- The Panel has determined that the Cadet ROK results for the event be confirmed as follows:

Position	Kart	Name	Points
1	SI	A Broughan	9
2	35	I Fletcher	10
3	33	Z Tucker	13
4	36	W Edmondson	17
5	24	L Dowdall	21
6	93	E Sayer	24
7	8	C Turney	27
8	5	B Williams	30
9	17	G Stowe	36
10	88	M Baker	40
11	95	J Calcott	42
12	19	R Windley	45
13	50	L Botha	50

- The Panel notes that the results of the Cadet ROK Grand Prix must stand and trophies awarded be retained. However, the Panel recommends that no Grand Prix Series points be awarded due to the fact most of the competitors did not contest the Cadet ROK Grand Prix as they thought their karts were non-compliant. The decision whether or not to award Grand Prix series points rests with the WPKA. A decision to not award these points would require the prior written consent of the two competitors who did contest the Cadet ROK Grand Prix.

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9 March 2019