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On Track with Colin Harris

The Nationals are not many days away, so it may be timely to mention a couple of items now, rather than you risk spoiling your day later on.

The Manual is there for study and Mum and Dad, it's always worthwhile explaining these rules to your young driver so that they really understand them.

Yellow Flag - you may have forgotten that passing under the Yellow Flag carries a



minimum penalty of a disqualification UNLESS you redress the situation safely before the next manned flagpoint. That's well worth remembering.

Starts - approaching the start from the formation line you are required to be in close formation, one behind the other, with your rear wheel immediately adjacent to the appropriate parallel white lines. The pole driver controls the start, not the driver on grid 2. Pole has to approach the acceleration line at a steady pace between 1/4 to 1/2 speed. When reaching the acceleration line the pole driver MAY accelerate and only if he/she chooses to do so, it's the pole drivers choice. He/she must not decelerate and the driver on grid 2 must stay beside the driver on pole. The race only starts when the lights go out. What could be simpler.

Decals on the Side of Visors - these can restrict your peripheral vision, meaning in practical terms you could be making a habit of turning into other karts because you haven't seen them come up beside you. That's not good. The length and depth of the decal could be partially closing off the aperture at each side of your helmet. If you have a visor decal, it may be worth your while to check that it's not restricting your peripheral vision on each side.

Unacceptable Behaviour - In recent months we have had some incidents that can be fairly described as unacceptable behaviour by competitors, parent/guardians and pit crew.

I'm very sure that you, part of the 99% of our karting community don't want the enjoyment of your sport spoiled by the actions of those who can't control their emotions when faced with disappointment or frustration.

This is motor racing, you can't win all the time, it happens.

I have instructed the Race Officials around New Zealand that this type of behaviour is to be dealt with promptly and appropriately when and if it occurs. If you're interested, have a look in the Manual, Section G. G1.8 and G1.9, pg 112 and then look at pg 85, Section C, item 22.

Clubs also have a responsibility to their members and visitors to deal with unacceptable behaviour, don't leave it all to the Race Officials.

On a more positive note particularly for those of you competing at the Nationals, I hope you all enjoy yourselves and achieve your individual goals.

KartSport Wellington have a well deserved reputation for running great events, this one will be no exception.

See you there.



Colin Harris
National Steward



Wynn's Raceway, Kaitoke, Upper Hutt, 29-31 March 2013



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Rule Changes Issue 2013-2, published on 14 March, includes updates to **Cadet bodywork** rules and the **Raket 120 engine cowl**.
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