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2012 MSNZ Elite Academy Applications Now Open

KartSport New Zealand is delighted to confirm that agreement has been reached with MotorSport New Zealand and the MotorSport NZ Scholarship Trust for at least one KartSport New Zealand member to again be eligible for selection to attend their annual Elite Academy.

Last year Daniel Kinsman was selected from the KartSport applicants and performed very well, finishing second overall and first driver in the Elite Academy rankings for 2011. Daniel, who has now joined the KartSport Academy as a Coach, has this to say about his 2011 experience:



"The week long experience was very beneficial to me in all aspects of my racing and the way I present myself. The two things I found most beneficial from the Elite Academy would be: Mental skills: Helped me with being able to handle the pressure better both on and off the track. Public speaking: Helped with the way I present myself in interviews and towards sponsors. The on-going support and funding from the Elite Academy is great as it allows me to improve myself further and work with the best services providers in the country.

I feel I did myself and Kartsport New Zealand proud in achieving 2nd place overall at the Elite Academy and hope that this will help Kartsport New Zealand to send future applicants to this amazing opportunity. In regards to the Kartsport New Zealand Academy many of the items covered at the Elite Academy would be useful for competitors ready to make the commitment needed to take their racing to the next level. Items such as nutrition, exercise, mental skills and preparation play an equal part to the other skills needed such as driving ability and kart set up."

This one week, internationally acclaimed, Elite programme has been run since 2004 in conjunction with the NZ Academy of Sport South Island and graduates include a "who's who" of young motorsport competitors including many ex and current karters.



The class of 2011. Spot the current and former karters.

Key details as follows:

- Applications are open to any KartSport New Zealand member with a current Senior A Rated Sprint and/or Road Competition Licence as at 1-3-12.
- Applications must be made on the MSNZ KartSport Application Form which can be downloaded [HERE](#).
- **Deadline for receipt of Applications is 5pm Monday 19 March 2012.**



- Applications must be sent to:

Preferably by Email to: iwsnellgrove@xtra.co.nz

OR

Elite Motorsport Academy Applications
C/- The MotorSport NZ Scholarship Trust
29 Fisher Place
Carterton 5713

- Those on the short list will be responsible for expenses involved in attending the final selection interviews to be held in early May.
- The successful recipient(s) will be announced by MSNZ on (date TBC).
- The 2012 Elite Academy runs from 1st to 7th July inclusive and is held in Dunedin. Domestic travel, accommodation and meals are provided.
- Academy participants also receive a specifically tailored follow up plan.

A key point to be emphasized is that MSNZ recognise that many karters wish to excel in KartSport locally and internationally so the recipients of positions via KartSport New Zealand into the Elite Academy do not have to necessarily have a career planned in car racing or rallying.

Full details regarding the Elite Academy can be found [HERE](#):



MG Tyres 2012 National Sprint Championships KartSport Hamilton

Entry Forms are now available for the **MG Tyres 2012 KartSport New Zealand National Sprint Championships** to be contested over Easter Weekend at KartSport Hamilton's Agrisea Raceway. Expect a few Australians to cross the Tasman as their nationals have been changed to July this year.

This is the big event of the year. Come and enjoy the speed and elevation changes of one of the country's iconic venues.

Don't leave it until the last minute to enter! DO IT NOW.



For an Entry Form [CLICK HERE](#)

For On-Line entry [CLICK HERE](#)

Early entry closes at **5pm 6-3-12.**

If your class does not meet the minimum number by this date, it may not run.

Late entry for confirmed classes closes **5pm 30-3-12** (Late fees apply).

NOTE ref Online Entries. When logging in and selecting the class and other items required, you must complete the purchase via the Mastercard/Visa section and receive confirmation that the transaction is complete to be entered for the event. Once you have done so, you will be able to print/view a copy of your invoice. **If you exit at any stage prior to completing the steps required you will not be included as an entry.**



**2 Day HOT SHOTS, KartSport Hamilton
17-18 March 2012**

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER

A great opportunity to learn the tricks of the Hamilton track prior to the NZ Sprint Championships plus improve your preparation, driving and kart set up.

Please book **NOW** by [CLICKING HERE](#) or phone **Gary Wilson**, Head Coach **021-543-787**.

For more information regarding the **HOT SHOTS** programme [CLICK HERE](#).



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Tech Talk

with John Lennox

National Technical Officer

Tape on Radiators

Rule K1.38 regarding Radiators is very clear - "To control the temperature it is permitted to place a system of masks (**excluding adhesive tapes**) at the front or at the rear of the radiator to control the temperature".

Quite simply this means **no adhesive tape on radiators**. If you are using tape on your radiator please remove it. Tech Officers have spent some time educating people regarding this requirement and have been asking competitors to remove tape from radiators where it has been used. However the rule will now be enforced so if you do not remove the tape when asked or replace the tape after being asked to remove it, you can expect to be penalised via a Form of Complaint.

Sponsors Decals

It is important that our major sponsors and KartSport New Zealand partners receive maximum exposure within our sport. One of the most significant means for this is via television and press exposure showing karts with sponsor's signage. All karts should currently have a **Gen-i** decal immediately above the number plate on the Front Console, Ref Rule G4.3. Decals are available from your Club. Thank you for your co-operation.



Recruiting Race Officials

from Anita Kinsman, Volunteer Retention and Growth

On Saturday February 18th the first training day for the new Grade 4 Race Officials position was launched. With attendees from Invercargill, Christchurch, Wellington and Manawatu! Well done to these Clubs for getting on board early and bringing on board new volunteers.

Full details on the new grading structure can be found [here](#) (or on the Downloads section of the KartSport New Zealand Web site www.kartsport.org.nz).

We look forwards to these recruits being "home Club" Race Officials in the near future. Anyone interested in training to be a Race Official should speak to any member of their Club's Committee or contact the Race Official Area Co-ordinators in the Manual.

Volunteers form the backbone of Sport and Recreation in New Zealand. Any one with

some time and energy can become a volunteer and opportunities exist in a range of roles. Lend a hand to those already involved, get in touch with your Club and see where you can assist!



Photographers

We have a number of photographers who visit our events and take pics for media and other use. Over the next few months we will profile these people.

Hagen Hopkins - Wellington



Hagen Hopkins is a Wellington-based professional photographer who covered the recent KartSport NZ National Road Race Championship meeting at Manfield and the opening round of the Right Karts KartStars Rotax Max Challenge of New Zealand in Palmerston North. Hagen travels the country on assignment for leading international photo agency Getty Images, along with a number of other clients, and was attracted to karting because

of the sports fast-paced excitement and the opportunity to create some unique motor sport images. When he is not photographing cricket, rugby, karts or any number of other sports, Hagen can be found training on his road bike or on the golf course trying to lower his handicap!

If you competed at a meeting Hagen was covering, you can buy the original high res digital photos or prints online with your credit card by going to his newly created website - <http://www.hagenhopkins.co.nz/gallery-list>



Reminders

- 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.

- **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.