

KartSport New Zealand E-Line



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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**.

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



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

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

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



Rule Changes Issues 2012-1 and 2012-2

Rule Changes Issue 2012-1 (Manual corrections and updates) and Issue 2012-2 have been published recently and can be viewed [HERE](#)

Key changes (including some with immediate implementation) to note include:

- Breach of Yellow Flag rule penalties.
- Revised Out Grid Start procedure.
- Revised Rolling Start procedure and penalties.
- Revised Acceleration Line rule.
- Revised Pole kart rule.



- Technical clarifications.
- Revised Squish Measurement procedure for Raket 85 and Raket 120 engines.
- Revised Rotax Max carburettor rule.
- NZ Schools Championships allocation now on a roster system.
- Challenge Cup race distances defined.



Tech Talk

with John Lennox

National Technical Officer

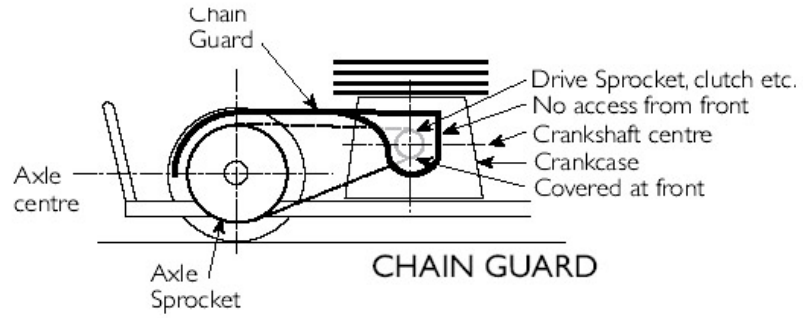


Chain Guards and Clutch Guards

Following a serious incident last weekend when a Raket 85 clutch disintegrated and sent pieces flying (injuring a person), all competitors with karts with engine clutches are requested to regularly inspect their clutches for cracks, etc and to ensure that an appropriate clutch and chain guard is fitted whenever the motor is started.

On completion of the investigation into last weekend's incident it is probable that clutch guards will soon be detailed more precisely in the Manual. However the following is strongly recommended in the interim:

- Note Rule K1.12 and the drawing below.



- Yamaha KT100 engine clutches should be covered with a Tru-Test or similar clutch guard. These guards have a punch out section which exposes the crank nut for starting. See below.



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- KF engines must use the clutch guard homologated with the engine.
- Crew lifting karts with engines running on the Out Grid should teach their drivers to brake the rear axle before the kart is put back on the ground. Dropping the rear of the kart back on to the ground with the axle spinning can create unnecessary load on the clutch and lead to failure and unnecessary wear.
- The material used for the chain/clutch guard should be of sufficient strength to contain the components of a clutch should the clutch fail with the engine at full rpm.



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.