



# 2026 KARTPLEX RULEBOOK



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# 100 - GENERAL

## 100.1 - KNOW THE RULES

By participating in any Gateway Kartplex event, competitors and crew members agree to take on the responsibility of knowing and following the rules set forth in this document, and agree to always hold safety, fairness, and sportsmanship in the highest regard.

## 100.2 - SPIRIT AND INTENT

If this rulebook does not say you can, you can't. Rules and regulations offered in this book are subject to the term "spirit and intent" and apply to the technical aspects of kart racing as well as to the actions of competitors, crew members and family. No one is to "read between the lines" in order to circumvent the rule's spirit. Final interpretations of these rules lie with the Gateway Kartplex, not the competitor. If you are the type of person that is intent on finding loopholes, then it is imperative that you re-evaluate your association with the Gateway Kartplex. The "Spirit and Intent" rule allows the Race Director's sole discretion to make timely decisions and resolve disputes. If you are contemplating a technical undertaking that is not directly addressed in any of the Gateway Kartplex rulebooks, please contact the Gateway Kartplex to ensure it is legal and will be allowed.

## 100.3 - RULE REVISIONS

The Gateway Kartplex has the right to change, add or remove any rules at any time. Any changes to the rulebook will be announced at the next drivers meeting, posted on the Gateway Kartplex website, and emailed to competitors.

## 100.4 - SUPPLEMENTAL RULES

The Race Director or Kartplex Management can implement supplemental rules at any event. Supplemental rules will take precedence over any written rule. Any supplemental rule will be delivered to the competitors in written or verbal form.

## **100.5 - CODE OF CONDUCT**

Gateway Kartplex requires all competitors, family members, crew, spectators, sponsors and guests to abide by a code of conduct and behave in a respectful, orderly manner. Penalties may be assessed for inappropriate actions on or off the track and can be incurred by anyone required to abide by this code of conduct. Competitors are responsible for the control and actions of their pit crew and family members. Unacceptable actions of crew or family members may subject a competitor to penalty or disqualification from an event.

It is always our goal to have clean, safe and fair racing, and we are more than happy to listen to any questions, concerns or complaints. Certain actions, however, are not appropriate. Physical violence, verbal abuse, threats, intimidation or excessive foul language will be subject to immediate disciplinary action by the Race Director or Kartplex Management. Such disciplinary actions may include disqualification and expulsion from the event, removal from the facility, suspension from the track, permanent ban from the facility or other penalties.

As we frequently remind competitors and race attendees, race officials and approved personnel are the only individuals allowed to approach the Main Flagstand/Timing and Scoring or step onto the track during the race program. Photographers and videographers must obtain prior approval from the Race Director, Kartplex Management, and corner workers in order to access the racing surface. Race officials need to focus on what is happening on track. Individuals who disrupt race officials may be subject to penalty. If you have a question, concern or complaint, please address it to either the cashier or the grid marshal, who will radio the appropriate person and should provide either an answer or an indication of when and where someone will be available to address your matter.

## **100.6 - SOCIAL MEDIA CONDUCT POLICY**

When differences of opinion arise regarding Gateway Kartplex rules and regulations, decisions by race officials, Kartplex policies, or between the competitors (and/or their charges), communication and discussion of these differences are best handled privately and directly between the parties involved. Attacking parties on social media sites like Facebook or Twitter is unacceptable and may result in disciplinary action if race officials or Kartplex

Management determine that the communication is not in the best interest of the Gateway Kartplex and its series. Resulting penalties may be disqualification, ejection from the event and possibly from Gateway Kartplex until further notice.

### **100.7 - MEDICAL CONDITIONS OF COMPETITORS**

Competitors are prohibited from participating in any Gateway Kartplex event if their physical or mental condition makes it unsafe to do so. This restriction applies to practice sessions as well as competitions.

Medical conditions include:

- Persons on medication that may impair their physical or mental acuity;  
Persons with weakened physical conditions
- Persons under a doctor's care for physical or mental illness
- Persons with any physical condition or disability that would jeopardize their safety and safety for others
- Pregnancy,
- Cardiac or neurological problems
- Heart attack
- Heart surgery
- Stroke
- Loss of consciousness
- Seizures
- Major surgery
- Diagnoses of cancer.

The Gateway Kartplex is not liable for injuries, death or other problems incurred by competitors with any medical condition. If a competitor experiences changes in their medical condition, or seeks medical attention at or during an event, that may affect their fitness to participate, they should notify the Gateway Kartplex of a change in their medical status and withdraw from competition until examined and approved to return by their physician or track medic. Failure to do so could result in disqualification from the event.

If a competitor sees an on-site medic and they deem the competitor unwell and in need of further medical attention, they must abide. If a competitor declines transport to the hospital (either by ambulance or not)

after being seen by the on-site medics, the competitor will not be allowed to continue participating in Gateway Kartplex events until medical clearance is provided by a doctor.

## **100.8 - RACE OFFICIALS**

### **100.8.1 - KARTPLEX MANAGEMENT**

Directs all staff, event operations, competitions, safety, event schedules, and communications.

### **100.8.2 - RACE DIRECTOR**

Oversees on-track activities, imposes penalties, communicates information to competitors and teams.

### **100.8.3 - ASSISTANT RACE DIRECTOR**

Works directly with the Race Director to help assist with on-track activities, determine penalties and inform competitors.

### **100.8.4 - TECH DIRECTOR**

Oversees all technical rules, preforms inspections, determines competitors legal and communicates any competitor technical failures to the Race Director for further evaluation.

### **100.8.5 - FLAGMAN**

Works with Race Directors and Timing and Scoring to control (flag) all on-track activities.

### **100.8.6 - TIMING AND SCORING**

Responsible for timing and scoring, broadcasts to Race Monitor, publishes race results to MyLaps, calculates points and posts results.

### **100.8.7 - GRID MARSHAL**

In charge of releasing karts to enter the track when the track is clear and ready, as well as checking to ensure all karts have been inspected, transponders are on karts, and communicating with the Race Director and other track workers. The Grid Marshall is also an acceptable resource to ask questions to or to communicate other information to the Race Director or Timing and Scoring.

### **100.8.8 - CORNER WORKERS**

Stationed in each corner of the course to ensure safety of competitors by communicating with oncoming competitors track conditions, helping karts get out of the way of oncoming traffic, and responding to any accidents in their corner. Reminder: a Corner Worker's primary duty is their own safety, followed by signaling approaching traffic, and then rescuing disabled karts. This order is primarily to prevent injuries and further accidents.

### **100.9 - CLASSES AND AGE REQUIREMENTS**

(See each series' individual rules for more specifications.)

#### **100.9.1 - IGNITE SERIES**

Kid Kart Honda – 5-8 years old

Ignite Rookie – 8-12 years old

Ignite Junior – 12-15 years old

Ignite Senior – 15+ years old

Ignite Master – 35+ years old

Ignite Legend – 50+ years old

Ignite Heavy – 15+ years old, competitor minimum weight of 200 lbs with competitor equipment

#### **100.9.2 - SUPERCOMP SERIES**

Kid Kart – 5-8 years old

Briggs Rookie – 8-12 years old

Briggs Junior – 12-15 years old

Briggs Senior – 15+ years old

Briggs Master – 35+ years old

Ignite 100 Junior – 12-15 years old

Ignite 100 Senior – 15+ years old

Ignite 100 Master – 35+ years old

TaG 60 Cadet – 9-12 years old

Open Class – 12+ years old

### **100.10 - AGE REQUIREMENT GUIDELINES**

The following guidelines should be followed as a general requirement with the exception of extraordinary circumstances determined by Kartplex Management and Race Director.

A racer's competition age is determined by the age of the competitor on the first scheduled Kartplex race day of the season. If a competitor ages out of a class before the first scheduled Kartplex race day of the season, they are required to move up to the older class. If a competitor will attain an age into an older class during the course of the Kartplex race season, they may choose to stay in their current class or move up to the older class (at any time, including the start of the season). Once a competitor has raced in a class, they may not move back to a younger class with the exception of a one-time "move-up" race day event (as defined below). Upon request, the Race Officials may choose to issue an age exception for a competitor whose birthday falls after the completion of the Kartplex race season but within the calendar year.

Per 2021 updates to Ignite Karting rules, if a competitor moves to an older class (specifically from Kid Kart to Rookie, Rookie to Junior, or Junior to Senior) at any level of **Ignite competition**, it will affect their eligibility in all other levels of Ignite competition – once they move up, they cannot move back. This covers club races such as the Kartplex's Ignite Series, all Ignite Challenge events, and all Major races.

Note: Your "competition age" is relative to the individual racing series. It is legal to run one age class in Ignite and a different one in SuperComp (with the exception of all Ignite 100 classes as they fall under Ignite rules).

#### **Possible extraordinary circumstances that would justify an age waiver exception:**

- If, at the sole discretion of Kartplex Management, the Race Director and in the interest of safety for the competitor as well as the other drivers, a competitor has not shown adequate race craft or maturity to advance into the next age-appropriate class, they will be asked to remain in their current class for another season or until they show necessary improvement to warrant moving up to the next age-appropriate class.

- All competitors shall demonstrate their driving ability to the satisfaction of the race officials during a mandatory practice period before being fully allowed to compete in the next age-appropriate class. This period is preferably by appointment, Tuesday- Friday. The Gateway Kartplex reserves the right to allow a competitor to participate in a one-time "move-up" race day event, to assess their readiness for promotion to the next age group. Following the race day, should the officials determine that the competitor is not yet ready for advancement, they will be asked to remain in their current class until they show the necessary improvements.
- At the discretion of the Kartplex Management, the Race Director, and the competitor's parents, a young competitor who has shown the required driving competence may be invited to move into the next age-appropriate class before they qualify by rule. The qualities used to evaluate this competence include general kart control, on-track racing patience, consistently high finishing positions, and conducting themselves with general maturity both on and off the racetrack.

#### **100.11 - NOVICE COMPETITORS**

A novice competitor is defined as having no experience at the Kartplex and/or limited karting experience elsewhere. For at least the first 3 events a novice competitor competes in at the Kartplex, they must start at the back of the field for each practice, qualifying and race session. Such competitors must also display a clear and visible "X" on the back of their helmet as well as on their rear bumper. Painter's tape will be available at tech or inside the Speed Center for any competitors who need an "X." The completion of 3 races does not guarantee the removal of a competitor's "X." The Race Director and Kartplex Management have final discretion to determine when an "X" may be removed, as well as any waivers of novice competitor restrictions based on performance or previous experience.

#### **100.12 - SUBSTITUTE DRIVERS**

Substitute drivers are allowed but must start in the back of the next session. For example, if a competitor participates in the qualifying session but a substitute driver is in the kart for the race, the substitute will start at the back of the field regardless of the original competitor's qualifying position. Competitors may not have another competitor practice for them in a class in which the substitute competitor is not eligible for or entered in.

# 200 – SAFETY

## 200.1 - COMPETITOR EQUIPMENT

All competitor's safety equipment must be worn at all times while on track. The competitor bears the ultimate responsibility to ensure the condition of their own safety equipment in compliance with Kartplex rules and regulations. Equipment must be in good condition and free of defects, holes, cracks, frays, etc. Participants may be subject to disciplinary actions for failure to comply with the safety equipment rules. If you are not sure if a product would be legal, please contact the Gateway Kartplex to discuss the eligibility or to find more equipment options.

Spot checks may be made at any time during the event at the discretion of the Race Officials.

## 200.2 - HELMETS AND HELMET-MOUNTED CAMERAS

As of January 1, 2026, no helmets containing a 2015 certification will be legal. Helmets must meet one of the following ratings: Snell M 2020, SA 2020, CMR 2016, CMS 2016, M 2020, SA 2020, or SA 2025; SFI Youth 24.1 2020, or 2025; SFI 31.1 2020, or 2025; SFI 41.1 2020, or 2025.

The use of helmet-mounted cameras is prohibited.

## 200.3 - NECK BRACES

ALL competitors must wear a neck brace on track and must be manufactured for racing. HANS devices are NOT permitted as they need seat belts to be effective in an on-track accident.

### 200.3.1 - LOSS OR LACK OF NECK BRACE

Loss or lack of a neck brace on course will result in a meatball flag.

## 200.4 - LONG HAIR

No hair may be outside the helmet. A head sock or other methods must be used to restrain hair. Any hair exposed will result in a black flag.

### **200.5 - DRIVING SUITS**

Driving suits must be manufactured for kart racing or motorsports racing. They must be abrasion resistant and fully cover the body. Wearing abrasion resistant jackets with jeans are permitted. Sweatpants are not permitted on track, as they do not provide adequate protection. Hoods, ties, belts, scarfs, or anything that can become entangled in moving parts are not allowed. Suits/jackets must fully zipped up while on track.

### **200.6 - RIB PROTECTORS**

Rib protectors are highly recommended but NOT considered mandatory. The lateral forces generated in kart racing are a serious concern and all competitors are urged to use a rib protector.

### **200.7 - CHEST PROTECTORS**

All competitors in Kid Kart and Rookie (12 years of age and under) must wear an SFI-approved chest protector. The Armadillo chest protector (Part #09992x) is recommended.

### **200.8 - GLOVES**

Gloves must offer a degree of abrasion resistance and possess grip enhancement, preferably manufactured for racing.

### **200.9 - FOOTWEAR**

Footwear must be closed toed with flat bottoms (no heel), and laces must be able to be secured and should not be easily removed in the case of an accident. Racing-specific shoes are highly recommended and preferred.

### **200.10 - CAMERAS**

Cameras should not obstruct the competitor's vision or block the number panel in any way. Cameras **CANNOT** be mounted to the helmet. Cameras may be mounted on a kart as long as it will bend or break away if hit by another object such as another competitor or body part. It is highly recommended that your kart number be clearly marked on your camera.

### **200.11 - RADIOS**

The use of radios/phones to communicate with competitors while on track is prohibited. Use of radios/phones will result in disqualification.

## **200.12 - TRANSPONDERS**

Transponders must be on for ALL on-track sessions, including all practice sessions. Transponders must be compatible with the MyLaps timing system, and must be karting speed rated or higher. Examples are the AMB Tranx 160 (YELLOW), Tranx 260 (RED), and the TR2. The MyLaps X2 transponders are not recommended.

### **200.12.1 - TRANSPONDER RENTALS**

All competitors are required to have a working transponder on their karts any time the kart is on track. If a competitor does not have their own working transponder, they may rent one for the day of the event. The Gateway Kartplex has a limited number of rental transponders available in the Speed Center. If the rented transponder is not returned in a good working condition (undamaged) at the conclusion of the event, the competitor will be charged \$500.00 for the replacement cost of the transponder.

# 300 – TECHNICAL

## 300.1 - TECH INSPECTION/TECH AREA

**The only personnel allowed in the Tech building are competitors and race officials.** Crew and family members are prohibited from entering the Tech building at any time without permission from race officials or Kartplex Management. During the race program, **no one is permitted to approach or interact with a kart/competitor in pit lane or the Tech area until after that competitor has gone across the scales.** This includes a prohibition on passing any items to or from a competitor prior to weighing.

No adjustments to a kart are permitted until after karts are released from impound.

All karts need to be shut off before entering the Tech building. **ABSOLUTELY NO DRIVING ONTO THE SCALES!** A race official will be available to assist competitors as needed.

The Tech Director or the Race Director may require any competitor to submit to technical or safety inspection at any time. **Failure to submit to an inspection will result in loss of all points and awards for all classes run at that event and will also result in a suspension from the following FOUR race events at the Gateway Kartplex. Any competitor that fails to submit to an inspection a second time will incur in a one-year suspension from any race event at the Gateway Kartplex.**

## 300.2 - KART NUMBERS

Numbers MAY NOT contain letters or symbols. Numbers must be 0 – 999. The number displayed on a competitor's kart must match the number they've signed up for the event as.

### 300.2.1 - RESERVED NUMBERS

Duplicate numbers in a class are not allowed due to issues with live result displays and may create confusion/safety/penalty concerns for on track incidents. You **MUST** contact the Gateway Kartplex to reserve numbers for your class for the season. Numbers are first come, first served. Your number will automatically renew each season. Competitors who have not raced in a Kartplex competitive series in

more than two seasons (or have only raced in less than half a season in that time) will not have their number automatically renewed.

Rights to a number are not guaranteed when moving up or changing classes. Numbers are reserved on a class-by-class basis.

### **300.2.2 - NUMBER VISIBILITY**

Numbers must be on all four sides of a kart and MUST be contrasting to the bodywork color or designs, easy to read, and big enough for officials to see easily. Officials have the right to determine if a number is illegible.

### **300.3 - WEIGHT BALLAST**

Non-structural weights added to meet minimum kart/competitor weight requirements must be bolted securely to the kart using bolts at least 5/16" in diameter. Weights in excess of 7 lbs. must use two or more 5/16" bolts. All bolts must be cotter-keyed, safety wired or double nutted. All bolt-on weights must be white in color for visibility. It is the competitor's responsibility to make sure weights are securely fastened. It is highly recommended that your kart number be clearly marked on your lead.

Losing a weight during any on-track session is considered a safety violation and may result in a penalty or disqualification at the Race Director's discretion.

The use of lead shot as ballast in any tube on the kart is strictly prohibited and will result in an immediate disqualification and a one-year suspension.

### **300.4 - BODYWORK FAILURE**

Bodywork that comes apart from its original mounting location during the course of any on-track session is subject to penalty or disqualification at the discretion of the Race Director.

### **300.5 - REPLACEMENT OF ENGINE, TIRES AND CHASSIS**

#### **300.5.1 - ENGINE REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT**

Approval may be granted by the Tech Director and the Race Director to repair damage only, not for maintenance. The burden for demonstrating damage rests with the competitor. If an engine change is approved, the competitor will start in the rear of the next competition

session. Unauthorized or late engine replacement shall result in a disqualification.

### **300.5.2 - TIRE REPLACEMENT**

Approval to replace a tire may be granted by the Tech Director and the Race Director in the case of a damaged tire. If approved, one tire may be changed. If a competitor changes 2 or more tires after qualifying or before any race sessions, the competitor must start in the rear of the next session.

### **300.5.3 - CHASSIS REPLACEMENT**

In the case of a chassis replacement, approval must be granted from the Tech Director and the Race Director. The competitor will start in the rear of the next session.

### **300.6 - TIRE TREATING & ADDITIVES**

ANY ALTERING OF THE MANDATED HOOSIER TIRE THROUGH PREPPING, DOPING, CHEMICAL TREATING OR CUTTING IS EXPRESSLY FORBIDDEN. ANY COMPETITOR FOUND TO BE ALTERING THE TIRE OR ATTEMPTING TO ALTER THE TIRE FROM THE AS-SUPPLIED CONDITION WILL BE IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFIED, EJECTED FROM THE FACILITY, BANNED FROM THE FACILITY FOR THE PERIOD OF ONE YEAR AND WILL FORFEIT ALL SERIES POINTS. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR PREPAID ENTRIES. POSSESSION OF TIRE PREP, DOPING COMPOUNDS OR OTHER TIRE TREATMENTS IS CAUSE FOR EXPULSION AND BANNING FROM THE PREMISES. TIRE WARMING BLANKETS, HOTBOXES, OR OTHER WARMING DEVICES ARE PROHIBITED. TIRES MAY ONLY BE CLEANED WITH WATER. TIRES MAY BE SUBJECT TO LAB TESTING BY THE RACE DIRECTOR OR TECH OFFICIALS AT THEIR DISCRETION. A COMPLIANCE FORM WILL BE ISSUED TO THE RACER TO SIGN, THEN A SAMPLE WILL BE SEALED TO BE SENT TO THE LAB FOR TESTING. COMPLYING RACERS WILL RECEIVE A REPLACEMENT TIRE AND WILL BE BILLED ACCORDINGLY. IF THE LAB TEST COMES BACK NEGATIVE, A FULL REFUND FOR THE REPLACEMENT TIRE WILL BE ISSUED TO THE RACER. FAILURE TO COMPLY IS CONSIDERED A VIOLATION OF OUR TREATING AND ADDITIVES POLICY. VIOLATION OF THIS POLICY IS NOT EXCLUSIVE TO INTENT. WE WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR THAT TIRE ALTERING OF ANY KIND IS EXPRESSLY FORBIDDEN AND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

### **300.7 - ENGINE CLAIMING**

At the Race Director's discretion, the Kartplex may "claim" a competitor's engine at any time. The track will supply the competitor with a new, factory-sealed engine in direct exchange for the competitor's "as raced" engine. If the competitor fails to comply with the claim request, the competitor will be excluded from participating in Kartplex races for one calendar year and will forfeit all points acquired to date.

# 400 - ON TRACK

## 400.1 - FLAGS

Flags on the track are the race officials main source of communicating with competitors for different track conditions, issues with you or your equipment and most importantly, how much of the race is left. Competitors must know all the flags and their meanings before their first time out.

### 400.1.1 - GREEN FLAG

The green flag is used during practice and the race to indicate that the track is clear. It is used to start a race and to restart a race after a yellow or red flag.

### 400.1.2 - YELLOW FLAG

The yellow flag indicates an unsafe condition on the track. Under the yellow flag, competitors are to reduce speed and proceed with caution. Passing is not permitted. In sprint racing, when a yellow flag is displayed in a corner, it may only pertain to that corner.

### 400.1.3 - RED FLAG

The red flag indicates that all competitors are to stop as quickly and safely as possible at the point designated by the race officials. Competitors may not race back to the start/finish line. Disobeying the red flag will result in immediate disqualification. All karts are to proceed slowly to a place on the track or grid as designated by the Race Director or Flagman.

### 400.1.4 - BLUE FLAG

The blue flag tells a competitor that he or she is being lapped and must yield the racing line to allow lapping karts to pass. Failure to obey the blue flag will result in disqualification.

### 400.1.5 - BLACK FLAG

The waving black flag is used to tell a competitor that he or she has been disqualified due to an on-track infraction such as bumping, pushing, blocking, rough driving, or other unsafe or unsportsmanlike activity. If it is given during qualifying or a pre-final, the competitor will start at the rear of the next round of competition. If it is in the final, the competitor will receive zero points for

the race. Based on the severity of the infraction, the Race Director will inform the competitor immediately if further penalties are being assessed. Failure to leave the track within two laps after receiving the black flag may also result in additional penalties. When the black flag is displayed, scoring will cease as of the lap on which the flag is first displayed. A rolled black flag is a warning regarding unsafe or unsportsmanlike driving. Ignoring a warning will result in the use of a waving black flag.

#### **400.1.6 - MEATBALL FLAG (BLACK WITH ORANGE CIRCLE)**

A waving black flag with an orange circle is known as a meatball flag. The meatball flag is used during practice, qualifying, and racing to signal the competitor of a technical or mechanical infraction (i.e. missing neck brace, broken muffler, loose bodywork, etc.). It should be displayed along with the offending kart's number. Failure to leave the track within two laps after receiving the meatball flag on two consecutive laps may result in disqualification or suspension. When the meatball flag is displayed, scoring will cease as of the lap on which the flag is first displayed. If the flag is displayed for a technical violation that could potentially improve performance (e.g. muffler falling off), and the violation occurred during qualifying or the pre-final and the violation can be corrected, the competitor will start at the rear of the next round of competition after exiting the track.

#### **400.1.7 - CROSSED FLAGS**

Crossed flags indicates the race is half over. Use is optional.

#### **400.1.8 - TWO ROLLED FLAGS**

Two rolled flags indicates two laps remaining in the race. Use is optional.

#### **400.1.9 - WHITE FLAG**

Indicates that one lap remains in the race. The white flag is a courtesy flag and its use is not required.

#### **400.1.10 - CHECKERED FLAG**

The checkered flag is used in practice to indicate that practice laps are over. When displayed in a race it indicates that the race is complete, and competitors are to proceed to pits or scale/impound area. If the white flag is used, the checkered flag must follow the white flag.

#### **400.2 - BLIND TUCKS ARE PROHIBITED**

Blind tucks are prohibited, as competitors must maintain eye contact with their surroundings at all times. Any competitor seen in the blind tuck position will be black flagged immediately. The black flag may be rolled or waving at the discretion of the Race Director.

#### **400.3 - HANDS MUST ALWAYS BE ON THE STEERING WHEEL**

For safety reasons, competitors must always keep both hands on the steering wheel. Hands or arms may not be resting against any bodywork or tires. At the beginning of standing starts, competitors may not push the front tires in order to help momentum. The only time a competitor may take a SINGLE hand off the steering wheel is signally to exiting the track, signally other competitors for visibility or safety, and tuning in 2-cycle classes.

#### **400.4 - EMBELLISHMENT RULE**

Removing your hands from the steering wheel, making hand gestures to other competitors, corner workers, and race officials, or performing other dramatic gestures to "sell" an incident, will result in a penalty. The severity of the penalty will be determined based on the severity of the incident.

#### **400.5 - RE-ENTERING THE TRACK**

During any official session, **once you exit the track to the pit lane or scales, your session is complete.** You may not re-enter the track during that session or in the next group (if there are multiple groups for your class).

#### **400.6 - RESTARTING ENGINES AND EXITING THE KART WHILE ON TRACK**

**Competitors are not to exit their karts while on track unless directed to by a corner worker or race official.** If a competitor can safely restart their kart without getting out of their seat, they may do so. Corner workers and race officials are also permitted to restart motors. Any competitor who has restarted their motor must ensure they rejoin the race traffic in a safe manner.

#### **400.7 - PASSING ETIQUETTE**

Safe, successful passing is based on kart visibility and kart positioning. An overtaking kart bears the largest percentage of responsibility for passing

safely. Any contact during a pass, is subject to penalty at the discretion of the Race Officials.

#### **400.8 - BLOCKING**

Competitors are allowed to run a defensive line. However, blocking occurs when a leading competitor actively adjusts their line based on the actions and/or positioning of a pursuing competitor. If a competitor is seen blocking, they will receive a two-position penalty for the first offense and will be disqualified for multiple offenses. Draft breaking, moving to the inside lane of a straightaway and then returning to the outside before the corner, is not blocking so long as the entire maneuver is completed without causing contact or forcing others to take evasive action.

#### **400.9 - INTENTIONAL/AVOIDABLE CONTACT**

Deliberate, blatant, intentionally malicious, or retaliatory contact or wrecking, for any reason, is prohibited. Competitors who are seen making intentional contact will be subject to penalty. Divebombs, sidepodding, or any instance of overly aggressive and/or avoidable contact will lead to a penalty. The severity of the penalty will be determined based on the severity of the incident.

#### **400.10 - ACCIDENTS**

Race officials and emergency medical personnel are the only persons authorized to be on the track after an accident has occurred. Exceptions to this are at the Race Officials discretion. If a minor is involved in an incident and appears injured, Gateway Kartplex officials will request a parent or guardian to be present.

Karts involved in an accident may be subject to inspection by officials.

Medical personnel shall examine any driver who sustains an injury.

Any kart and competitor involved in an accident shall continue only with approval from the Race Director.

The Tech Director shall approve any repair to a damaged kart.

Major damage resulting in a need to change kart chassis shall ONLY be undertaken with the approval of the Tech Director. SEE REPLACEMENT OF ENGINES, TIRES, OR CHASSIS.

# 500 - RACE PROCEDURES

## 500.1 - DRIVERS MEETING

Every competitor is **required** to attend the drivers meeting. All minors must have a parent or adult representative in attendance also. A roll call may or may not be called. If a competitor does not attend the meeting, they are subject penalty at the Race Directors discretion.

## 500.2 - GRID LINE UP PROCEDURE

During all sessions except practice, competitors will line up and release based on the following:

Qualifying – Line up based on fastest practice lap and release one at a time.

Race 1 – Line up based on fastest qualifying lap.

Race 2 (if applicable) - Line up based on fastest lap from Race 1.

## 500.3 - GRID RELEASE CONDUCT

ALL COMPETITORS MUST OBEY GRID MARSHAL ORDERS. ANY COMPETITOR THAT LEAVES GRID WITHOUT THE DIRECTION FROM GRID MARSHALS WILL BE SUBJECT TO A PENALTY.

## 500.4 - PRACTICING WITH ANOTHER CLASS

If a competitor is found practicing with another class other than the one they registered for, they will be subject to penalty.

## 500.5 GRID 90 - SECOND RULE

Once the track is clear and starting grid is ready for release, the grid will be held for a maximum of 90 seconds to accommodate any racer that is unable to make it to the grid on time or has a mechanical issue. This applies to all competitive on track sessions.

## 500.6 – RACE FORMATS

### 500.6.1 – DOUBLE FEATURE QUALIFYING FORMAT

The qualifying session will determine the starting grid for Race 1. The Race 2 starting grid will be determined by a competitor's fastest lap time from Race 1.

### **500.6.2 – TWO HEATS AND SINGLE FEATURE FORMAT**

The first heat starting grid is determined by random draw. The second heat starting grid is inverted from the first heat lineup. Combined points from both heats will determine the starting grid for the feature race. In the event of a tie in the points after heat 2, the tie breaker will be determined by the fastest heat race lap time.

### **500.6.3 – TWO HEATS AND A DOUBLE FEATURE FORMAT**

The first heat starting grid is determined by random draw. The second heat starting grid is inverted from the first heat lineup. Combined points from both heats will determine the starting grid for Race 1. In the event of a tie in points after heat 2, the tie breaker will be determined by the fastest heat race lap time. The Race 2 starting grid will be determined by a competitor's fastest lap time from Race 1.

### **500.7 – FORMATION LAP**

Once the field is released onto the track for a formation lap, drivers must stay in their assigned grid positions unless otherwise directed by officials. The field must form up into two lines prior to entering the start zone. The pace should be steady, with minimal speed changes or weaving. It is the responsibility of all drivers to maintain a clean and consistent pace during the approach to the start.

#### **500.7.1 – FORMATION LAP TIRE WARMING**

Drivers are permitted to warm their tires during the formation lap. However, any driver who spins or causes an incident during the formation lap may be penalized at the discretion of the Race Director. Penalties may include loss of starting position, being moved to the rear of the field, or disqualification from the event.

### **500.8 - TRAM LANES**

At all starts (with the exception of standing starts), all competitors are to stay fully within their tram lanes. Once the green flag has dropped, racing has begun, and competitors can then move out of the tram lanes.

#### **500.8.1 - TRAM LANE PENALTIES:**

**- 2 tires out of the tram lanes will be a 1-position penalty**

**- 4 tires out of the tram lanes will be a 2-position penalty**

**500.9 - ROLLING START - START ZONE**

The pole sitter shall approach the start zone at a reasonable and maintained pace, roughly at 15 mph. The speed shall be constant until the pole sitter reaches the start zone which is defined by a set of cones. The Flagman will start the race at their discretion within the defined zone.

If a competitor goes before the green flag is waved, it will be considered a jump start and is subject to penalty. No competitor may lead the pole sitter out of the start zone. If another competitor has led the pole sitter out of the start zone and the race is started it may be considered a jump start and may be subject to penalty at the Race Director's discretion.

**500.10 – MANIPULATING THE START**

Any driver found to be manipulating the start including but not limited to brake-checking, inconsistent throttle use, weaving, or intentionally delaying the field — may be subject to penalties. Penalties for manipulating the start are at the discretion of the Race Director and may include loss of starting position, being moved to the back of the field, time penalties, or disqualification.

**500.11 – RESTARTS**

Restarts will be a single-file, rolling start in the same order as the last fully completed and scored green-flag lap prior to the red or full-course yellow condition. A lap is considered complete once all running, lead-lap karts have crossed the finish line to complete a uniform number of laps OR when the leader crosses the finish line to begin the next lap.

Karts that caused or were involved in the incident requiring the restart will be required (in the case of a red flag) to restart at the rear of the field.

In the case of a red flag:

- Drivers must proceed to the start/finish line and await restart alignment instructions unless otherwise directed.
- If the track is blocked and one or more competitors stop in full control and are not involved in the incident, the Race Director **may** allow them to

continue to the start/finish line and resume their position from the last completed and scored lap.

- **No** crew or other persons may enter the racing surface without **specific authorization** from the Race Director.
- Drivers **may not** work on their karts during a red flag.
- Drivers waiting for restart **may not** return to the pits.
- Crew members **may not** approach the kart or driver until **directed** by the Race Director.

Passing may begin once the green flag is shown.

### **500.12 – RACE CANCELLATIONS, AND/OR POSTPONEMENTS**

Prior to the scheduled race day, at the discretion of Kartplex management, a race event may be postponed or cancelled for any reason such as but not limited to the weather forecast, track-facility issues, and or other conflicts that may arise. At the time an event is officially postponed or canceled, all registered competitors will be issued a complete refund, and NO POINTS will be awarded. Those entrants who registered online on MotorsportReg.com will be issued a full refund through MotorsportReg.com. Any entrants who registered in person in the Speed Center will be contacted to process their refund. At the discretion of Kartplex management the event may be rescheduled with a previously scheduled race day, moved to a scheduled rain date, or cancelled.

### **500.13 – INCOMPLETE RACES, INCLEMENT WEATHER, AND RAIN POINTS**

On race day, in the event of inclement weather (or other reason for cancellation) the Race Director will be required to evaluate the situation. Several factors will be considered including the severity of the conditions and the estimated time until racing could safely resume. The Race Director may at their sole discretion, cancel the event for any safety concern. If the event is cancelled, the balance of the program will be considered complete, i.e. "a Rain Out" and full points will be awarded to all paid legal entries based on the following criteria:

In the event a racer's class does not complete the qualifying session, then all entries will receive "Rain Points" for both race 1 and race 2. Any class that makes it through

the qualifying session will receive points for race 1 based on their qualifying position. "Rain Points" will then be awarded for race 2. Any class that completes race 1 will receive points based on their finishing position of race 1. Points for race 2 will be awarded based on their qualifying position for race 2 (i.e. fastest race lap from race 1).

Rain Points will be the equivalent of a second-place finish for all entries. That would be 175 points plus the total number of entries in the respective class. Once a race is considered complete and Race Points are awarded no refunds will be given for any reason.

## **600 - PENALTIES**

### **600.1 - PENALTY PROCESS**

During a race program, race officials are in constant communication. If there is an incident on or off the track, it is up to the Race Director and/or Kartplex Management to determine if there will be any penalties, and if so, what those will be. Such decisions are not taken lightly and are discussed prior to being levied. Videos and photographs from competitors will not be considered as evidence in on or off-track calls or penalties unless requested by the Race Director. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SUBMIT VIDEOS OR PHOTOS THAT WERE NOT REQUESTED BY THE RACE DIRECTOR.** The Race Director/Kartplex Management may assess penalties at any time post-event completion after further discussion with race officials. All decisions by the Race Director and/or Kartplex Management are final and not open to appeal. Any competitor, crew member, or family member that excessively delays the race proceedings or continues to protest a penalty decision may be assessed at the discretion of Kartplex Management.

If there is an incident in which the Race Director, Kartplex Management, and/or Corner Workers cannot make a conclusive call about an incident, there will be no penalties issued.

### **600.2 - DISQUALIFICATION (DQ)**

A disqualification will result in 0 points. A disqualification can be used as a drop unless the DQ is for unsportsmanlike behavior or code of conduct violation.

### **600.3 - PROBATION**

Gateway Kartplex officials may place a competitor or participant or spectator on probation for a set amount of time or races as determined by Gateway Kartplex officials. Any individual placed on probation will be notified in writing via email. Probation is a serious matter and is reserved for serious matters that threaten the health and safety of our competitors, participants, and spectators, or impact the fairness and competitiveness of a series. Gateway Kartplex officials reserve the right to determine what offenses warrant probation.

While under probation, an individual's actions are subject to stricter scrutiny. Specifically, if any individual under probation repeats the same offense, commits a similarly offense or otherwise violates Gateway Kartplex rules, that individual will be automatically placed under suspension. See 600.4 - Suspension.

### **600.4 - SUSPENSION**

Gateway Kartplex officials can suspend a competitor or spectator for a set amount of time or races as determined by Gateway Kartplex officials. Any individual placed on suspension will be notified in writing via email. In extreme cases, an individual may be suspended without a probationary period. The Gateway Kartplex reserves the right to place any individual under suspension for any acts they deem fit. While under suspension, individuals are not permitted to attend any Gateway Kartplex events in any capacity.

# 700 - CHAMPIONSHIP

## 700.1 - CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS REQUIREMENTS

Racers must start a minimum of 6 races to qualify for the year-end championship.

A racer's best 8 finishes (of 12 races) will count towards their championship points total. In the event the season is shorter than 12 races, competitors will count 70% of the total number of races, rounded to the nearest full race.

There must be an average of 3 competitors per season for a class to be awarded end of season championship awards.

Racers must be present at the awards banquet to receive year-end awards.

## 700.2 - POINTS TABLE

Points will be awarded to all classes that complete a race or official session. The points are based on the table below plus 1 point for every kart in the class.

Position	Base Points	Position	Base Points	Position	Base Points
1	200	16	50	31	2
2	175	17	45	32	1
3	150	18	40	33	1
4	140	19	35	34	1
5	130	20	30	35	1
6	120	21	27		
7	110	22	24		
8	100	23	21		
9	90	24	18		
10	80	25	15		
11	75	26	12		
12	70	27	10		
13	65	28	8		
14	60	29	6		
15	55	30	5		

### **700.3 - PAST CHAMPION RULE**

The reigning champion in Ignite Senior may only compete in a maximum of 6 Ignite Senior races throughout the season following their championship year. After this 1-season restricted schedule, the past Ignite Senior champion may return to racing a full season in Ignite Senior. The Ignite Senior champion will receive the Gateway Kartplex Ignite 100 Scholarship, which is the use of an Ignite 100 kart for the following season. The scholarship winner is required to participate in the SuperComp series. The scholarship winner may also use the kart in other series at their discretion.