



# **Club Member Handbook & Rules**

# HEART OF TEXAS KART CLUB

**The Heart of Texas Kart Club (H.O.T. Kart Club) has adopted the rules and regulations as written in the current Rules and Technical Guide with the exception of supplementary rules or instructions listed below. In the event that there is a conflict with rules, regulations, or procedures, club rules will prevail, subject to approval by the National Karting Alliance (N.K.A.)**

## **GENERAL RULES**

***All members are responsible for adhering to and enforcing the rules contained within along with class specific rules.***

### **I. MEMBERSHIP DUES**

1. Membership dues will be \$200.00 per family household per calendar year (January 1 – December 31). Family household memberships will consist of a person(s) under the parents or guardians of a single household. Any person(s) over the age of 21 years is considered an adult and will be required to attain their own membership. After half of the season is over, the membership dues will be \$100.00 per family household.
2. A paid club member is allowed to practice on non-race days, may race at a reduced rate entry fee, and earn points toward the end of year awards program. Club members also must support the club through work days and volunteering at club events and on race days to be eligible for year end awards.
3. Non-club members will not be allowed to practice on non-race days, and do not earn points toward the end of year awards program. Non-club members will be required to abide by all HOT Kart Club rules, constitutions, bylaws, and guidelines.
4. H.O.T. Kart club requires a minor release to be completed and signed for any driver under eighteen (18) years of age prior to each race. A minor is also required to provide a copy of his or her birth certificate for club files.

### **II. RACE FEES**

1. A club member will pay a fee of \$30.00 to enter a race and a fee of \$20.00 for each additional class entered by the same driver. Non-club members will pay a fee of \$40.00 to enter a race and a fee of \$30.00 for each additional class entered by the same driver. This additional non-member race fee goes towards property care, track

maintenance, and other amenities needed for the club to operate each race that he or she runs. *Race entry fee DOES NOT INCLUDE a pit pass.*

2. All drivers, crew, and spectators inside of the fenced property area will be required to purchase & wear a \$10.00 pit pass. This is to provide for insurance liability.
3. All karts must run with a working transponder. Transponders are available for a rental fee of \$10.00 per race. A valid photo identification will be required to be left in the office with each transponder rental. Transponders must be returned to the office at the end of each race night. Kid kart classes may not be required to run a transponder at the discretion of the race director.
4. All karts entering the track MUST have transponders attached AT THE START OF CONTROLLED practice.
5. Race registration will close one (1) hour prior to race time.
6. All new karters with no experience will run their first three (3) events of racing on the back of all heats and feature races, for a total of nine races.

### **III. CONDUCT**

1. NO DRINKING of alcoholic beverages is allowed at H.O.T. Kartway before or during practice or racing. Non use of controlled substances is allowed at any time including non-race days.
2. Any disorderly conduct including but not limited too fighting, bad language, unusual behavior, obscene gestures, verbal abuse, threats, reckless driving with intent of causing harm, or unsportsmanlike conduct will cause disqualification, loss of points, and loss of pit pass for the event. Immediate removal from track property for the remainder of the event or even season will be at the discretion of the race director and/or the board of directors.

### **IV. RACE SCHEDULE**

The H.O.T. Kart club schedule will be as follows:

There will be a Spring Series and a Fall Series each with nine (9) races. Each series will have 8 races that count for points with one drop race per series. Rain out will be made up the following week weather permitting. Spring series races on Sundays will start at 2:00pm and Saturday races will start at 7:00pm. Fall Series races on Saturdays and Sundays will start at 2:00pm. Times subject to change at the discretion of the board of directors and

club president. A year end banquet will follow the last race of the year. Allowances will be made according to the calendared holidays during the year.

In the even of inclement weather, or below 40 degrees, the President and/or race director has the authority to call the race up to four (4) hours prior to the event start time. Anyone having questions regarding weather may check the clubs Facebook page at **[www.facebook.com/hotkartclub](https://www.facebook.com/hotkartclub)** or the club website at **[www.heartoftexaskartclub.com](http://www.heartoftexaskartclub.com)**.

## **V. RACE PRACTICE AND ORDER**

1. Open practice on race days will end at 3:00PM on race days with 7:00pm start time, and will end at 11:00AM on race days with a 2:00PM start time.
2. The race director or board member(s) have the discretion to declare a controlled practice when safety is an issue.
3. The divisions of classes under controlled practice will be as follows:
  - a. Kid Kart
  - b. Junior 1 / Junior 2 / Tag Novice / Super Can / Jr. Sportsman
  - c. Tag Junior / Tag Senior / 100cc Senior / Open
4. *KIDS KARTS HAVE THE TRACK TO THEMSELVES DURING OPEN AND CONTROLLED PRACTICES.* NO other karts allowed on the track while kid karts are on track.
5. Each controlled practice division is completed in a minimum of ten (10) minute sessions.
6. In the event of a division with no karts present to practice immediately, the grid steward has the authority to send the next class in scheduled rotation for practice.

## ***RACE ORDER***

1. Driver's meeting will be held thirty (30) minutes prior to race time.
2. Any driver that does not attend the drivers meeting is subject to disqualification from the event by discretion of the race director.
3. There will be no running engines in the pits during the drivers meeting.

## VI. OFFICIALS

All members should be sufficiently informed and knowledgeable of the rules to adequately conduct an event. Positions are declared but are not limited to the following: points keepers, registration, flagman, turn marshals, grid steward, scales, technical inspection, race director, pre-tech, and pit pass steward.

- a. **Race Director** – in charge of the entire event, and has the final decision in regards to protests and other rule violations. In charge of executing ALL technical & non-technical rules including committee rulings. Race director may enforce known violations without a formal protest by a competitor.
- b. **Grid Steward** – shall be in charge of the grid area. When a driver's specific race is called, the steward will see that all karts are lined up in order. He / She will then call for kart start-up. All drivers are solely responsible for having their kart on the grid before the white lap of the previous race. Steward shall be permitted to prevent any kart from entering track at any time if they are aware of a class rule violation, safety violation, or missing Tech inspection.
- c. **Tech Inspector** – shall be appointed by the race director or board of directors. All tech inspections performed by this inspector shall be in accordance with the applicable IKF and club competition rules and regulations. The decision(s) of the tech inspector, race director, and race officials shall be binding. If the Tech inspector is unavailable, the club president or race director may appoint one for that race.
- d. **Flagman** – person in control of the race the track at any given time.

## VII. TIRES

H.O.T. Kart Club and raceway is an *Evinco* track. All karts must run Evinco Blue Tires.

Kid Kart classes may run a different tire at the discretion of club president and race director

## VIII. FUEL AND FUEL TECH

1. All classes with two (2) cycle engines are to run gasoline with mixed with lubricant only.
2. No highly volatile or above average toxic fuels will be allowed.
3. Any racer found to be running or intend on running a volatile additive that is dangerous to the driver, other drivers, or spectators will be automatically removed from the event and given a disqualification (D.Q.) for that event. A board meeting will follow and the board of directors will determine what penalty will be applied.

4. The tech procedure for fuel will be by use of a digitron test meter or water and fuel sample test procedure as in the N.K.A. rule book.
5. Fuel may be teched in any class at any given time, and should pass approved I.K.F methods.

## **IX. FLAGMAN AND FLAGGING**

1. The flagman will start the race at the safest place on the track; not necessarily at the start / finish line.
2. The race begins when the flagman displays the green flag. TAG Classes are allowed to restart.
3. The flagman is in control of the race on the track and the assessment of a penalty. The disqualification of a participant from a heat or the event can be relayed to the flagman by the race director only.
4. Flags:
  - GREEN* – signals start of race
  - WHITE* – signals one lap to go in the race
  - CHECKERED* – signals end of race
  - YELLOW* – caution / slow down / NO PASSING
  - BLUE W/ YELLOW STRIPE* – move over you are being lapped or passed
  - RED* – come to a safe stop on the track where you are
  - BLACK* – Displayed Rolled = warning  
                    Displayed Open = disqualified; you must leave the track
  - BLACK & CHECKERED* – end of race while under protest
  - RED & YELLOW* – Restart / reform pack for restart
5. There is to be NO PASSING on pace laps, warm up laps, or yellow flag laps.

## **X. PROTEST & PROTEST COMMITTEE**

1. The race director will be the initial arbitrator in all protests.
2. A protest must be in writing, accompanied by a fifty-dollar (\$50) CASH tech fee, and given to the race director within fifteen (15) minutes of that heat for the protest item in question. Written protest must contain rule infraction, rule number, written name and signature of person filing the protest. Verbal protests will not be accepted.

3. The race director for each event will use a minimum of three club members and or board members to form the protest committee.
4. All protests will be considered between heats or at the conclusion of all heats.
5. All protests can be appealed to the Board of Directors of the H.O.T. Kart Club. In the event of an appeal, the race director and/or tech official will confiscate the kart, part, or engine in question until it can be inspected by the Board.

## **XI. EMERGENCY SERVICES**

1. All participants, crew members, and spectators need to race and be safety conscious
2. Any person(s) needing emergency care will do so at the closest medical facility
3. Only the Race Director, Club President, or member of the Board of Directors shall call for emergency medical help or civil services help.

## **XII. SAFETY**

By the decision of the Board of Directors:

1. Turn Marshals – there will be a MINIMUM of 3 turn marshals with adequate knowledge of the rules and procedures per race or no karts will be allowed on the track.
2. COACHING:
  - IS NOT permitted on the racing field beyond the pit fence.
  - will be limited to practice time or behind the pit fence from the stop line at the pit entrance up to the pit gate at the pit exit.
  - Any movement or gesture that could be considered as a coaching signal will disqualify that entrant for that race.
3. **NO ONE** will be allowed on the track side of pit fence while karts on the track other than track officials.

*EXCEPTION: Kid kart parents ARE ALLOWED in the track area beyond the pit fence during kid kart practices & races. Parents will be required to be in corners to help turn marshals during the race. Parents and corner workers MAY assist a kid kart to allow them to return to racing provided the conditions are safe to do so.*

4. In the event that a race is red flagged, there is to be NO ONE on the track until directed to do so by the race director or flagman.
5. There will be *NO PASSING* on pace laps, warm up laps, or yellow flagged laps
6. PROTECTIVE DRIVING GEAR: per N.K.A. rules, ALL drivers must wear AT ALL TIMES protective clothing (driving suit or jacket and long pants) approved full face helmet with face shield, approved functional neck brace (optional for Senior drivers), ENCLOSED shoes covering the ankle, and gloves while driving. This excludes clothing such as nylon wind suits.

Helmets shall be SNELL approved.

7. It is each member's duty to enforce the safety rules of H.O.T. Kart Club and Raceway
8. Traffic on the grid is one way only. Karts may enter the track only from the grid area, and may enter the pits only from the pit entrance.
9. All karts must STOP AT THE STOP SIGN when entering the pits from the track. There is to be no driving through the tech area, scale area, or grid area in order to reach one's pit. All karts must be ROLLED or CARRIED via kart stand to the grid area.
10. There will be NO SMOKING OF ANY KIND (cigarettes, e-cigs, or cigars) and NO ALCOHOL USE in the pit area.

### **XIII. SCORING**

Scoring is completed by the tower after outcome of third heat, protests, and tech procedure. A disqualification for not passing tech, for being removed from the track for language or gestures, or other infractions will result in disqualification that cannot be dropped at the end of the race season.

#### **1. QUALIFYING:**

- KID KARTS: will draw for first (1<sup>st</sup>) heat position on the starting grid, second heat will be inverted off the draw of the first heat. Final Main position will be a combination average of the finishes from the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> heats.
- ALL OTHER CLASSES: will have a qualifying heat during a five (5) minute lapping session for. Racers will make as many laps as possible until the checkered flag is presented. The racer with the fastest lap time will earn



the number one starting position on the grid for the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) race followed accordingly in order of fastest lap times. The results from the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) race will be how the starting position grid will be set for Final Main positions.

2. NUMBER OF LAPS PER EVENT:

- Each class will run two (2) heat races and a feature main race with a score given for the finish of the feature main only.
- Kid Karts will run eight (8) laps each for the first two heats, and a twelve (12) lap feature main
- LO206 JR 1 & JR 2 / KA100 classes will run ten (10) laps for each of the first two heats, and a sixteen (16) lap feature main
- LO206 Senior & OPEN Classes will run twelve (12) laps for each of the first two heats, and a twenty (20) lap feature main

3. KART NUMBERS: Each kart should have four number panels. Each driver will be responsible for ensuring that number panels are visible. If numbers are not visible, drivers may not be scored and will be notified at the end of the heat. Numbers and number panel should be of contrasting colors such as black on white or white on black with large readable numbers.

4. DROP RACES: The club will vote at the beginning of the year to the number of drop races for that year. A drop race is a race that a racer does not show up to a race. This is used at the racer's discretion or the lowest point race, the drop will be deducted off their final points for the season. A racer that is disqualified and or a possible suspension will not be allowed to use it as a drop race.

#### **XIV. START / RESTART**

1. The race will begin when the flagman displays the green flag (NOT necessarily at the start / finish line)
2. 90 second rule is in effect. After the last running kart leaves the grid, you have ninety (90) seconds to get your kart running and on the track.
3. If kart IS NOT lined up in the grid position when the gate opens, the kart will lose starting position and will have to line up in the last position and all karts will move straight forward. Once the green flag is displayed, a kart will not be allowed to exit the grid.

4. A race that is RED flagged will result in a SINGLE FILE RESTART with no passing until the kart has taken the green flag.

## **XV. TECH**

The first three (3) karts in each class may be taken to the tech area after the main event. The first kart in each specific class may be teched. Tech is at the tech official's discretion. However, if ANYTHING illegal is found on the first-place kart, that kart will be disqualified and 2nd place kart will be promoted to first place assuming they pass tech, and so on. EXAMPLE: If carburetors are being tech-ed, and something else is found illegal, that kart will still be disqualified.

In the event that an item is protested after the first or second heat which requires the motor to be torn down, an area will be marked and sealed for inspection after the third heat. Tech items of interest, are at the discretion of the race director, race tech official, and the tech committee. Drivers will be expected to tear their own kart down in order to go through tech.