# Midwest Motorsports LLC. Go-Kart Race Rules and Regulations

# **Revised for 2025**

- Any rule changes can and will be made as needed.

- Karts will be classified as registered
- Extra classes may be added at the discretion of the Officials.
- NOTE: If the rules don't say you can do it, YOU CAN'T

\* ATTENTION: All kart racing at Midwest Motorsports LLC racing events must have a Full Body on the karts. (For Safety Reasons).

# GENERAL COMPETITION REGULATIONS

#### I. RULES OF THE RACE TRACK & PIT AREA

A. No driver who has consumed any alcoholic beverage on the day of an event may participate in a practice or race event.

B. NO alcoholic beverages may be consumed by ANY driver, or race staff before the end of the last race or other on-track activity. NO illegal drugs or controlled substances shall be tolerated on the track premises AT ANY TIME. Violation will result in disqualification and will be asked to leave.

C. No smoking on the track or track infield during the racing event.

D. The following flag signals will be obeyed without question:

- 1. GREEN: The race/practice is underway when the green flag is waved.
- YELLOW: Decrease your speed. Danger. NO PASSING ON THE ENTIRE TRACK. Drivers form a single line and close up with the leader, and follow the Flagman's directions. Very slow machines may signal the following machines to pass under yellow.
- 3. GREEN AND YELLOW: These two flags drawn together indicate that the field is not sufficiently bunched for the restart. If you see this signal, close it up.
- 4. WHITE & YELLOW: These two flags crossed signify halfway point.
- 5. RED: Stop racing immediately. Clear the track as much as possible.
- 6. BLACK: Generally, for a driving infraction or equipment violation. The driver must complete a lap and pull into the pits for consultation with the Race Official at the designated spot. A furled black flag means the driver must clean up his/her act or receive a full black flag.
- 7. WHITE & YELLOW: These two flags drawn together indicate 2 laps remaining in the race.
- 8. WHITE: Indicates 1 lap remaining in the race.
- 9. CHECKERED: End of race or practice session. The driver must complete a lap and pull into pits or impound areas.

E. All Go-karts must pass all safety requirements and inspections before being allowed to enter the track.

F. The responsibility for a safe pass rests with the overtaking driver.

G. The driver must keep both hands on the steering wheel.

H. If a driver leaves the track, he/she must enter the track as close as possible to the same point the kart left the marked track.

I. If a go-kart stalls on the course, the driver's first responsibility is to raise a hand to signify the driver is slowing down and to move the go-kart to a safe position at least 10 feet off the course. The driver must NEVER get off the go-kart unless directed by a Race Official. Pit Crew or guests may not go on the track at any time during a race unless specifically directed to do so by the Race Officiating Crew. This could lead to Driver Disqualification!

J. Go-Kart must be completely stopped before the driver dismounts, again only as directed by the Race Officiating Crew.

K. Unsafe on-track/off-track driving practices may result in disqualification.

L. All drivers must attend the driver's meeting before the race. There may be a roll call, and drivers may be penalized or disqualified for failure to attend. The Race Official may override this ruling on a case-by-case situation.

M. Track positions will be determined on race day by random draw during registration.

N. Laps will NOT be counted under the yellow flag. However, there will be a minimum of two laps, under green, after a yellow to finish the race (Green, White, and Checkered).

O. Drivers involved in an incident must be inspected in the track area at the discretion of the Race Official/Technical Inspector.

P. All go-kart involved/causing a caution/accident will be moved to the end of the racing order after it's determined that they are safe to continue.

Q. The first three finishers in the "A" Feature race MUST stop at the Start/Finish line for "Technical Inspection". You cannot leave the track at the finish of the race and then re-enter the track for this inspection. The result of leaving the track before the inspection process will be an automatic disqualification and loss of all points, money/trophy, or any other form of gain at this event.

R. The first three finishers in each class of a Feature Race are required to return to the start/finish line for racer pictures, interviews, and for the presentation of their check and/or trophies unless otherwise directed. (Victory laps are permitted upon Race Officials' discretion).

S. Onboard communication devices or spotters on the side of the track are NOT allowed.

T. In All Classes, If a Yellow or Red Flag is thrown before the lead go-kart completes the first lap, the race will be restarted. And drivers will be lined up in the original starting position, but only once, if a second yellow/red flag is thrown before the completion of the first lap, the race order will be determined by the order that the go-karts crossed the Start/Finish line at the beginning of the race and they will resume racing by using a rolling start. The racer causing the 2nd Caution goes to the rear. A racer causing (3) Cautions in the same race will be black-flagged and removed from that race.

U. The Race Official shall have the right to remove from competition at any time any driver, crew member, or guest in the racing facility who does not comply with these Regulations, who fails Technical Inspection, or who, in the Race Official's sole discretion, is exhibiting behavior which is dangerous to participants or spectators.

V. Protests against another driver or his/her go-kart must be in writing with the Race Official on our official Midwest Motorsports LLC protest form 30 minutes prior to the start of the final race. Enforcement of these rules depends on a protest being filed with the Race Official. The Race Official has the final say on all protests and drivers may be penalized or disqualified for failure to attend. The Race Official may override this ruling on a case-by-case situation.

W. The pit speed is 5 mph maximum.

X. No pets are allowed on the race track or in the pits.

Y. Refueling: The driver must dismount and the engine must be turned off when fuel is added. A fire extinguisher (liquid fire rated) must be in the hands of a crew member any time fuel is added to a hot engine.

Z. Crews are under the direction of the Race Official at all times.

AA. Any person under 18 years of age may be in the Pit area along with a parent or legal guardian and a signed liability waiver release form on file with the Race Officials.

AB. All people inside the pit area must have the appropriate wrist band.

AC. All drivers must have the appropriate wrist band.

AD. Drivers are responsible for the conduct of his/her guests and crew, even while on the track.

AE. Unauthorized personnel shall not enter the race track or the pit area at any time. All individuals entering the controlled area which includes but is not limited to the race track and pit area, including drivers, crew members, and guests, MUST sign a liability waiver release form and display a wristband discharging the event representatives, race track, location (city and property owners), race promoters, race officials, race staff, safety crew, or anyone affiliated with the event from any liability. The wristbands are for the entire racing day. No exceptions will be made to this rule.

AF. Only one person shall be allowed on a go-kart. This will include parade laps, sanctioned races, and/or any occasion-sponsored or administrated races. The person on the go-kart must be registered as a racer for the event."

II. All Drivers Requirements:

A. All racers must sign a waiver and release of liability form.

B. Racers 18 years of age and under require a parent or legal guardian to sign a waiver and release of liability form.

C. Age brackets will be as follows:

I. Juniors 1: 5-9

II. Juniors 2: 10-15

III. Adults: 16 and over (Legal driving age)

D. All drivers must attend the drivers meeting before races begin for safety, rules, and regulations briefing.

E. Full-face helmet with face shield or race goggles (no sunglasses).

F. Neck collar

G. Long pants

H. Long-sleeved shirt/jacket

I. Driving/fire suits are acceptable

J. Gloves

- K. Closed-toe shoes
- L. Long hair and loose clothing must be secured
- III. All Kart Requirements:
  - A. Full body
  - B. Chain guard
  - C. Disc brake guard

- D. Properly functioning brakes
- E. Zip tie on the spark plug wire boot
- F. No 2-Cycle Engines
- G. Single cylinder engines only

H. Each individual kart can only be registered in "ONE" class. The kart can have multiple drivers if they are in different age brackets.

IV. Alcohol/Drug Policy:

A. There is a STRICT ZERO TOLERANCE policy regarding alcohol and/or drug use before OR during racing. Anyone who appears to be under the influence will not be permitted to race and is subject to removal from the premises.

B. Management has the Right To Remove Anybody From A Race if they are deemed to be unsafe to themselves or others. NO REFUNDS will be given for such behavior. The aim of this Policy is to ensure the SAFETY of ALL involved in the event.

V. Stock Class:

Example: Briggs, Clone, Predator, Honda, Duramax, Tillotson, etc.. (196cc, 206cc, 212cc, etc.)

- A. Pump gas only (92 octane or less) NO E85
- B. Stock carburetor
- C. Stock internal parts
- D. Stock valve train
- E. Aftermarket air filter housing and the air filter is allowed
- F. The header pipe is allowed
- G. Governor Removal is allowed
- H. Billet Flywheel is allowed (for safety)
- I. Advanced timing is NOT allowed
- \* NOTICE: Stock Class is subject to tear-down inspection.
- VI. Open Class:
  - A. Engines:
    - I. Complete engine modification is allowed.
    - II. Any type of fuel is allowed. (pump gas, alcohol, ethanol, methanol, racing fuel)
    - III. No form of boosters are allowed. (Example: Nitrous Oxide.)

# VII. CODE OF CONDUCT:

Midwest Motorsports LLC expects its staff, volunteers, all drivers, drivers crews, spectators, and anyone that is involved in the event in any capacity, to always act in a courteous, professional manner for the benefit and growth of lawnmower racing. The driver is responsible for the conduct of his/her guests and crew, even while on the race track. Should anyone attending the event be found committing any detrimental act that person will be removed from the premises, and the member driver will be held responsible for the conduct of that guest/crew member and will be

subject to disqualification without prior notice. Actions or conduct that may lead to disqualification include but are not limited to:

A. A conscious effort by a member to ignore or circumvent in any way, Midwest Motorsports LLC rules as defined in this Rulebook.

B. Verbal assault, either public or written, of any Midwest Motorsports LLC member, volunteer, or any other affiliates.

C. Physical assault of any Midwest Motorsports LLC member, volunteer, or any other affiliates.

D. Persistent on-track violations, including, but not limited to rough driving, passing under yellow, and failure to follow on-track instructions.

E. Any conscious effort to undermine the integrity of Midwest Motorsports LLC, its staff, volunteers, and fellow affiliates.

F. Any conscious effort to undermine the ability of the Midwest Motorsports LLC, its staff, volunteers, and fellow affiliates to conduct their activities at any race venue hosting a Midwest Motorsports LLC event.

G. Any disruptive behavior, which, in the opinion of Midwest Motorsports LLC track officials and staff, interferes with the orderly conduct of sanctioned and/or affiliated lawnmower races. Any member of the Midwest Motorsports LLC Staff may give reasons for suspension, revocation, or probation verbally and/or in writing, to all offenders, at his or her discretion. The appeal of any suspension or revocation of probation will be handled on an individual basis. However, the right to appeal may not be granted in every case. Any request for appeal must be submitted, in writing, to the Midwest Motorsports LLC Staff, stating the specific reason(s) for the appeal.

### VIII. Our Vision:

We invite all drivers to race at our tracks. Please remember that Midwest Motorsports LLC strives to maintain professionalism in our appearance and conduct. Our goal is to keep the racing competitive, fair, safe, exciting, and fun for everyone involved.

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