

# **2024 NRKL Sprint Championship**

## **RACING REGULATIONS**

<b>1 Title</b>	
1.1	<p>The NRKL Sprint Championship is organised, promoted and administered by the Northern Rental Karting League</p> <p>NRKL reserves the right to amend or alter these regulations at any time before or during the season and issue clarifications concerning the regulations from time to time. All such amendments will be made available on the website's 'documents' section and will be sent to any registered competitors via email. It is a condition of entry that all competitors, teams &amp; team members associated with an event agree to be bound by the regulations and any amendments that are made.</p>
<b>2 Series Personelle &amp; Officials</b>	
	<p><b>Championship Coordinator</b></p> <p>Tom Gibson Tel:07947216989 Email: nrkleague@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Driving Standards Observer</b></p> <p>TBC Tel: Email:</p>
<b>3 Entries</b>	
3.1	<p>All entries are on a first come, first served basis. Entries are only confirmed when accompanied with a full payment. Where possible, the entry schedule will be as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- December 27th: Entries open for full season entries only</li><li>- January 10th: Entries open for round-by-round entries</li><li>- 2 weeks prior to the event: Entries closed</li></ul>
3.2	<p>Should spaces remain, entries may still be accepted after the closing date, this may incur championship penalties.</p>
3.3	<p>All entries should be submitted through the website on the appropriate page. Entries will not be accepted any other way.</p>
3.4	<p>Where a series uses multiple classes, it is the entrant's responsibility to ensure they have entered the correct class. Failure to do so may result in sporting penalties being applied</p>
<b>4 Cancellations</b>	
4.1	<p>In the event that an entrant has to withdraw from an event, the following terms will apply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. If an entry is withdrawn prior to the closing date for entries, a full refund (less a £4 payment processing fee) will be issued</li><li>b. Cancellations received after the closing date of entries will lose the full entry fee.</li><li>c. No- shows on the day of the event will lose the full entry fee.</li><li>d. All deposits, including season pass payments are non-refundable &amp; non-transferable</li><li>e. All cancellations should be made in writing to nrkleague@gmail.com</li></ul>
4.2	<p>Should an event be cancelled by the organiser or the host circuit, the following terms will apply</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Where possible, an alternative date or venue will be sought. Once this has been done, all entrants will be informed via email, and their entry automatically transferred over.</li><li>b. Should a driver not be able to contest the rescheduled date, a refund of the entry fee (less a £4 payment processing fee) will be issued.</li><li>c. Should an alternative date not be found, a full refund of the entries fees will be issued.</li></ul>

## 5 Event Schedule

The 2024 NRKL Sprint Championship will be run over the following rounds.

Round	Date	Venue & Layout	Format	Entry Fee
1	23rd March 2024	Rowrah	10m P, 3x10m heats, 12m Final	£85
2	14th April 2024	Warden Law	10m Q, 20m Pre-Final 20m Final	£85
3	11th May 2024	Three Sisters Club	5m P, 3x8m heats, 10m Final	£75
4	1st June 2024	Daytona Tamworth	10m P, 3x10m heats, 15m Final	£125
5	20th July 2024	Southern Round*	10m P, 3x10m heats, 15m Final	£tbc
6	24th August 2024	Larkhall	10m P, 3x10m heats, 15m Final	£95
7	21st September 2024	ELK Motorsport*	10m P, 3x10m heats, 15m Final	£85
8	26th October 2024	PF International*	10m P, 3x10m heats, 15m Final	£120

\*Calendar remains provisional

## 6 Equipment

- 6.1 Drivers must wear overalls, full face crash helmets, gloves and shoes that meet or exceed the minimum requirement for rental karting. The following standards are recommended:
- 6.1.1 Helmet: Snell SK2020 (CMR 2018 for drivers 16 & under)
- 6.1.2 Overalls: CIK 2013 Level 2
- 6.2 Drivers may use additional safety equipment (neck brace, rib protector etc) this must be presented in good condition and be fit for purpose.
- 6.3 Drivers may use their own seat inserts, these must be presented in good condition.
- 6.4 No signal may be passed between a moving kart and any person associated with a driver or competitor. This includes, but is not limited to radios, bluetooth or mobile phones.
- 6.5 The final say as to whether a competitor's equipment is appropriate for use remains with the host circuit.

## 7 Weight

- 7.1 The 2023 NRKL Sprint championship will run 3 weight classes as follows
- Featherweights: 65kg minimum weight  
Lightweights: 80kg minimum weight  
Heavyweight: 95kg minimum weight
- 7.2 A drivers weight includes the following:
- Seat insert: either a circuit provided or personal seat insert
  - Racewear (suit, gloves, helmet etc) this must all be in good condition and suitable for use. CIK level 2 suits are recommended but are not mandatory.
  - Personal weights: all weights carried on a drivers person must be secure and under the race suit. While not outlawed, weighted vests & ankle weights are not recommended.
- 7.3 Personal seat inserts must be presented in good condition. Where weights have been added to the back, a protective covering (carpet/foam etc) must be added to the back to avoid damaging the kart seats. A good guide to making a weighted seat can be found [here](#). (Credit: BRKC)
- 7.4 It is the sole responsibility of the entrant to ensure that they are above the minimum weight at all time during the event. Drivers failing to comply with the minimum weight will be subject to penalties.
- 7.5 Drivers may change weight class at any time before the start of their first event. An event is deemed to have started at the commencement of the driver's briefing. Should a driver change weight class after this time, they will be allowed to carry over their overall points, subject to a 50 point deduction. Their class points will reset to 0.

<b>8 Teams Championship</b>	
8.1	The NRKL teams championship allows drivers to work together over the course of the season.
8.2	At each event, a team may consist of up to 3 drivers. These can be from any class.
8.3	A team can feature a roster of up to 6 drivers over the course of the season. Should a team exceed this number, a penalty of 50 points will be applied for each additional driver. Should a driver change weight class during the season, this will be considered as one of the team's driver changes.
8.4	Teams must nominate their scoring drivers the Wednesday preceding an event. This should be done through the nomination form via the series website. Failure to do so will mean no changes will take place.
8.5	Alongside the team's championship will run the privateer championship. This is for drivers who has not been nominated for a team at any point during the season. For avoidance of doubt, a driver is no longer considered a privateer once the event they have been nominated for has started.
<b>9 Championship Awards</b>	
9.1	<p>The following titles will be contested for 2023:</p> <p><b>NRKL Champion:</b> The top points scoring driver out of all classes after dropped scores  <b>NRKL Featherweight Champion:</b> The top scoring featherweight  <b>NRKL Lightweight Champion:</b> The top scoring lightweight  <b>NRKL Heavyweight Champion:</b> The top scoring heavyweight</p> <p><b>NRKL Teams Champions:</b> The top scoring team, see section (x) for details on teams make up  <b>NRKL Privateer Champion:</b> The top scoring driver who has never been part of a team.</p>
9.2	<p>The amount of trophies handed out will be subject to entries:</p> <p>1-4 entries - trophy to 1st.  5-7 entries - trophies to 1st and 2nd  8+ entries - trophies to 1st, 2nd &amp; 3rd</p>
9.3	The organiser reserves the right to add additional awards throughout the season.
9.4	Where a prize is offered for an award, there will be no cash alternatives.
9.5	All championship awards will be handed out at the end of the final round of the season
<b>10 Driving Standards &amp; conducts</b>	
10.1	While the NRKL is open to all drivers, it is expected that all drivers are able to drive a rental kart to a high standard and are familiar with the general rules of karting and will abide by them at all times. Drivers who are unable to demonstrate they are able to drive to the required standard may be removed from an event without refund or compensation.
10.2	Karting is a non-contact sport. Despite the fact that most rental karts have wrap-around bumpers, these are not designed to allow for pushing and excessive contact, they are a safety feature. The NRKL wishes to promote clean and fair racing.
10.3	While the host circuits are in charge of on track conduct, NRKL will have their own driving standards observer(s) to ensure that races remain clean.
10.4	To aid with driving standards, each driver will be issued a digital licence that will be kept centrally. Any driving or sporting penalties will carry licence points. Should a driver collect 12 points during a 12 month period, their licence will be revoked for a 12 month period.
10.5	<b>Race With Respect</b>
10.5.1	While the NRKL is not affiliated with Motorsport UK, the championship fully endorses the Motorsport UK Race with Respect programme.
10.5.2	While competing in the championship, all drivers agree to be bound by the race with respect code.

## 11 Championship Penalties

- 11.1 NRKL operates a licence system to attempt to control driving standards. As well as sporting penalties, drivers will have their 'licences' endorsed with points. Should a driver collect 12 points over a 12 month period, they will lose the ability to enter and compete in NRKL events.
- 11.2 Receiving multiple warnings during an event - 1 penalty point
- 11.2.1 Gaining an advantage with use of track limits - 1 penalty point
- 11.2.2 Driver finishing a heat underweight - 1 penalty point
- 11.2.3 Light or flag infringement - 2 penalty points
- 11.2.4 Contact gaining an unfair advantage - 2 penalty points
- 11.2.5 Driving in a manner incompatible with general safety - 3 penalty points
- 11.2.6 Deliberate contact - 4 penalty points
- 11.2.7 Failure to comply with *Race with Respect* code of conduct - 12 penalty points
- 11.2.9 The list above is not exhaustive, and the organisers reserve the right to update this list at any time during the championship campaign.
- 11.3 Appeals**
- 11.3.1 A full list of penalty points will be made available in the week following an NRKL event.
- 11.3.2 Over the course of the season, drivers will have a total of 4 appeals that they can use against any points that have been applied to their licence.
- 11.3.3 Where a driver competes in multiple championships, their appeals quota will be per championship
- 11.3.4 An appeal must be lodged in writing to [appeals.nrkleague@gmail.com](mailto:appeals.nrkleague@gmail.com), an appeal should include:
- A driver's name (if known)
  - The incident number the appeal relates to (found on the incident list for each event)
  - Evidence to support the appeal, this can be onboard video or trackside video
- 11.3.5 Once an appeal is lodged, the organisers will review it and respond to the party that has lodged the appeal. Should an appeal be upheld, the entrant will receive their appeal allowance returned. Should an appeal be rejected, they will lose one of their annual appeals.