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Karting is one of the worlds most dynamic, speedy and popular forms of motorsport that has been a breeding ground for many of the worlds best racing drivers for a number of years. It is a family sport that allows people of all ages, driving experience and budgets to come together



and be involved in a fun, exciting and social activity that is run with rules and regulations by an official governing body, on circuits all around Australia.



For all people who are new to karting, this page contains information, steps and videos on how to go about getting into Karting in Victoria.

If you are interested in finding out more you could always check the [VKA racing calendar](#) to see when a race meeting at [your local kart club](#) is on and attend as a spectator to get a feel for the sport.

Friendly and experienced karting personel from [your local kart club](#) or [local karting dealer](#) will always be on hand to help and offer advice for any questions you may have, or you can always [contact the VKA office direct](#) for further information about karting.



Channel 10 RPM segment on how to get started in karting.

⚙️ COST EFFECTIVE MOTORSPORT ⚙️

One of the attractions of karting that brings thousands of people to race each weekend is the cost in comparison to other motorsports.

Karting is the worlds cheapest motorsport and gives the same level of fun and excitement when compared to other motorsports at just a fraction of the cost.

It is the purest form of motor racing and gives drivers a chance to show their skill, as racing is ran to a set of rules and regulations that are aimed at keeping competitors on a fair and equal playing ground.



YOUNG DRIVERS

Perhaps the greatest benefit the entire community derives from karting is the involvement of young people in a healthy, competitive sport which ultimately produces better road drivers.

What better grounding for a young male or female than a sport where they can develop their confidence and driving skills. It means that these drivers may have years of driving experience well before they are old enough to qualify for a road licence.



Karting can be a sport that will give them good grounding for future development within motorsport or simply be a fun way to spend their weekends.

They will soon be tomorrows road users and karting teaches car control, defensive driving techniques and gives an appreciation of other vehicles in close proximity, while teaching them about the dangers of overdriving.

GETTING STARTED IN KARTING



STEP 1

JOIN A VKA
KART CLUB

STEP 2

GET A LICENCE

STEP 3

GET YOUR KART
AND OTHER
REQUIRED
EQUIPMENT

STEP 4

GET ON TRACK,
START PRACTISING
AND COMPETING AT
LOCAL CLUB DAY
EVENTS

STEP 5

GET EXPERIENCE,
UPGRADE YOUR
LICENCE AND
THEN COMPETE
AT BIGGER RACE
MEETINGS IN
HIGHER CLASSES
IF YOU WANT.



KARTING SPECS



Karting is known as the purest form of motorsport as there are only a small number of things effecting overall performance. This keeps everyone on an equal level, generates close racing and places emphasis on the skill of the driver.

Engines:

Most are 2-stroke 100cc engines.

Power ranges from Yamaha J (10 hp & top speed of 90pkh) to Rotax/Leopard 125 (28 hp & top speed of 120Kph).

Tyres:

Most classes use a strict brand and type of tyre. Karting uses slick tyres in dry and grooved tyres for wet weather conditions.

Chassis's:

Are made to cater for all class types. Your local karting club personel or local kart dealer will always be able to advise you on what equipment will be best for you.



RACE MEETINGS





Races are held every weekend of the year starting from late January through to late December. Each kart club gets to hold (approx) two Open Meetings a year and a Clubday each month.



Clubdays:

Are held for the beginner level and occasional karters and are run on the last Sunday of every month at most clubs.

Series Meetings:

Are held in Victoria each year. These race meetings are contested in a championship format, with points from each meeting going towards a tally at the end of the series for each driver.

In 2010 there are the [Country Series](#), [AllStar Series](#) and [Golden Power Series](#).



State Championships:

Each state in Australia holds two State Championships per year. Open State championships (all competitors can compete) and Closed State Titles (only that States licence holders can compete).

State Championships are highly regarded and winners of these events are awarded coloured number plates (signifying state champion) which can be used for 12 months.

**Australian Sprint Kart Championships:**

Are the pinnacle of karting in Australia. This meeting is held once a year and is conducted over four days of racing, practice and qualifying. Competitors can spend many months in preparation for this event as a win can reap great benefits for their racing careers. Being an Australian Champion is the highest accolade any karter can receive and each winner is given the right to use a green and gold number plate and the number #1 on their kart in that class for 12 months.



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**Australian wide Series:**

Australian CIK championships is a series of meetings held at tracks all across Australia using CIK-FIA international rules and regulations. This series is the high level karting series in Australia.

Special Australian Meetings:

Other once off karting events usually held each year are the Australian Rotax Championship and Formula 100 Championships.

International level karting

Many Australian Go-Karters have competed in International level competitions around the world. International competitions are run by various bodies dependant on their region but they main body in charge of karting on an International level is the **CIK-FIA**.

**RULES & REGULATIONS**

Karting is run to a strict set of rules and regulations defined by the Australian Karting Association.

Each year there is a **Australian Karting Association Manual** released that sets out the rules and regulations for the year.

Addendums to this manual are released on a regular basis to keep the manual up to date at all times.



CLASSES

Below is small overview of the 2010 AKA classes that are generally run at VKA race meetings, be sure to check the **AKA Manual** and any associated **Addendums** for the up to date status and full descriptions of technical details (such as engines, mufflers, exhaust pipes, tyres, fuel, weight, braking, legal additions, driver limitations, carburettors and general compliance specifications etc) related to each class aswell as a full list of available classes.

Class Name:	Age:	Driver Limitations:	About: (Preamble)	Engine Eligibility:
Midgets	7-11	1. Age from their seventh (7) birthday until their eleventh (11) birthday (for drivers entering the sport) 2. The driver must produce a birth certificate to the State Secretary before a licence is issued. 3. Options exist for competitors to advance to Rookie Division. (Refer Chapter 13)	The purpose of this Class is to teach young people to drive karts of restricted performance at limited cost. Drivers must have a minimum of a D Grade Midget Licence. This class has State Championship status.	COMER SW80 and/or Yamaha KT100J. The AKA reserves the right to adjust the specification of the Comer SW80 in order to achieve parity between it and the KT100J engine as per rule 41.26
Rookies	10-12	1. Age from their 9th birthday until the end of the calendar year of their thirteen (13th) birthday. Refer to Rule 13.19.2 (a) (For drivers entering the sport) 2. The driver must produce a birth certificate to the State Secretary before a licence will be issued. 3. Options exist for competitors to change divisions at different ages. (Refer Chapter 13)	The purpose of this Class is to teach young people to driver karts of restricted performance at limited cost. Drivers must have a minimum of a D Grade Rookies Licence. This class has State Championship status.	YAMAHA KT100J (with restrictor plate, see Rookies chapter in AKA Manual for more details)
Junior National	12-16	1. Age 12 until 16th birthday (for new drivers entering the sport). The driver must produce a birth certificate to the State Secretary before a licence will be issued. 2. Options exist for competitors to advance from Rookies to Seniors Divisions (Refer Chapter 13).	Drivers must have a minimum of a D Grade Junior Licence. This class has State and National Championship status in both Light and Heavy divisions.	YAMAHA KT100J
Junior Clubman	13-16	To be eligible for Junior Clubman refer Rule 13.19.3(d) (i) and (ii).	Drivers must be a minimum of 13 years of age and have a minimum of a B Grade Junior Licence that has been endorsed at six race meeting in a Junior National class. This class has State and National Championship status.	YAMAHA KT100S, ARC SPEC 100A, ARC SPEC 100W, HYBRID / Hybrid ARC SPEC 100A - Air Cooled / Hybrid (Refer Rule 31.01). YAMAHA KT100SEC (Note ARC

				Spec 100W engines will be phased out of the class by 31st December 2011.)
Junior Performance	13-16	Drivers must be a minimum of 13 years of age and have a minimum of a B Grade Junior Licence that has been endorsed at six race meetings in a Junior National. This class is NOT eligible for National or State Championships, is NOT eligible to be conducted at National or State Championships as a support class, but may be conducted as a State based only series.	Drivers must be a minimum of 13 years of age and hold a B grade junior licence that has been endorsed at six (6) race meetings in a Junior National class. refer Rule 13.21.3 (d) (i) and (ii).	Yamaha KT 100s Engines and Yamaha KT-SEC Engines ARC Spec 100A, ARC Spec 100W Engines, PRD Fireball 125, Parilla Leopard 125, IAME X30 125, SQ Cheetah 125, Rotax Max 125, Rotax Junior Max 125
Senior National 100cc	16+		Drivers must have a minimum of a D Grade Senior Licence. This class has State and National Championship status in both Light and Heavy divisions.	YAMAHA KT100J
Clubman 100cc	16+		Drivers must have a minimum of a D grade Senior Licence, This class has State and National Championship status in Light, Heavy and Super Heavy divisions and State Championship status in Over 40's division.	YAMAHA KT100SE, YAMAHA KT100SD, YAMAHA KT100SEC (electric start with clutch). NOTE. There can be NO interchange of all major component between engines). See AKA manual for more details.
Formula Australia	16+	Minimum level is D Grade AKA licence	Drivers must have a minimum of a D Grade Senior Licence. This class has State and National Championship status, however it is not eligible to run at the National Championships as per rule 20.21.1. This class has four divisions in Light, Heavy, Super Heavy and Over 40's.	(a) ARC SPEC 100A, (b) ARC SPEC 100W, (c) ARC SPEC 100W / YAMAHA KT100S Hybrid-Watercooled
Parilla Leopard 125cc	16+	Competitor must hold a minimum provisional AKA B Grade Senior Licence.	It is expected that this class will continue to evolve during its early life and the promoters of the class reserve the right to alter the technical regulations with AKA approval at short notice to ensure the safety of drivers, fairness of competition, economy and the wishes of the competitors.	1. Parilla Leopard 125cc and Parilla Leopard X 30 engines. 2. Neither the engine or any of its ancillaries may be modified unless specifically authorised within these rules. See AKA Manual for further specifications on this class.
Restricted 125	16+	Driver must hold a minimum D provisional, C Grade licence. 'A' and 'B' Grade licence holder are not eligible to compete in this class. A & B Grade licence holders may elect to be downgraded to C grade licence at anytime to participate in this class. (Refer Chapter 13 for details)	This class is NOT eligible for National or State Championships, is NOT eligible to be conducted at National or State Championships as a support class, but may be conducted as a State based only series.	1. PRD Fireball 125, 2. Parilla Leopard 125, 3. Rotax Max 125, 4. Rotax Junior Max 125, 5. SQ Cheetah 125, 6. Parilla Leopard X 30 (for each engine refer to AKA Manual for appropriate technical specs and 32.06 for engine exhaust restrictions)
Formula Rotax 125	16+	Seniors Only (provisional AKA B grade licence or better)		BRP-Rotax FR125 Max. Only
Formula 100	16+		AKA A or B Grade licence required. Drivers entering this class from junior classes who have not competed in junior piston port must complete a minimum of three (3) meetings displaying P plates to be removed through an endorsement to the licence, on the satisfaction of the stewards.	Any homogated FMK



As a new driver you must contact and sign up for a membership at a VKA club and then apply for an AKA licence, which can all be done through your clubs secretary.

Once you have decided on a class that you will compete in and have purchased the necessary equipment required, you will be able to start practicing and racing.



⌵ RULES FOR NEW DRIVERS ⌵

The first four meetings for new drivers are run with "P" plates. "P" plate drivers must start from rear of grid and participate at a race meeting as a flag marshall under the supervision of a corner flag steward (it gives appreciation of other drivers and flag rules).

Once completed the driver is then granted a full "C" grade licence and can then proceed to upgrade thier licence as experience is gained.



⌵ ASSISTANCE & ADVICE ⌵

There are many karting dealers who are on hand to offer you their expertise and advice in helping you choose the correct class and equipment to suite the level of racing you want to compete in.





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