

Student Sport Ireland

Karting Championship

2023-24



Rules and Regulations

1. Standard Rules

Student Sport Ireland (SSI) will coordinate the SSI Karting Championship for all third level institutions during the 2023-24 academic year.

Only teams from SSI affiliated institutions are eligible to participate in the Karting Championship. A list of SSI member institutions can be found on the SSI website at www.studentsport.ie.

2. Structure of Championship

There shall be three rounds in the Karting Championship series with an Individual Driver's Championship and Team Championship contested. Points shall be awarded to all drivers that compete, with additional points being awarded to the top 16 drivers in each round.

2.1 All drivers must be at the venue 1 hour for the Sign In time advertised. Teams will be called one by one, and drivers must present their student ID card to the SSI Karting Student Committee.

3. SSI Karting Student Committee

3.1 Each team must nominate one person preferably their team captain to the SSI Karting Student Committee.

3.2 This committee will run registration on race day and will also deal with any issues arising on race day.

3.3 Once this committee reach a unanimous decision on something their decision is final.

4. Teams

4.1 Teams shall consist of five (5) drivers per team.

4.2 Institutions are permitted to enter multiple teams into the championship. However, due to the structure of the Karting Championship, please note that additional teams will be competing in the same Championship as a club's first team.

5. Championships & Scoring

5.1 The SSI office shall set the date and venue for each of the Karting Championship rounds. Karting Competition venues and dates will be determined by the SSI office before round one and once set will not be rescheduled.

5.2 SSI will contact the venue before each race and stress the importance of the competition and to ensure that marshals apply the rules as they would for any Irish Karting Championship Competition. SSI will also ask that they try to have at least five marshals on duty.

5.3 Once SSI has received the drivers list for each team, SSI will forward this list to each Track who will then randomly select the grid order for the heats.

5.4 Heats will be structured as follows:

- 5 heats with 11 drivers and 1 heat with 10 or as appropriate depending on the number of drivers
- Each driver to get 4 heats
- Two Semi-Finals with 8 drivers in each
- The final will have 8 drivers

5.5 Drivers List

Prior to each round, the team secretary shall submit the list of drivers competing in each round to the SSI office, the deadline for this is two days before each race. It is the responsibility of the team secretary to ensure that the drivers list is accurate and correct. If drivers are entered after the two-day deadline then they will incur a one point deduction per driver in the round they have entered.

5.6 Substitution

Any driver who arrives after the first kart has moved off the grid must get the unanimous decision from the SSI Karting Student Committee to compete. If a driver does not get the approval of the SSI Karting Student Committee to compete then the driver can take no further part in the round and will not be awarded any points for this round. Where an institution has multiple teams in the championship, drivers may not substitute in from other teams.

5.7 Scoring

Three (3) points will be awarded to all drivers that compete in the round

One (1) point will be awarded to the driver with the fastest lap overall in each round

The top 16 drivers in each round will then be awarded additional points as detailed below:

Position	Points	Position	Points
1st	25	9th	12
2nd	22	10th	11
3rd	20	11th	10
4th	18	12th	9
5th	16	13th	8
6th	15	14th	7
7th	14	15th	6
8th	13	16th	5

5.8 Rules to be applied to each round:

- No rolling starts will apply
- Pole Position will be on the right-hand side
- Once the marshal starts to move the flag drivers can go
- Jump start is not permitted and a penalty of 10 seconds will be applied
- 2 strikes rule will apply
- Once a driver achieves points for the A team he cannot drop back and compete for the B team. B and C team drivers can interchange at any time.
- Action cameras of any kind are prohibited from being worn by any driver during the event.

6. Registration & Eligibility

6.1 All registered drivers must satisfy SSI's Eligibility Guidelines for Domestic Competitions, which may change from time to time as per SSI regulations. The Eligibility Guidelines document is available for download from SSI's website at www.studentsport.ie. All drivers must be aware of and compliant with all rules and regulations.

6.2 A student must be fully registered and hold a student card for the institution with which they are internally registered. All drivers must carry their student card with them to all fixtures.

6.3 No "year of grace" shall exist in the SSI Karting League.

6.4 A student must be 18 years or older to compete in Student Sport Ireland national third level sports competitions on the island of Ireland.

7. Scheduling and Rescheduling of Fixtures

- 7.1** SSI take responsibility of scheduling dates and venues of each of the Championship rounds and any subsequent rescheduling if required.

8. Enforcement of Rules & Regulations

- 8.1 All on track rules will be explained by the Chief Track Marshall prior to the start of each event. Once explained the Chief Track Marshall will have the final call on any issues relating to dangerous driving, qualifying or racing.
- 8.2 SSI shall have the power to enforce all regulations concerning this competition and to decide for any matters not provided for in the rules. Any issues that arise on site during a round of the championship will be dealt with by a majority decision from the SSI Karting Student Committee and this decision is final; the one exception being where the Chief Track Marshall disqualifies a driver or drivers for dangerous behaviour. In this specific circumstance the Chief Track Marshall's decision overrides that of the SSI Karting Student Committee.

9 Appeals Process

- 9.1 Appeals must be submitted via email by the college Sports Officer to the SSI Hon. Secretary copying the SSI office by 5pm the day after the Championship round or a decision communicated.
- 9.2 Please follow this link to refer to the [SSI Appeals Procedure](#).
- 9.3 The Hon. Secretary has the authority to dismiss an appeal received within one week of a scheduled round of the Championship if s/he is of the view that the appeal may result in the next round not proceeding as scheduled.

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