



VKCA RULES

General

The Vintage Kart Club of America (VKCA) represents karts manufactured during the early eras of kart production. Karts acceptable for participation are identified in these rules and in the VKCA Mission Statement.

The philosophy of VKCA is simple. Karts configured as designed and equipped consistent with the era manufactured will comply with the rules. Safety and responsible conduct of each participant are the fundamental elements of club participation.

Event Participation

Participants in VKCA events shall abide by these and other rules implemented by the Board of Directors, insurance carrier, event officials or venue officials and waive the right to legal action against any individual or organization involved in the presentation of that event.

Safety

All VKCA events shall be run with safety as a first priority. VKCA event officials will control all on-track activities in a safe manner and when necessary schedule separate track sessions to accommodate slower and faster karts:

- Less skilled or less experienced drivers
- Junior drivers
- Lady drivers
- Older karts moving at significantly lower speeds

The following are minimum safety requirements and are subject to review and approval by the Safety Director:

- Full coverage (full face) helmets are mandatory and as of January 2020 must comply with the following: Snell rating 2015 and newer.

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- Helmets must have safety face shields. Shields must be in good condition, free of major damage i.e. breaks, cracks, or missing pieces. The safety shield must be in the closed position when entering the track and for the entire time the driver is on the track. These requirements shall be addressed in the drivers meeting at all V.K.C.A. events. First time offending driver will be shown a black flag and be asked to close his or her visor. Continued non compliance with the rule will be brought to the attention of V.K.C.A officials or board members in attendance.
- Helmets shall not be damaged. Conformance of helmets shall be at the discretion of the Safety Director.
- Helmets of novice and rookie drivers shall be identified with an “X” (easily visible) on the rear of the helmet until proficiency has been shown.
- An approved neck brace is required.
- Abrasion resistant gloves are required.
- Heavy duty abrasion resistant jacket and pants required. Shorts are not allowed.
- Protective shoes, preferably high-top.
- Chest protectors recommended for children 8-15 years old.
- Kart equipment and accessories shall be in accordance with the date of manufacture and shall be subject to the approval of the Safety Director for safety and conformance.
- Safety wire or other retention device(s) are required for all brake, steering, and brake components. Roll pins must be cotter pinned. Front and rear wheel axle nuts shall be retained by cotter or approved safety pin. Double nut retention or other retention device for some components may be acceptable at the discretion of the safety director.
- Fire extinguishers shall be in each pit location readily available for use.
- Each driver has a responsibility to himself and the club to drive in a safe and sane manner.
- Driving of karts in the pit area, if allowed, shall be in a safe and slow manner.

Rules

1. Tires shall be of original vintage era design. Minimum hardness – Durometer 65+. Year of tire manufacture is exempt if tire durometer, vintage configuration, and design are consistent with vintage era.
2. All kart chassis, engines, parts and accessories shall follow 90% compliance to the original era of manufacture.
 - a. 4-cycle engines shall not be allowed.

- b. Non-complying karts and equipment may be promoter approved and allowed to participate at VKCA events for practice days. Non-complying karts are not eligible to participate for a show award.
 - c. 3rd bearing support strongly recommended!
3. In the interest of safety, modern brakes are permitted on all karts. However, it is encouraged that original or reproductions of era-correct brakes be used.

No Flagged or Heat Racing at VKCA Major Events.