

NATIONAL EVENT ADMINISTRATOR

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National Report - 2007 New South Wales

General statement

The North Shore kart club and the AKANSW must be commended for their efforts, with the hosting of the 45th AKA Nationals championships, The circuit, combined and with the extra pit space they required was a big task.

Selection and Interaction of Officials

AKANSW nominated experienced personnel for many of the AKA appointed positions. These were accepted by the AKA and worked very well with the interstate personnel. Congratulations to them all they done a great job. The Clerk of the Course and assistants selection once again provided benefits to the meeting.

Race format

A new oversubscribed format was used for the first time which gave every competitor the opportunity to compete up until the final. This was received by the competitors really well and many commented how good it was that karters didn't have to go home after qualifying. I believe we still have to refine the programme to make it so that all competitors have had a least one race with each group.

Officials Welcome:

An official's welcome was held on the Thursday Night this works well and allows many of us to see how many volunteers are required to run such an event. Everyone was welcomed and introduced,

North Shore members welcomed the stewards of the meeting and a vote was taken the stewards to elect the chief steward.

Entry Numbers

Entry numbers 430 , with 2 classes oversubscribed.

Facility & Buildings

The impound area was used successfully after a red flag incident that required the impounding of karts.

Two sets of scales were used for the meeting, Should a competitor come in under weight on one set they were allowed to try the other. Both sets of scales were calibrated within each other.

Steward's rooms

2 rooms - Very good. Communication to the drivers when hearings were to take place was required the club supplied a microphone on the Sunday.

Toilets

Portable toilets were put in accessible areas for the public i.e. Spectator areas etc.

Technical Inspectors

Congratulations to the technical team they worked well together. Checking of tags, tyres, engines and fuel was continuous throughout the meeting. Impound area was good.

Rota seals were given to competitors on confirmation. This needs to be addressed as the seal should not be given to clubs prior to the Nationals.

The technical team from 2008 will have all this in hand prior to the meeting and be in control of sealing etc.

Venue Signage

Competitor and pit crew parking was good with signage.

First Aid / Medical

First aid was done by St Johns they had a medical room, ambulance trackside.

Flag marshals

The flag marshals used experienced enough for a National event.

Club Compliance to General Criteria & AKA Regulations

Track inspections:

Thursday 5th April I had a call from National office in regards to a fax that was sent to the AKA Secretariat from the National Track Safety Coordinator in regards to the Eastern Creek – Nationals Inspection. I had the letter faxed to the Hire Kart centre at Eastern Creek.

The letter contained the following:

It was asking who was going to assume responsibility on outstanding items that had not been done after Mick had received information on the 4/4/07 that certain people had decided that the items were not required and would not be done.

It stated that neither Mick nor the NSW state track inspector Mr Nipperess accepted any responsibility for the venue.

I believe that this document was a little too late to be sent to us, however I congratulate the officials of the meeting who after we all discussed and inspected the track etc helped to try and cover some of the issues in the report.

There were many conversations with the Club/State track inspectors over the issues required. Mr Nipperess expressed to me in a phone conversation that he would not be responsible for the safety of the track and would not sign of the permit.

I would just like to express that the above issue was not a very nice thing to have the day prior to the start of the AKA Nationals and was not very professional at all.

I would like to recommend that the club track inspector be in attendance throughout the entire race meeting.

Trophy Presentations:

Provisional trophies 1st, 2nd, 3rd was presented after each final. Sponsor/s was able to present trophies to the relevant class and competitors received their accolades from spectators etc.

Tyre Distribution

The Tyre distribution went well and tyres were put in a secure impound area.

- Club provided designated persons, who overseen distribution and replacements throughout the event.
- The club marked the inside of the tyres and then put them into a container which allowed them to be mixed up. Competitors just came and the scrutineers picked them out four tyres.

Fuel

Service station that supplied the fuel had two types a 95 octane and a 98 octane it seemed the competitors didn't bother to read the browsers and got the wrong fuel. After a couple were found to be using the wrong octane word was around the pits and they finally purchased the correct fuel. Sunday storms created a power black out and the service station couldn't sell any fuel for a few hours in the morning. Officials checked with all competitors that were scheduled to go out early to see if they had fuel and all did so nothing was held up.

GC Machine:

Deakin university equipment again tested competitors fuel – Steve Atkinson the AKA fuel tester was happy with the room provided for him.

Ceremonies

Opening ceremony was conducted prior to the finals. National president Mr. Richard Erdmann and NSW State Vice President Mr. Bob Gallagher welcomed everyone to the event.

Promotion.

The club and State maintained their web site. Instead of producing a poster the club requested the NKC to sponsor \$5,000 towards T.V deal that the club had arranged.

The Event Program included: -

- Disclaimer - warning motor sport is dangerous
- Proposed timetable ,
- All entrants were listed in sequential order, (as per championship criteria),
- Correct race order
- Message from all dignitaries

Reports from the Meeting

AKANSW has provided copies of steward reports, there were 2 appeals and chief steward has submitted his report.

Reporting after the event is the last issue for clubs to sort out; however the financial report is yet to be provided by North Shore Kart Club.

AKA Levies:

AKA invoiced North Shore Kart Club for the \$55.00 per entry as per Rule 2.01 On receiving the cheque the club had deducted \$500.00 GST that they believed should have been give to them along with the \$5,000 sponsorship donation from the NKC to help with the T.V segment. The club also deducted \$2210.00 which was extra cost for ambulance that AKANSW requested.

All of the above is NOT the AKA responsibility to pay therefore AKANSW were requested by the AKA secretariat not to issue any more AKA permit to North Shore Kart club until the outstanding money was paid.

Appeals

Appeals from the meeting have not been finalized as yet.

Special Thanks

Special thanks, to the North Shore Kart club members on the presentation of the track and facilities. Also to Steve Engel, Pam Matthews and Janet Lindbom who when asked of anything throughout the event helped achieve it.

AKANSW state office and member's thank you as well for supplying all officials with the paperwork required for the event.

To all AKA Officials many thank you for your dedication and professionalism in the running of the 45th AKA National championships.

Liaison with Launceston Kart Club - Tasmania – 2008 Nationals

Held a meeting with David Cramp and Ross Crack in regards to the 2008 Nationals to be held in Tasmania.

Have had meeting since then as well and gone over different issues that we have had. All is under control and seems to be going well.

It is most important for all to remember that the Australian Karting Association has allocated the Nationals to a particular State and that State has elected a club to host the event, so everyone is a part of it and communication amongst Each group is a **MUST** for the event to be a success.

Good luck to AKATAS and the Launceston Kart Club for 2008.

Liaison with Townsville Kart Club – Queensland – 2009 Nationals

Have emailed Townsville in regards to their track requirements to be fore filled by July 2008 and at the time they were getting ready the necessary plans to forward to the Track Safety committee for approval. The AKA executive didn't see a need for an inspection as the NKC had already passed the application in 2006 with the provision they upgraded a corner, so until this has been done an inspection at this time was not required. The club and I will continue to liaise together from now on.

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