

SLIDEWAYS – GO KARTING AUSTRALIA

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1: Series Name:

Slideways Open Sprint Series

2: Meeting Locations:

Slideways – Go Karting World
232 Old Pacific Highway, Pimpama.

Slideways – Go Karting Gold Coast
10 Spencer Road, Nerang. (Round 2 Only)

Slideways – Go Karting Brisbane
870 Kingsford Smith Drive, Eagle Farm. (Round 9 Only)

3. Meeting Dates:

Available on the Open Sprint Series web page (www.gokartingworld.com.au).

4. General Regulations:

4.1: Category to be contested:

(a) Seniors – ages 15 and up, and at least 145cm tall – Weight boxes utilised.

4.1.1: Weight boxes;

(a) All drivers will be weighed during sign on, the weights from all drivers will be averaged to determine the minimum weight required for the day.

(b) All drivers below the average will have weights added to their kart prior to each of their races.

(c) The weight to be added is rounded to the nearest 2.5kg.

4.2: In the year of change of age (from 14 to 15 years), the driver can choose to race in the Junior Series, Open/Ladies Sprint Series, Enduro Series or all three. Slideways reserves the ultimate right to allocate drivers to the most suitable category, based on age, height, safety and insurance considerations.

4.3: Entry numbers may be capped at a minimum of one grid per category:

(a) Senior category – 16 pre-paid entries, minimum 20 pre-paid entries for a second grid.

4.4: Slideways reserves the right to adjust the maximum drivers and cap numbers at any stage prior to the event date.

4.5: In the event of wet weather, a call will be made 2 hours prior to sign on (Night Events) determining if we will proceed with the round or not. If the event continues it may still be postponed due to unforeseen conditions. Unfortunately for morning events we cannot give such notice as these are held prior to normal operating hours and we will give as much notice as possible.

5. Points Systems:

5.1: All three races count towards the Sodi World Series, while all three races AND the qualifying count towards the Slideways Championship.

5.2: Slideways utilise the CAMS state level championship points system for all series contested and points are allocated as follows;

Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1 st	30	6 th	16	11 th	10	16 th	5
2 nd	25	7 th	14	12 th	9	17 th	4
3 rd	22	8 th	13	13 th	8	18 th	3
4 th	20	9 th	12	14 th	7	19 th	2
5 th	18	10 th	11	15 th	6	20 th	1

- Any driver who finishes from 21st back will not score points towards the Slideways Championship.
- All qualifying sessions & each race are awarded points towards the Slideways Championship.
- Overall round result is awarded to the highest point scoring driver from the combined points tally. In the event of tied points refer to section 8.3.4.

5.3: Bonus Championship Points;

(a) Introduce a new driver.

- 5 Bonus points awarded to a competitor for each new driver they introduce into our series.
- The new driver must not have competed at any previous Slideways event.
- The competitor & new driver must sign an "Intro Driver Form" prior to the race briefing at the event.
- Driver Introduction Points are added to the standings after the round and do not affect round results.

(b) Driver & event staff voted best & fairest.

- After each round, all drivers and events staff will nominate their chosen top three drivers for the best & fairest award.
- Nomination weighting; Your first nomination is worth 5 points, the second worth 3 and the final nomination worth 2. Those points will be tallied up to determine the top three best & fairest drivers for the round. A driver is not permitted to nominate themselves.
- Points will be awarded as per the nomination weighting, 1st awarded 5 points, 2nd awarded 3 and 3rd awarded 2 points.
- Bonus Championship Points are added to the standings after the round and do not affect round results.

6. Compulsory Sign On:

6.1: It is compulsory that all drivers must sign on prior to the drivers briefing in the time allocated.

6.2: Sign on will open 30 minutes prior to the drivers briefing. Sign on will close 5 minutes prior to the drivers briefing. Slideways reserves the right to extend the time allowed in the event of entrants for the round exceeding one grid per category and will notify competitors where possible.

6.2.1: In the event a driver fails to sign on prior to the safety briefing, they will start their next race from the rear of grid.

7. Compulsory Drivers Briefing:

7.1: It is Compulsory that all drivers attend the drivers briefing.

7.2: The drivers briefing will commence at the specified time, regardless of whether everyone has arrived or not.

7.3: All officials will be introduced, followed by the covering of all penalties and procedures at this briefing.

7.4: Special mention will also be made of the CRO (Competitor Relations Officer) who is the nominated point of contact for all competitors. They are in place to help and assist you. This role carries no official capacity, and effectively they are a middle man between competitors and officials. They will be located within the pit lane area.

8. Race Format:

8.1: Race commencement is scheduled immediately after the drivers briefing.

8.2: Start Protocol

- (a) Drivers ready – Green flag raised above starters head while proceeding to front of grid.
- (b) 3 - 5 seconds – Green flag raised from side of track.
- (c) Race Start (Green flag waved/lights on).
- (d) Race is scheduled for the specified time and laps for that round.

8.3: All drivers will qualify for their grid position in the first race.

- Qualifying consists of and outlap, then two "Flying Laps" per driver.
- The drivers fastest single lap time will be used to determine grid order.
- All karts for that group will be on track at once.
- All karts are allocated by sign on order and the random order of karts in pit lane e.g first to sign on will be the first on track.
- Chequered flag will be waved for the first driver to complete two laps.
- Slideways Championship points are awarded for qualifying.

8.3.1: Race One;

- Grid order determined by qualifying position.
- Kart allocation as per kart order in pit lane.
- Points awarded for both Slideways and SWS Championship.

8.3.2: Race Two;

- Grid order determined by the winner of race one's lotto inversion draw, i.e. a set number of placings will be in the bucket, this can be from minimum of three up to a maximum of half the field. All finishers from 1st back to the drawn number will be reversed for race two. e.g Winner draws 6, the driver who finished 6th in race one will start on pole for race two, 5th will start 2nd, 4th will start 3rd and so on, 1st will be starting 6th on the grid. 7th position back will grid up as per their finishing order in race one.
- For a split field, it is possible that the full A Grade group may be reversed as this is half of the entire competitor group for the round.

- Kart allocation as per kart order in pit lane.
- Points awarded for both Slideways and SWS Championship.

8.3.3: Race Three;

- Grid order determined by combined total points from qualifying, race one and race two combined. Highest total points to pole position.
- Kart allocation as per kart order in pit lane.
- Points awarded for both Slideways and SWS Championship.

8.3.4: Trophies;

- All points awarded for all races including the qualifying will be tallied, trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd outright for the round.
- In the event of a tie in combined points the position for the day will be awarded by finishing position in the final race.

8.4: In the event of tied points for the final race, grid position will be allocated by fastest time from the previous race.

8.4.1: In the event of tied times, both competitors lap times will be dropped to their second fastest and the fastest of those two times will be awarded the position, lap times will be dropped until no longer tied.

8.5: For rounds with a split field, 20 drivers or more, the winner of the B Grade final will move into the A Grade final and start at the rear of the grid. This race is free of charge.

8.6: Fastest lap times may be disallowed if the driver has contravened Slideways rules, for example, the time was achieved while driving through a yellow flag zone.

8.7: The race schedule is designed to limit changeover time and will alternate as needed.

9. Officials & Driver/Team Conduct:

9.1: All judicial matters at this race event will be managed by a CofC (Clerk of Course) whom will be nominated by Slideways.

9.2: The CofC will also act as Judge of Fact, their decision being final.

9.3: The CofC also has the power to utilise the kart controller or impose a time penalty after the event's conclusion if deemed appropriate. For further details on other penalties that may be applied by the CofC, see penalty guidelines.

9.4: Bad sportsmanship, disrespect or threatening behavior shown towards the CofC, any Slideways staff, any competitor, team member, spectator, driver or their associates, at the event, or in any form of social media before, during or after the event, will likely result in the driver's instant exclusion from events at Slideways. (See Penalty Guidelines for more information)

(a) Slideways reserves the rights to ban ANY individual or group from its facilities.

(b) Please also note that zero tolerance is given for anyone leaving the facility after the event (or any other time) doing burnouts etc. This is council owned land – please have some respect for our licensed agreement. Police will be notified instantly for failure to comply with this very simple request.

9.5: All queries during the race must be directed to the CRO in a calm manner, who will liaise any relevant information to the CofC.

9.6: For public liability and insurance purposes, all Slideways venues have a strict zero drug and alcohol policy. Slideways reserves the right to breath test and/or refuse entry to those whom we suspect are intoxicated or under the influence.

10. Flags/Lights & Signs: Also see penalty guidelines.

10.1: Black flag (or board) means RETURN TO PITS, if any driver is given the black flag (or board) they MUST pit within two laps to rectify the issue – no exceptions. Additional penalties or kart control may be utilised if black flags are ignored.

10.2: Likely causes to incur a black flag:

- “stop and go” pit lane penalty issued by CofC to redress one of the following or other item:
- unsporting passing maneuver.
- excessive blocking or weaving.
- seat belt not done up properly.
- loose clothing, presenting danger.
- long hair exposed, presenting danger.
- visor has come adrift of helmet.
- kart seat cover exposed, causing danger.
- any safety issue not listed here.
- CofC reserves the right to issue as required.

Under ANY of the above circumstances the race WILL NOT BE STOPPED for a competitor’s benefit at any time.

10.3: Blue flags – you are being lapped, move to the outside of the track and let the faster drivers through without impeding their pace. Failure to do so in a sporting manner, or which results in an incident may cause you to receive the black flag.

10.4: Yellow flag/lights – NO PASSING, caution ahead, raise one hand until past the scene (likely spun driver, or a marshal on track). Failure to adhere to this may incur a black flag.

10.5: Red flag/lights – NO PASSING, raise one hand. waving it and come to a stop as soon as possible (but not abruptly). Failure to do so in a sporting manner, or which results in an incident may cause you to receive the black flag.

10.5.1: Virtual Safety Car Protocol;

Once the red-light condition has ended, we will commence the safety car restart, NO PASSING. The race will change to a yellow light condition and all drivers will proceed to the grid in single file with the current leader stopping at the start line. Any driver in front of the lead kart will continue around the track and line up at the rear of the grid. Starter will raise Flag/Light, once flag is waved or light is on that is the signal to recommence racing.

10.6: Green flag/lights – Race commencement, restart, track clear of incident.

10.7: Chequered flag – Completion of race, drivers slowly return to the pit area.

10.8: No bumping sign – First and final warning, you are driving in an unfair manner, if this continues you will receive a penalty.

10.9: Last warning sign – You are about to receive the black flag for excessive blocking or any of the above stated as per guidelines.

10.10: All radio communication devices are not allowed. Pit boards may be utilised. In the event a driver is found to be using a communication device they driver will receive a black flag – return to pits and remove the device. There will be no compensation.

11. Kart Issues or Breakdown:

11.1: A massive effort is always undertaken to ensure all karts are benchmark tested and equal as possible for all events, with a 0.2sec lap time tolerance the target.

11.2: In the event of a breakdown or stoppage – all endeavors are taken to make the situation as fair as possible FOR ALL CONCERNED, this is always Slideways top priority, but please note – incidents and or mechanical failures, can happen.

11.3: Circumstances causing the issue of stoppage or breakdown will always be taken into consideration when determining the process of play at this point. The time and availability of solutions to remedy such issues fairly for all competitors concerned is has always put Slideways as an industry benchmark.

(a) However, motorsport relies on the “mechanical element” and as such, anything driven without “mechanical sympathy” can be broken – no warranty is implied or given to any such outcome, but Slideways will do its best to ensure fairness to all.

(b) Slideways has limited its capacity of entries to this event to create the fairest solution in the rare occurrence of breakdown by having at least two karts available as spares, if the situation arises. Slideways will always also have at least two experienced mechanics on hand.

(c) In unforeseen circumstances, there is a possibility that these spare karts may not be readily available at times, in this instance all endeavors to sort the situation fairly will be taken. Again, no warranty is implied or given to any such outcome being to your own personal satisfaction.

(d) Slideways will do everything possible to ensure all competitors received a fair run.

11.4: The final judgement in these situations will always be made for the betterment of the entire competitor group by the CofC.

(a) Pause Race – Red flag/light.

A kart has stopped on track due to mechanical failure. Safety Car Restart as per section 9.5.1.

(a1) if a mechanical issue occurs and a spare kart is available in exchange, it will be brought to the place where the replacement kart stopped, once the kart is then exchanged the race will proceed as above.

(a2) If no kart is available, the onsite mechanics will give further advice to the CofC and advise of timeframes, it is the decision of the CofC to continue to pause the race, or if the race should then continue.

12. Nominations/Opening of Entries:

12:1 Entries \$100 per driver (\$150 for feature length races). If purchased ONLINE ONLY before the specified early bird date, the driver will receive one free practice session which can be used on either of the two business days (Mon – Fri) prior to the event from 4pm – 8pm and on Academy Training days from 6pm – 8pm.

12.1.1: Free early bird practice sessions are a normal 10-minute session, they may only be used at the location of the event you have entered and are not valid for Training Academy.

12.2: Entries open following on from the previous event

11.2.1: Entries/payments close one hour prior to the drivers briefing for evening events and midnight the night before for all morning events provided places are available.

12.2.2: Entries are only confirmed once full payment is received. To secure your spot on the grid, we recommend getting your payment in early.

12.3: Cancellation of race entries within 48 hours of the scheduled race time will result in all prior payments forfeited.

13. Acceptance of all event regulations:

Slideways reserves the right to alter the rules of racing. Any changes to the racing regulations will be communicated prior to the commencement of the race.

Your participation at this event from this moment forward is taken as acknowledgement, acceptance & understanding of all the Event Regulations and penalties that are covered herein and within the penalty guidelines.

You also acknowledge that motor racing can and will be dangerous and accept the associated risks that your presence at this event is exposed to today.

If you do not agree with any of this or feel 'unsafe' for any reason, you are entitled notify the person on the counter that effective immediately you do not wish to compete at these arranged race events, fill out the refund form with your full name & details which will be duly processed.

Name: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Signature: _____

(If under the age of 18 please fill out the below)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

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