

SLIDEWAYS – GO KARTING AUSTRALIA

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Slideways Events Penalty Guidelines

1: Jumping the race start

- a. Black Flag; stop-go penalty

2: Ignoring Blue Flag, after third blue flag;

- a. Black Flag; stop-go penalty

3: Ignoring Yellow Flag / Passing under yellow condition;

- a. Black Flag; stop-go penalty
- b. Severe case, causing crash or injury, removal from current race resulting in a DNF without compensation.

4: Ignoring Red Flag / Passing under red condition;

- a. Black Flag: stop-go penalty
- b. Severe case, causing crash or injury, removal from current race resulting in a DNF without compensation.

5: Ignoring Black Flag (given two laps to return to pits to rectify the issue)

- a. 60 second time penalty
- b. If a second black flag is given within the same round and ignored once again, the competitor will be given a DNF for the race in which it was given and start from the rear of the grid for any remaining races in that round.

6: Locking the brakes during a stop-go penalty OR during a driver change

- a. Black Flag; stop-go penalty (Additional stop)

7: Excessive blocking or weaving.

- a. Warning for excessive blocking or weaving
- b. 20 second time penalty
- c. Black Flag; stop-go penalty
- d. Instant removal from current race resulting in a DNF without compensation.

8: Driving a competitor into the wall, including not giving “racing room”

- a. If racing room is not given and the other driver maintains control and position, a warning sign will be given once only before further action if room is still not given in future instances.
- b. Re-dress (if only 1 position is lost AND deemed unintentional)
If more than one position lost and/or cannot redress;
- c. 20 second time penalty
- d. Black flag; stop-go penalty
- e. Severe case, causing major crash or injury, instant suspension from next round (including remaining races of current round without compensation)

9: Spinning a competitor out

- a. Re-dress (if only 1 position is lost AND deemed unintentional)
If more than one position lost and cannot redress;
- b. 20 second time penalty
- c. Black flag; stop-go penalty
- d. Severe case, causing major crash or injury, instant suspension from next round (including remaining races of current round without compensation)

10: Excessive bumping; AS DETERMINED BY TRACK STAFF AND CofC, to intentionally cause others to slide, in turn losing pace/time. No bumping sign will be given as a warning, if bumping continues one of the following will happen.

- a. 20 second time penalty
- b. Black flag; stop-go penalty
- c. Removal from current race resulting in a DNF without compensation.

11: Use of a radio communication device; Slideways prohibits the use of radio communication devices to ensure equality across all competitors.

- a. Black Flag; Return to pits and remove the device
- b. If a competitor is caught using a radio communication device in the second instance, whether during the same round or any future events, they will be removed from the current race resulting in a DNF and receive a two round suspension effective immediately and without compensation

12: Penalty Appeals; All appeals must be made prior to the trophy presentation, once the presentation commences all judicial matters are final. Any appeals made after said time will be denied on the spot.

13: All competitors are responsible for any spectators they bring to each event, this includes parents. The actions of said spectators can result in penalties for the competitor, this could also include the spectators and competitors being excluded from attending future events.

- *Spectator or parent assaulting, abusing, disrespecting or threatening any competitor, spectator or staff member. This includes complaints being shouted at staff members in any way, any issues should be directed to the CRO and discussed in a calm manner.*
 - a. Instant removal from the premises and suspension from the next round
 - b. Instant removal of both spectator and competitor or team and all associates from the premises without compensation and 3 - 6 months ban from any and all Slideways events for all involved.
 - c. In the event of an assault, police will be involved if the victim so wishes. Any associates of the spectator not involved, will be politely asked to leave the premises to prevent further escalation. All spectators, competitors or teams and associates **directly involved** will be removed from the premises following any police proceedings without compensation and banned from any and all future events AND all Slideways venues.
- *Spectator or parent interfering with CofC and competitor during penalty discussions (possible outcomes dependent on type of interference and severity)*
 - a. First time offence, warning will be given
 - b. Spectator suspended from next round
 - c. Spectator suspended for 3 – 6 months and Competitor suspended from the next round
 - d. Spectator banned from any and all future events and Competitor suspended for the next two rounds.
- *Spectator or parent intentionally causing damage to any property not belonging to themselves. A bill for any replacement or repair will be issued, failure to pay the bill will result in one of the following; (Decision will be made between Slideways and Victim)*
 - a. Spectator banned from any and all future Slideways events, Competitor suspended for two rounds
 - b. Spectator banned from all Slideways venues, Competitor suspended for 3 – 6 months

14: Competitors are responsible for their own actions regardless of the situation and penalties will be enforced without leniency.

- *Competitor assaulting, abusing, disrespecting or threatening any competitor, spectator or staff member. This includes complaints being shouted at staff members in any way, any issues should be directed to the CRO and discussed in a calm manner.*
 - a. Instant removal from the premises without compensation and one round suspension.
 - b. Instant removal from the premises without compensation and 3 – 6 month suspension.
 - c. In the event of an assault, police will be involved if the victim so wishes. Any associates of the competitor not involved, will be politely asked to leave the premises to prevent further escalation. The competitor or team and any associates **directly involved** will be removed from the premises following any police proceedings without compensation and banned from any and all future events AND all Slideways venues.

- Competitor intentionally causing damage to any property not belonging to themselves. A bill for any replacement or repair will be issued, failure to pay the bill will result in one of the following; (Decision will be made between Slideways and Victim)
 - a. 3 – 6 month suspension from any and all Slideways events AND venues.
 - b. Banned from any and all Slideways events AND venues.

15: Bad Sportsmanship, disrespect or threatening behavior by ANYONE shown towards to CofC, any Slideways staff member, any competitor, team member, spectator or associates of drivers in any form of social media before, during or after the event will result in;

- a. 3 – 6 month suspension from any and all Slideways events
- b. Instant ban from any and all Slideways events
- c. Instant ban from any and all Slideways events AND venues

16: All penalties are subject to change, determined on a case by case basis and Slideways reserves the right to not only determine which penalty is suitable but also change any penalties at any stage without compensation as each situation is different from the next. All involved will be notified of the result of each given penalty.

Definitions

Excessive Blocking: **blocking** refers to maneuvers that can prevent, disturb or completely block an overtaking action by an incoming kart. Only one blocking maneuver can be made on any given area where a competitor may make a move to pass.

e.g. Kart A moves to the inside line to pass Kart B on the main straight, Kart B then also moves to the inside line to block **BEFORE** Kart A has the right of way (front bumper up to the steering wheel) and without collision (one blocking maneuver), If Kart B then wishes to move back towards the racing line they must allow enough room between themselves and the wall for a kart to pass, otherwise it will be deemed excessive blocking. i.e A driver cannot move off the racing line to block and then move directly back onto the racing line.

Racing Room: Each competitor has a right to racing room, which is defined as sufficient space on the racing surface that under racing conditions, a driver can maintain control of his or her kart in close quarters. A kart making a passing maneuver has the right of way if the front bumper is in line with the steering wheel of your kart and you must give them room, it is also deemed that you will have sufficient vision of their kart at this point.

If the chasing karts front bumper hasn't reached the halfway mark on the leading kart, they must assume the leading kart cannot see they are there and back out if they move over. If the leading kart moves over and spins out at this point, the chasing kart is at fault and deemed the cause of the crash as he has not yet gained the right of way. If the chasing kart was past the steering wheel and the leading kart spun, the leading kart would then be at fault for not giving racing room.

The third and final point is; It's quite easy to hear and feel when there is another kart on either side of your rear bumper and a driver should not continue to move into the space forcing the chasing driver into the wall (In most cases the chase driver should back out as this is your one blocking maneuver), this is considered bad etiquette and may lead to a penalty if deemed a purposeful maneuver to cause the chasing driver to lose control.

Name: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Signature: _____

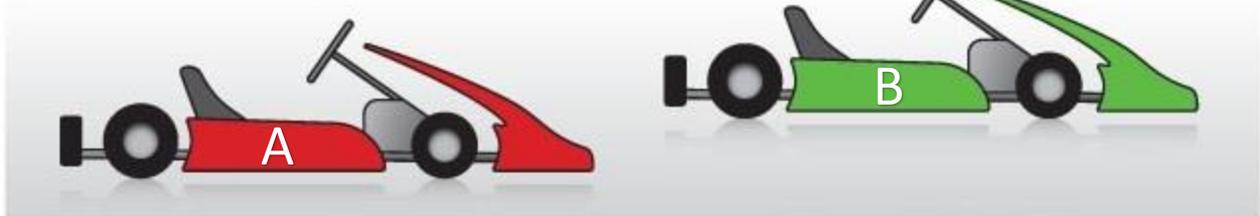
(if under the age of 18, please fill in below)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Signature: _____

Overlap & Passing

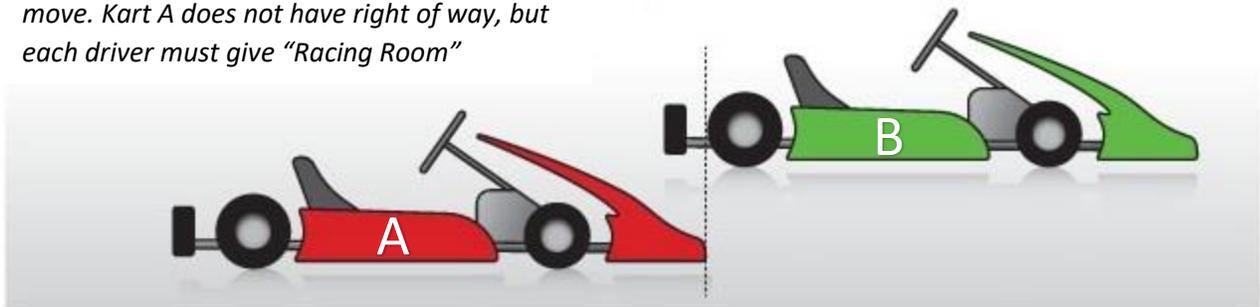


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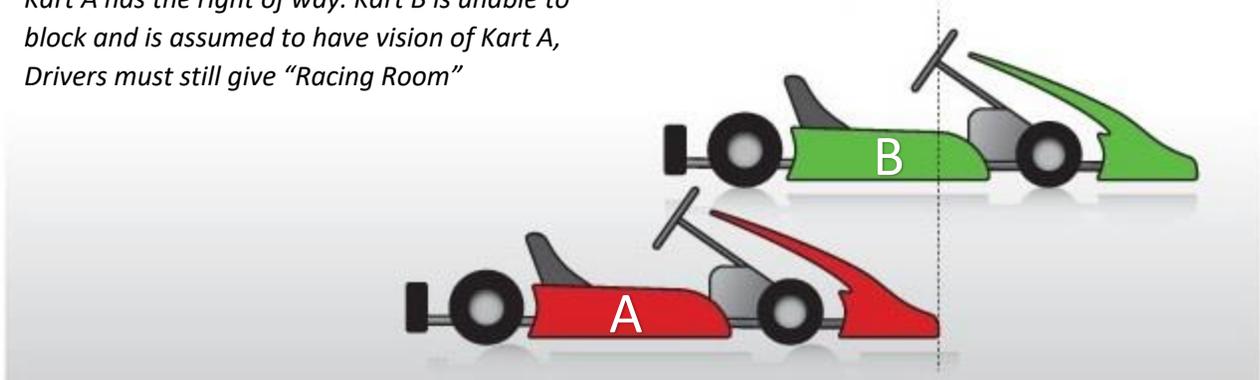
This is an Overlap

Kart A must give way to Kart B's one blocking move. Kart A does not have right of way, but each driver must give "Racing Room"



This is a Passing Overlap

Kart A has the right of way. Kart B is unable to block and is assumed to have vision of Kart A, Drivers must still give "Racing Room"



Edited to suit Slideways Racing Regulations

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