

RULEBOOK

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP RENTAL KARTING 2025



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Introduction

Thank you for participating in the European Championship Outdoor Rental Karting 2025, organized by Formula Karting. As a participant, you contribute to the great mission of Formula Karting; to make racing as a sport more accessible and to stimulate talent within the racing sport.

You are now reading the rules that must be read and obliged by all participants and spectators before taking part in one or more of the racedays.

Our values that every participant and visitor must comply with:

- Respect
- Fair play
- Integrity
- Good manners
- Self control

Formula Karting reserves the right to make changes to the regulations during the season if they are deemed necessary. Participants will be notified of this.

Participation in motor sports is associated with risks. Possible risks are accidents, in combination with liability. The driver is aware of this when participating.

The timekeeping of the kart track that will be driven on is decisive. Formula Karting cannot derive any rights from this.



1) Calendar and rules

1.1 Calendar

Race 1 - June 13/14 - Spa-Francorchamps (Belgium)

Race 2 - July 11/12 - JPR-Ostricourt (France)

Race 3 - September 12/13 - Kartbaan Oldenzaal (Netherlands)

1.2 It is also possible to register for only one, two or three race days. Drivers who register for one or more race days will receive points for the general classification.

2) Race-format

2.1 The races

- Every participant drives five one-lap qualifiers and five sprint races of 11 minutes in five different karts.
- The worst result will be a drop-result.

2.2 The semi-finals

- Consists of a 13 minutes sprint race for the top 32 drivers.
- The starting grid will be determined by the position in the ranking after the races. #1 in the ranking will start from pole position in Semi Final A. #2 in the ranking will start from pole position in Semi Final B etc.
- The karts will be randomly drawn.
- The score of the semi-final can't be dropped.

2.3 The final

- Consists of a one lap qualification and a 15 minutes sprint race for the top-16 drivers.
- In order of the ranking after the Semi Final, the #1 may choose the kart he or she wants to race the final with first. Then #2 in the ranking after the Semi Final may choose a kart etc.
- The score of the final can't be dropped.

3) Sign up requirements

3.1 No license is required.

3.2 Your height is between 150 and 200 centimeters and your weight is below 120 kilos.

3.3 For the race in Ostricourt, the minimum age is 13 with significant experience.

3.4 Based on recent race experience, a driver may request dispensation.

3.5 You have no medical condition that would hinder you from safely driving the races. These include, but are not limited to: heart disease, back injury, epilepsy, amputations, artificial limbs, hearing or visual impairment, or any form of mental or physical disability.

3.6 Participation when you are pregnant is not allowed.

3.7 Based on recent race experience, a driver may request dispensation.

4) Gear

4.1 Driver must wear an integral helmet with closed visor and buckle.

4.2 Driver must wear a racing suit.

4.3 Driver must wear racing gloves.

4.4 Driver must wear karting shoes or ankle protective shoes.

4.5 It is recommended to wear a rib protector and neck protector. Under 15 years it is mandatory to wear a rib protector.

4.6 It is forbidden to race with a scarf or other loose clothing. Long hair must be tucked away.

4.7 Any external camera is forbidden.

4.8 The use of more than one insert chair is prohibited.

4.9 From sundown or when the tracklight goes on a clear visor will be mandatory.



- 4.10 In case of rain and or wet track a clear visor will be mandatory.

5) Weights

- 5.1 All participants have to weigh 85 kilos after each race.
- 5.2 The participant is responsible for weighing the 85 kilos after each race, including equipment and any extra weight brought along. The extra weight must always be placed safely and at the bottom of the chair. It is forbidden to add extra weight to the clothing.
- 5.3 The driver can use weight blocks from the track, or bring taped pieces of lead to insert in the bottom of the seat. It is forbidden to put extra weight in clothing.
- 5.4 Drivers can bring a maximum of 15 kilos in the seat, and 20 kilos in the weightboxes of the kart.
- 5.5 On request by email, a driver can borrow the lead plates from Formula Karting but only if a driver needs more than the 20 kilos.
- 5.6 Weight blocks borrowed from the track must be returned to the drop-off point after each session. If a driver does not return the weight after a session he or she will receive a warning. If it happens a second time the driver will be classified last in the previous session.
- 5.7 Make sure the weight box is closed, an open weight box may lead to a meatball flag.

6) Before the races

- 6.1 You can see when your practice is on the EC website and the Formula Karting monitors. You will be assigned the kart number by the track employee at the karting track.
- 6.2 On the Friday before the race day, the heat draw will be determined randomly in Excel. The kartdraw at the latest in the morning before the races in the presence of a driver or supervisor. A kart can have handicap weight, which is communicated in the kart draw. Always leave this in the kart! It will be tie-ripped in the weight boxes. The driver will be last if the weight is taken out.
- 6.3 After the qualifiers the weight handicap will be reviewed and possibly adjusted for the semi's and finals.
- 6.4 If you have a cold kart for your upcoming race, be ready and sit in the kart before the previous race ends. You can then drive one warm-up lap and come back to the pits.
- 6.5 Drivers can use the scale and check their weight up until the previous race finishes. If a driver hinders the weighing procedure, the driver will start last for his upcoming race.

7) Qualification

- 7.1 A race starts with a one-lap qualification. This is one timed lap.
- 7.2 All drivers will be released from the pit and have the out-lap to create space.
- 7.3 Standing still or blocking another driving results in starting last.
- 7.4 Overtaking during the outlap is allowed.
- 7.5 When crossing start/finish, the timed lap starts with the green flag.
- 7.6 It is not allowed to block another driver or drive defensively during qualifying.
- 7.7 Overtaking during the one-lap qualifying is allowed.
- 7.8 When you cross the Start/Finish again, the timed lap ends.
- 7.9 If a driver deliberately hinders another driver, the driver will be disqualified for the upcoming race.
- 7.10 In case of a significant timing error or a red flag, we restart the qualification.
- 7.11 After the timed lap, you drive slowly towards the marshall on track with the red flag and wait until you are being called forward.



- 7.12** In case of a yellow flag, qualification will be redone. In case the driver who caused the yellow hindered another driver to lose time the causing driver will start last and only drives the one-lap as a formality. After the qualification the driver joins in last position to start the race.
- 7.13** With each restart of qualifying, a lap is removed from the race.

8) Start of the race

- 8.1** Park the kart where the lines remain completely visible or receive minimally a warning.
- 8.2** Race starts with the lights from the track. Multiple red lights go on, and then randomly turn off.
- 8.3** An intentional false start will result in disqualification from the race.
- 8.4** An unintentional false start with an advantage results in a 5 seconds time penalty.
- 8.5** An unintentional false start without an advantage results in a warning.

9) During the race

- 9.1** Not having both hands on the wheel can result in minimally a warning.
- 9.2** When a driver is stuck on track, It is not allowed to step out of the kart; you must wait for instructions from marshalls. Stepping out the kart can result in a disqualification for the race.
- 9.3** Unnecessarily stopping on track or waiting for another driver results in a disqualification for the race.
- 9.4** Taking revenge on a driver can result in disqualification for the race.
- 9.5** If you are turned around on track, wait for a safe moment to turn back around.
- 9.6** Significantly moving the boarding or tires at the apex or exit can result in a penalty.
- 9.7** Excessively asking for a penalty for another driver while driving can result in a penalty

10) Finish of the race

- 10.1** One lap before the finish, drivers are shown a sign with the number '1'.
- 10.2** A race is ended with the finish flag.
- 10.3** The top-5 drives back to the pits in the same order, no overtaking allowed.
- 10.4** The Race Direction keeps the right to finish a race earlier or later.
- 10.5** If the timing ends one lap before the finish flag is given, the organization checks whether the last lap can still be added to the timing. If not, the result without the last lap is the final result.

11) After the race

- 11.1** The top-5 of a race plus a few random drivers will be checked on their weight. Measuring methods and tools used by the organization are decisive. If a driver doesn't meet the minimum weight the following penalty will be applied:
- Less than 0.5 kilos too light = 5 second time penalty.
 - More than 0.5 kilos too light = classified last.
- 11.2** Drivers who need to weigh will be placed in a separate line. These drivers are then responsible for being weighed themselves. These drivers must walk to the scale immediately after getting out of the kart to be weighed by a race director. If a driver does not come to the scale and therefore is not weighed by a race director, he or she will be classified last for the race in question.
- 11.3** After the race you can find the results with penalties in binders at the infodesk of Formula Karting.
- 11.4** Drivers may ask for an explanation of decisions made by the race management in the heat after his or her completed heat, only if this is done in a respectful manner. There is no discussion possible about the final judgment of the competition management.
- A minor may bring one supervisor with him. The supervisor may be present as support and



therefore cannot ask questions or participate in discussions.

- 11.5** The Race Direction determines the competition decisions, but the opinion of the organization can be consulted in case of excesses.
- 11.6** The Race Direction always keeps the right to edit or undo a decision.

12) Overtaking

- 12.1** An overtaking driver's position must be respected if the overtaking driver sits at least 50% to the inside of the driver in front of him when entering the bend.
- 12.2** If driver A is not at least 50% alongside the inside of driver B when entering the bend and significantly hits driver B and causes significant time loss, without driver B losing a position, a warning will be given to driver A.
- 12.3** If driver A repeatedly hits driver B, a warning will follow for driver A. If driver A continues to hit after the warning, a 5 second Time Penalty will follow.
- 12.4** If driver A hits driver B before entering the bend and is therefore able to overtake, an orange flag will follow for driver A.
- 12.5** If driver A is not at least 50% alongside the inside of driver B when entering the bend, and still passes by with significant hitting, an orange flag will follow for driver A.
- 12.6** If driver A overtakes driver B, but driver B no longer respects his position, an orange flag will follow for driver A.
- 12.7** If driver A's front bumper hits the side of driver B hard when entering the bend, at least an orange flag will follow.
- 12.8** When giving back the place after an incorrect overtaking action and before the orange flag is given, the orange flag will be noted.
- 12.9** Any serious violation where the kart, driver, circuit, race director or regulations are not respected will result in at least a disqualification from the heat.
- 12.10** An overtaking driver's position must be respected if the overtaking driver is at least 75% alongside the outside of the overtaken driver.
- 12.11** A driver may use the entire circuit. The circuit is demarcated by the boarding on an indoor karting track and by the white line on an outdoor track (the curbstones do not count as the circuit). At an outdoor karting track, the driver must always keep at least two wheels within the white line for an overtaking action to be valid. If the overtaking driver does not keep his kart on the circuit during an overtaking action, an orange flag will follow. Any track limits will be indicated in the briefing.
- 12.12** Contact between karts should always be avoided. If intentional contact is sought (except for pushing at the start of a straight stretch), at least a warning will be given.

13) Defending

- 13.1** A driver may only change line once when approaching a turn. If a driver changes racingline more often, a warning will follow. The second time a 5 second Time Penalty will follow.
- 13.2** A driver may not change line while braking before a turn. If a driver does this, at least a warning will follow.
- 13.3** The defending driver must respect an overtaking driver's position if the overtaking driver gets at least 50% alongside on the inside of the bend or 75% alongside on the outside of the bend. If the driver does not do this, a warning will be given.
- 13.4** A driver may use the entire circuit. If the driver has an unfair advantage because he went out of bounds while defending, a warning will be given.



14) Kart changes

No karts will be exchanged during a race day unless the kart is defective. If the race directors and/or the mechanics of the kart track see a significant defect in the kart, it will be replaced by the next spare kart. The defective kart, once repaired, will be placed at the end of the reserve kart list.

15) Flags and penalties

There will be two penalty points on the track (if possible). They will be indicated in the online briefing. The penalty point(s) will show the given penalty and number of the kart. The kartnumber will be combined with a flag or 5/20 seconds sign, together with an electronic number sign in the color red or green.



- 15.1 Green:** Start of qualifying or the track is 'free' for racing again after a yellow flag situation.
- 15.2 National flag:** Start of the race only if we do not start with starting lights.
- 15.3 Finish flag:** End of qualifying or race. Reduce speed and drive back to the pit or marshall.
- 15.4 Yellow:** There is danger on the track. Slow down significantly to be able to safely anticipate the dangerous situation. Not slowing down enough will be punished hard and will lead to at least a warning, depending on the severity. The end of the yellow flag situation is indicated with a green flag. Overtaking under yellow will result in at least a 20 second Time Penalty.
- 15.5 Blue flag:** Within two turns, move safely out of the way of one or more drivers who are overtaking you for a lap. The race director showing the flag indicates with the number of fingers how many karts are involved, if there are two or more drivers involved. Failure to do so will result in a disqualification from the race.
- 15.6 Waving red:** All drivers are required to slow down significantly and continue at walking pace to the next standing red flag.
- 15.7 Standing red:** Everyone must stop racing, stop at the marshall with a standing red flag and follow the Marshalls instructions. If 50% of the planned laps have been completed, the race is valid and full points will be awarded. If less than 50% of the number of planned laps have been completed, the race will restart with the same starting grid.
- 15.8 Yellow/Red flag:** Be careful! There is something with the track surface, like oil.
- 15.9 Meatball:** There is something wrong with your kart or equipment. Report the first possible opportunity in the pit.
- 15.10 Orange:** Within three turns, give back the position to the driver you have just overtaken illegally. The marshall at the penalty point shows the orange flag twice. Ignoring or delaying the orange flag will result in a last place for the race in question.
- 15.11 Black/White diagonal(warning flag):** You have received a warning. The marshall at the penalty point shows the warning flag twice.
- 15.12 5s time penalty:** You have received a 5 seconds time penalty which will be added to your time after the race.
- 15.13 20s time penalty:** You have received a 20 seconds penalty which will be added to your time after the race.
- 15.14 Black flag:** Stop racing and return to the pit. You are disqualified. In case of a disqualification, it can not be used for a drop result and the organization decides if you may continue the raceday.
- 15.15 Ignoring a flag signal** can result in minimally a warning.
- 15.16 Two orange and/or warning flags** will result in a 5 seconds penalty.
- 15.17 Two 5 seconds penalties** will result in a 20 seconds penalty
- 15.18 Any unsportsmanlike behavior** will result in a penalty.



16) Points

16.1 For a Qualifying Heat or Semi Final, on a raceday:

#	Points	#	Points
1	30	13	11
2	27	14	10
3	24	15	9
4	22	16	8
5	20	17	7
6	18	18	6
7	17	19	5
8	16	20	4
9	15	21	3
10	14	22	2
11	13	23	1
12	12	24	0

16.2 For the Final, on a raceday :

#	Points	#	Points
1	45	9	22,5
2	40,5	10	21
3	36	11	19,5
4	33	12	18
5	30	13	16,5
6	27	14	15
7	25,5	15	13,5
8	24	16	12

16.3 For a raceday, counting towards the overall ranking:

#	Pt.	#	Pt.	#	Pt.	#	Pt.	#	Pt.	#	Pt.
1	100	16	70	31	55	46	40	61	25	76	10
2	95	17	69	32	54	47	39	62	24	77	9
3	91	18	68	33	53	48	38	63	23	78	8
4	88	19	67	34	52	49	37	64	22	79	7
5	86	20	66	35	51	50	36	65	21	80	6
6	84	21	65	36	50	51	35	66	20	81	5
7	82	22	64	37	49	52	34	67	19	82	4
8	80	23	63	38	48	53	33	68	18	83	3
9	78	24	62	39	47	54	32	69	17	84	2
10	76	25	61	40	46	55	31	70	16	85	1
11	75	26	60	41	45	56	30	71	15	86	0
12	74	27	59	42	44	57	29	72	14	87	0
13	73	28	58	43	43	58	28	73	13	88	0
14	72	29	57	44	42	59	27	74	12	89	0
15	71	30	56	45	41	60	26	75	11	90	0

16.3 Each raceday, drivers get points for every qualifying heat (five). The points of the worst qualifying heat will be dropped.

16.4 If drivers have an equal number of points after the five qualifying heats and after deducting the drop result, the winner will be decided by the best results.

If it is still a tie, the sum of fastest times of the five qualifying heats will decide the tie.

16.5 For the spots 17 until 32 the result in the semi final will determine the final standing with equal points.



- 16.6** For the top 16 on a raceday the result in the final will determine the standing with equal points.
- 16.7** Points of the semi's and final can't be dropped. At the end of a raceday, the driver with the most points wins the raceday.
- 16.8** After each race day, drivers will receive points towards the overall ranking. The driver with the most points at the end of the season wins the overall ranking. If drivers have an equal number of points after the three racedays the winner will be decided by the best results. This means first there will be looked at the best result of the racedays, then the finals, then the semi finals and then the qualifying heats.
- 16.9** If a kart malfunctions during a race that prevents a driver from completing the race, the driver will receive the points for last place.
- 16.10** If a driver decides to stop for whatever reason, the driver will not receive points, but a DNF (Did Not Finish), which cannot be dropped.

17) Recognition

- 17.1 General ranking:** (all participants drive on 85 kg)
The top-3 of the general ranking will receive a trophy per raceday.
- 17.2 Subdivisions** (all participants drive on 85 kg)
- **Junior:** Drivers younger than 18 years on the first day of the 2024 season.
 - **Master:** Driver 30 years or older on the first day of the 2024 season.
 - **Ladies**
 - **Teams:** A team may consist of one, two or three drivers. Before race one in Spa, the teams choose their drivers. At least one of them needs to drive in the other races; this may vary per race. A driver can not race in more than one team. At the end of a raceday the points of the best two drivers combined will be the total score of the team. If there is a tie, there will be looked at best results in the following order; Raceday, final, semi final, heats.
- 17.3** If there are a minimum of three drivers in a subdivision, the number one will receive a trophy.
- 17.4** From six drivers in a subdivision the top-3 will receive a trophy.
- 17.5** A raceday is valid if the five qualifying heats have been completed.

18) Additional rules

- 18.1** All products and materials of the track and organization must be respected.
- 18.2** The use of communication is forbidden, it can result in a penalty.
- 18.3** During refueling it's not allowed to sit in the kart.
- 18.4** Unnecessary driving in the wrong direction results in exclusion.
- 18.5** Parc Fermé is only accessible for drivers and accompanists of Juniors to help with weights. If an accompanist stays with a driver after helping with weights, that driver can get a penalty.
- 18.6** Entering the track is forbidden.
- 18.7** Urging any unsportsmanlike behavior can lead to exclusion.
- 18.8** Verbal violence from the entourage can lead to exclusion from the event.
- 18.9** Physical violence by entourage will lead to minimal exclusion from the event.
- 18.10** Manipulation of the kart and/or engine results in minimally a Warning.
- 18.11** Try to leave as many large bags in the car as possible to keep the passage in the go-kart track clear
- 18.12** It is not allowed to consume your own drinks on the go-kart track, except for water.
- 18.13** It is appreciated if the drivers on the podium wear their racing suit and bring their helmets.
- 18.14** The organization reserves the right to terminate or remove sessions from the day program if the safety of the participants, spectators or employees is compromised.



19) Violence

- 19.1** Physical or verbal abuse is prohibited in the immediate vicinity of the circuit and can lead to exclusion of the event without restitution of the entry costs.
- 19.2** A middle finger results in a disqualification from the relevant, past or upcoming heat. Repeating middle fingers will result in a minimum disqualification of the race day.
- 19.3** Degrees of verbal abuse and penalties
 - 1. Making fun off or intimidating another person results in at least being placed last for the relevant, past or upcoming heat. Example: Pancake, sucker or 'I will push you off next race'.
 - 2. Insulting another person will at least result in a disqualification for the relevant, past or upcoming heat. Example: Bastard, jerk, bitch, cock, cunt, whore, slut and so on.
 - 3. Swearing at another person with illness will result in a disqualification for at least one race day. Example: Anything with Cancer, Phthisis, Typhoid, etc.
- 19.4** **Degrees of physical violence and penalties**
 - 1. Inappropriately touching or intimidating another person will result in at least being placed last for the relevant, past or upcoming heat. Examples: A light push.
 - 2. Any form of physical violence will result minimally in disqualification from the race day. Examples: Hard push, hit, kick, spit, headbutt and so on.
- 19.5** The physical or verbal abuse must be reported and confirmed by the affected person, to the race director or organization in order to apply a penalty.

20) Liability and damage

- 20.1** Participation is entirely at own risk or the risk of your parent/guardian if the participant is younger than 18 years old.
- 20.2** Spectators watch at their own risk. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.
- 20.3** Formula Karting cannot be held liable for any accidents or injuries during racing activities.
- 20.4** Formula Karting reserves the right to refuse access to the race location to anyone who may be a risk to the safety of themselves or anyone else on the premises.
- 20.5** On the first day of racing, the competitor will sign an entry form confirming the waiver.

21) Privacy / Social media

- 21.1** When participating in the European Championship, the driver or in the case of minors, the parent/guardian agrees to the use of photo and film recordings for promotional purposes (posters, flyers, banners, etc.).
- 21.2** The driver also agrees to the use of photo and film recordings for the Formula Karting websites and various social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok etc...).
- 21.3** No rights can be derived from the photo and film recordings.
- 21.4** The mobile phone number of the participant or supervisor/guardian can be added to the WhatsApp group for unilateral information sharing. If not desired, the participant or supervisor/guardian is free to sign out.
- 21.5** If a participant, team or supervisor/guardian does not want to give permission, this must be communicated in writing to the organization before paying the season deposit or single race day.
- 21.6** All personal information provided by the driver or guide/guardian remains with the organization and will therefore not be made available to third parties.
- 21.7** Insulting or attacking drivers, marshals, race directors and or the organization on social media can lead to exclusion from all events organized by Formula Karting. This applies to drivers, parents and supervisors. Behavior of parents and supervisors can also lead to exclusion of the driver. Without refund of entry fee.



