



EXECUTIVE DESK

(Brett Aird, Karl Jennings, Peter Hill & Alex Jones)

Welcome to the 2019 Karting Season, we are set for a fantastic year with lots of initiatives from Karting Australia including, the complementary 8 day licences for club sign on days to encourage past members back to racing.

Have you applied for a Blue Card or had your Blue Card linked with Karting Qld. To continue being an official in 2019, you must have a current Blue Card registered with Karting Qld. Officials appointed on the day that do not need an official's licence can complete the Member Protection Declaration, these need to be sent to the Qld Office with the race day paperwork.

Meet the Executive

Brett Aird – President

I have been in the sport for a number of years, starting out with my son racing and then myself. Although it has been far too long since I did some laps. I started on the Qld executive as Junior Vice President in 2015, taking on President in 2016 to present. I am looking forward to continuing the great relationship that has developed between the Clubs, Karting Qld and Karting Australia.

Karl Jennings – Vice President

My love of motor sport started from a young age and continues to thrive. I introduced my children to Go Karts and my enthusiasm for the sport has grown from there. I love seeing the joy on the kids faces as they meet their personal goals, whether it be times or just getting a corner right. It is for this reason that I took on the Qld Junior Development program and will continue to run it in 2019.

Peter Hill – Junior Vice President

Back in 1990 I was introduced to Go Karts in Townsville where I still compete today. Having had such good times I decided in 2016 that I would put my hand up to help steer this great sport and was voted into the Vice-president position which I will continue in 2019. During 2019 I will be working closely with Whitsundays and Cooloola Kart Club's in ensuring a successful Qld Kart Championship.

Alex Jones – Secretary

I was introduced to Karting in 1998 where my father and I travelled the country competing in all levels of the sport, leading to some of my favourite Father and son moments. My passion for racing continues to this day and I now get to share that passion with my children. When the opportunity to be Secretary for a couple of months came up in 2018, I saw it as a great opportunity to trial being on the Qld Executive. I thoroughly enjoyed being part of the executive and decided to continue in the role for 2019.

Treasurer

This position is currently vacant and needs to be filled. Annette English is continuing temporarily in the role and anyone taking on the position can be assured that they will not be abandoned. Being Treasurer does not involve a lot of time, we use the Xero accounting system which is cloud based and user friendly. If this is a role that you think you may be interested in, feel free to contact Annette or any of the executive.

OFFICIALS CO-ORDINATOR (Mark Hogan)

One thing I would like to bring up is Officials attending a race meeting. Too often when an Official is seeking an upgrade, their licence details in CMS are checked to see what race meetings they have officiated at and it is showing that races are not listed on their record.

It is vitally important that all Officials of the day are entered into CMS by the Race Secretary, or whoever is entering the nominations on the day. And they are entered in their correct positions. That way, when the Stewards Report is finalised, not only are the names 'auto populated' into the report, the details are also updated on their CMS licence.

If you are an Official at a meeting, please approach the person who is entering the nominations and ask for your name and position to be entered into CMS before the race meeting starts. That way your attendance record will be up to date in CMS.

TECHNICAL ADVISOR (Shaune English)

This month I've included a list of significant rule changes to be aware of. These are for the common classes, if you are running Pro Tour or Performance classes check you class specific rules. I had planned on some pretty pictures to explain what has changed, but I'm not sure I'm allowed to use that much room in the newsletter

Cadet 9

A single rear sprocket may be stipulated in Supplementary Regulation otherwise the only permitted rear sprockets are 74, 76, 78, 80 & 82 (72 has been dropped from the allowed list).

Interpretation: There were some clubs last year who argued that because of their track a different size was ideal. Usually this was smaller tracks wanting more teeth. If (as an example) the most appropriate rear sprocket at your club is 86, your club can specify in the Supplementary Regulations that only an 86 tooth rear sprocket may be used. This only applies for Club or Zonal competitions.

All KA100 Classes

[KA HOMOLOGATION-UPDATE-BULLETIN-106H-7](#) came into full effect from 01/01/2019. This means that there is only 1 permitted carburettor kits and is orange (to me its brown, but my wife says I'm colour blind) in colour.

KA4 – Weight changes.

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TaG 125 – tyre change to MG Red. The primary tyre for this class has changed from MG Yellow meaning that this will also be the tyre for State Championship and AKC rounds.

Weight Changes (Rotax and Galaxy)

Yamaha Class:

All Yamaha motors have been incorporated into a new Class for Junior and Senior grades. Yamaha motors are still permitted for Cadet classes but are include in the class rules for Cadets.

4SS Cadets:

New class with control motors and chassis. Other chassis may be used until 30/06/2020.

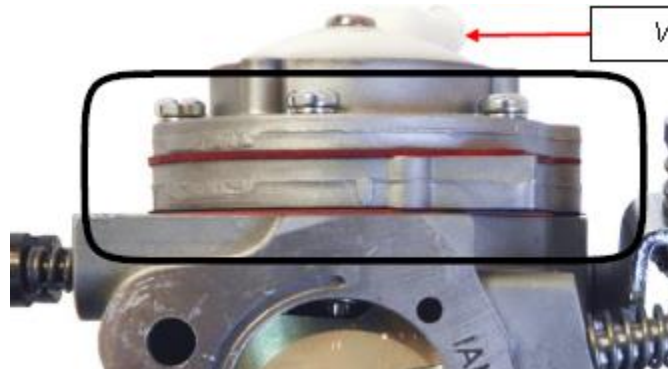
KA100 Carburettor Kits

Bulletin No 106H-7 was released on 13/12/2017. This bulletin included a new carburettor diaphragm kit (DG-3HW and RK-6HW) that could be used from that date, and will become **mandatory as of 01/01/2019**.



The new kit is easily identified by the orange gaskets. If you are running a KA100 motor in any class, ensure you check the colour of the gaskets prior to starting racing next year.

Look for the orange colouring as per below image.



If you have any other carburettor kit in your KA100 engine after 01.01.2019 you run the risk of an inspection finding your engine non compliant and facing a Steward Hearing.

A MINUTE WITH THE KA MANUAL

Each December we all eagerly await the release of the KA Manual. We can then relax at the beach over Christmas reading all the exciting changes, don't worry if you haven't finished yet, this won't spoil the ending, although I can't guarantee that Tony Karter from Cairns won't release the ending.

Some highlights in the manual for 2019 are:

- System of Gridding Competition Rules Chapter 1 Rule 21i – regarding the amount of time a kart has to leave the outgrid
- Essential Officials General Rules Chapter 7 Rule 4 – Timekeeper added
- Full Course Yellow Competition Rules Chapter 1 Rule 24 – to be used at all National meetings (including Qld State Kart Championship)
- Special Plates Competition Rules Chapter 1 Rule 11h – explanation on how long you can use a special plate eg the Ladies only Pink Plate, Qld Maroon State Cup Plate etc.
- Kart Fun Sessions Appendix 1 – an initiative to have social days and some fun without the pressure of competition
- Teams Competition Appendix 2 – this allows your club executive to add a touch of creativity, can't wait to see what the clubs come up with

For a full list of the Major Adjustments, or the Manual, see the Karting Australia Website <https://www.karting.net.au/administration/rules>.

Got questions or would like to see something in the newsletter, let your club secretary know or email admin@kartingqld.com.au .