ABKC NEWS

Welcome to the November 2026 newsletter. We will all likely be looking to the winter maintenance period, and getting ready for 2027. There's lots to do:

- draft the championship regulations for Motorsport UK approval, and submit (now open) more than 6 weeks before the first event.
- consider any changes to the 2027 supplementary regulations
- consider budget classes, or tyre restrictions
- ensure the Safeguarding Officers have renewed their licences
- then renew MSUK club affiliation
- update Sport:80 with any policy or constitution changes
- update Sport:80 with any officials changes
- encourage everyone to renew their licences in good time
- take photos of the track, and
- apply for the 2027 track licence*
- ensure any light panels or foam barriers are added to the licence
- choose the award winners
- arrange the awards evening
- ensure the club has applied for the Kart Safeguarding & Welfare agreement
- review the 2027 regulation changes and publicise to officials and drivers, see Chapter 22 of the 2026 NCRs
- equipment certification like fire extinguishers, weighbridges, decoders etc

The list is endless! *Please remember that a venue will need to have had during 2026 a minimum of four Motorsport UK permitted events to be eligible for an Interclub track licence, and five for a National track licence. These can include visiting championships as well as club meetings.

Welcome to new member clubs

Welcome to the following new clubs which have joined our Association, we are very grateful for the support and these take us up to 38 clubs in membership. The clubs are British Superkart Club, Driven Kart Club, Lisburn City Kart Club, Oasisplay Right Track Project.

Event Code of Conduct

The Event Code of Conduct is on the website here https://abkc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Code_of_Conduct_Draft.pdf it is on the "About" page on the website.

We urge all clubs to adopt the code and publicise it to their members and guests. We suggest a reference in regulations could be useful for enforcing the code. For visiting championships hiring a venue, the clubs or venue could take a deposit against damage.

Practice Days

Motorsport UK wish to remind clubs that they must not mix senior and juniors, Bambino and Cadet, or gearbox and non-gearbox. Clubs sometimes get requests for senior drivers acting as driver coaches, to go out on track with juniors for instance. If on a practice permit, this is not allowed, if on venue insurance be very sure it is covered.



Incidents

Motorsport UK need to know about any rollover incidents, or near misses, or equipment fires e.g. batteries or from fuel or oil igniting (thermal events). These should be added to the Steward's report if on permit, otherwise an email to kart@motorsportuk.org with details and photos.

ARKS and the Pathway Project

Much work is being done to make the customer journey easier to define and the experience enhanced. A new strapline will added to ARKS and will be

introduced at Kartmania - "powered by Motorsport UK". More continual training of Examiners and Instructors will follow.

Medical Cover & Martyn's Law

In England, the CQC is due to require all medical personnel and ambulances to be CQC registered. This should be checked with the venue medical supplier, and have the requirement in the club's contract. The issue can be more acute if the ambulances belong to the venue and if Motorsport UK are not yet aware of an English club or venue having their own ambulances, please send details to dan.carter@motorsportuk.org .

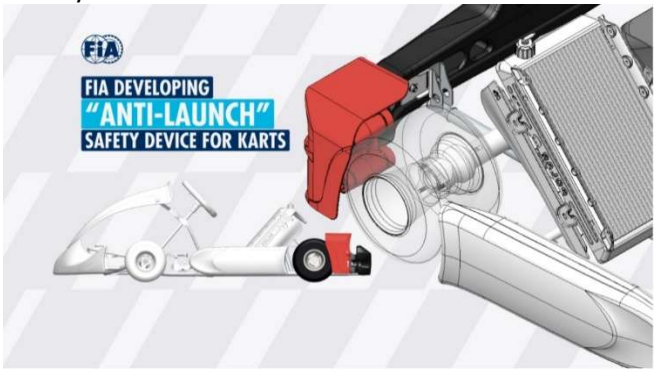
Motorsport UK staff are working very hard behind the scenes to establish ground rules for both the CQC changes (which only apply in England) and the duties which will be applicable to landowners for the introduction of Martyn's Law (all of the U.K.) ABKC plan to send out more information to assist clubs. Motorsport UK plan to hold a Kart Council in early 2027 to explain the implications.

Venue hire

Motorsport UK have requested that any contracts for event hires for non permitted events state that any person on the licence suspension list is not permitted to attend or definitely not to officiate. If in doubt check the list on the Motorsport UK website.

Technical

The new CIK-FIA Rear Wheel Protection (RWP) with wheel covers are now mandatory for all CIK-FIA Events that feature on the International Calendar, and noted that for 2028, the only available RWP will be of that with the wheel protection. These RWPs will not permitted in U.K. national competition in 2027 at least, as they cannot be mixed with the current RWP on track.



There will be changes to the restrictors for Rotax Inter, to slow the karts slightly and bring them back into line with the homologation regulations.

Note that AI glasses must not be worn by competitors and if worn by officials for the purpose of recording an interview, the act of recording must be made very clear to all concerned. Competition licences state whether the driver must wear glasses for competition or not, scan the QR code on the licence to see. Glasses must only be worn for improving eyesight or reducing glare.

Kartmania 14/15 November



We will have our usual stand at Kartmania so come and say hello, or help to man the stand for a while. Kartmania are having an information desk at the entrance, to direct visitors to the best club or trader, and we have printed some flyers to publicise our Regional Association. Do also have a look at the new backdrop on the Motorsport UK stand. We plan to update ours during 2027.

And finally, Happy Christmas to all, and we hope you have a successful 2027 season. If any advice is needed, we are here for you. We will be sending out membership renewal forms during December, the 2027 membership fee will be £80.

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