



# YORKE PENINSULA DIRT KART CLUB Inc.

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## CODE OF CONDUCT

Australian Independent Dirt Karting Association (AIDKA) and the YP Dirt Kart Club Incorporated (YPDKCI), in conjunction with Star Club and Play by the Rules, encourages good sportsmanship at all levels of interaction and competition at all times. This policy provides a minimum standard of Code of Conduct expected:

- at any event held by the YPDKCI for any person in attendance
- for any member representing YPDKCI at any venue.

## ALL PERSONS

1. The Club has a nil tolerance to inappropriate emotional, physical and verbal behaviour. This includes verbal abuse, uncontrolled tempers, inappropriate language (coarse and derogatory); raised voices, threats of any nature; physical violence and associated mannerisms. This includes all social media – refer to social media section below for more information.
2. All persons (including officials, volunteers, competitors, pit crew, supporters and spectators are to be treated in a manner as you would like to be treated yourself, including but not limited to:
  - 2.1 Show respect and control when speaking to others at all times not matter what the situation.
  - 2.2 Respect the rights, dignity ad worth of all regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
  - 2.3 Respect track operators by adhering to the rules and guidelines (refer policy available in Club house).
3. The YPDKCI has an appointed Child Safety Officer, whose name is stated on the notice board in the Club house. Their role is to promote the establishment of a child-safe environment. All persons at any event have a responsibility to do their best to keep all children safe and protected from physical, emotional and verbal harm.
4. If you have a reasonable suspicion that a child under the age of 18 is being advised or neglected, you must report the matter to the Child Abuse Report Line 131478 and notify the Child Safety Officer or Club President of your concerns.
5. Adhere to AIDKA Pit Rules and Regulations.

## **ALL KART DRIVERS AND PIT/SUPPORT CREW**

6. Must comply with AIDKA Rules of Racing, including any specific track rules.
7. Must comply at all times to AIDKA Pit Rules and Regulations.
8. Must comply at all times to AIDKA Drug and Alcohol Policy.
9. Always compete to the best of your ability, with honour and integrity.
10. Respect the decision of officials and never argue with decisions. Most officials have volunteered their services, to try and ensure smooth, efficient and fair conduct at each race meeting. If you have a complaint, speak to the Chief of the Course who will make the call if further action is necessary.
11. Be a good role model at all times, demonstrating safe and responsible behaviour inside and outside of organised racing events, especially on public roads.
12. Competitors are responsible for their own conduct, as well as the conduct of any persons associated with them, including and not limiting to their pit crew, support crew, kart owners and sponsors.
13. Verbal abuse, intimidating behaviour, taking unfair advantage or sledging other competitors, deliberately distracting or provoking competitors will not be tolerated. Treat all competitors as you would like to be treated.
14. Be environmentally conscious; keep your area clean and treat spills appropriately. Leave your area as when you first arrived.
15. Event specifics:
  - 15.1 Kart scrutineering will be conducted in the area nominated, being the Scrutineering shed.
  - 15.2 Scrutineering will commence two and half hours prior to the first race and; cease an hour prior to the first race.
  - 15.3 Drivers are responsible for kart owners and supporters and must ensure that they are wearing race day armband and appropriate clothing and footwear at all times.
  - 15.4 Drivers and crew working on karts are to do so in a safe manner and using safe methods at all time within the designated pit area only.
  - 15.5 No smoking or alcohol consumption is allowed in the pit area or track arena.
  - 15.6 It is the driver's responsibility to ensure that bring their kart to grid area, with helmets and other safety equipment, along with a pusher, and be ready – seated by the white flag of the prior race.
  - 15.7 Any disputes or protests must be managed in accordance with the stated process at the driver information meeting which is held prior the race commencing.

## **OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS**

All Officials are to be:

16. Impartial, consistent and objective at all times
17. Place the safety and welfare of all participants and spectators above all else.
18. Ensure the spirit of the competition is maintained.

19. Be understanding and cooperative in the interpretation and application of the rules and penalties
20. Promote respect for all competitors and condemn and act upon appropriately unsporting like behaviours.

## **PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS OF UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE COMPETITORS**

All parents and supporters of Under 18 Years of Age Competitors are to:

21. Encourage children to participate to the best of their ability
22. Focus upon the child's performance, rather than the overall outcome of the event.
23. Educate and promote that an honest effort is as important as a victory.
24. Educate and promote the child to follow the AIDKA Rules of Racing, and all other YPDKI policies and regulations.
25. Ensure children respect the decisions of the officials and stewards.
26. Educate that the most officials have volunteered their time and without them the events would not eventuate.
27. Set a good example by avoiding the use of derogatory or abusive language, respect officials and volunteers, never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during competition.
28. For further education, please refer to [www.playbytherules.net.au](http://www.playbytherules.net.au) to stop the *ugly parent syndrome* from happening.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

AIDKA and YPDKCI encourage participation in online social media, which is only to be done in a positive and supportive manner. The accessible nature of the internet however, can lend itself to the posting of threatening and derogatory material in the heat of the moment. Once your thoughts and comments are published on the internet they are visible to the world and are then permanent. It reflects on you as an individual, you as a member of YPDKCI and AIDKA and the sport in general. AIDKA and YPDKCI will take all cases of cyber bullying seriously and this may lead to legal involvement. Breaching this Code of Conduct, the Communication Policy or bringing the sport into disrepute can lead to serious consequences, including tribunals, suspensions and the cancellation of the offenders licence.

## **PENALTIES:**

*All persons are reminded that noncompliance with any of the above can result in serious consequences, including tribunals, suspensions or loss of licence. A minimum being a verbal warning or immediate removal from venue with no further racing to continue until done so; or a minimum of possible three month to the maximum of a life ban from any event held in association with AIDKA.*

## **AGREEMENT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY**

Whilst kart racing does have its associated risks, event organisers will do their absolute best to prevent unpreventable accidents from happening. You are advised that payment of the gate entrance fee (and payment of race day registration fee for Drivers) confirmed you enter at your own risk and agree to abide by the YPDKCI Code of Conduct Policy.