



K1 Speed Junior United States / World E-Karting Championship 2026 Official Rulebook

Note: K1 Speed and its officials reserve the right to alter the event rules and regulations to suit any special or unforeseen situation. All decisions by the officials are final and are not subject to appeal or protest. These general rules may be modified in part to suit a particular race.

COMPETITION, SAFETY, and SPORTSMANSHIP:

The 2026 K1 Speed Junior World E-Karting Championship will be the biggest challenge yet for most racers, with the winner certainly earning the title of our third "K1 Speed Junior World E-Karting Champion". It is the goal of K1 Speed to provide a fun and safe event with fantastic on-track racing and great sportsmanship throughout the event. Each driver earned their way to the event by being a top 3 racer at their State Championship, and in this event, we want to make sure everyone walks away with an amazing experience. Because of this, expect the event to be officiated in a manner that rewards close competition and penalizes avoidable contact or poor sportsmanship. Race how you want to be raced, keep it clean, and hopefully, at the end, hoist up some hardware on the podium!

More About "Good Sportsmanship":

Good sportsmanship is showing respect to fellow drivers and officials, both on-track and off, adhering to the rules of the event, and being gracious in winning or losing. This also applies to a driver's family or friends, and they are equally responsible for their actions.

EVENT SCHEDULE

The 2026 K1 Speed Junior World E-Karting Championship weekend is broken up into two parts: The United States E-Karting Championship and the World E-Karting Championship. The U.S. E-Karting Championship is held on Saturday, May 2nd, in the morning and will not only decide the US E-Karting Champion, but also the top three drivers that will transfer and represent "Team USA" in the World E-Karting Championship. **The World E-Karting Championship will immediately follow the U.S. E-Karting Championship A-Main Race and Podium** and will crown the Junior World E-Karting Champion! **After the completion of the Junior World E-Karting Championship, the U.S. E-Karting Championship will resume with its remaining heat races.**

Below is the anticipated schedule of events – **times are subject to change.**

Junior U.S. & World E-Karting Championships, Saturday, May 2:

6:30 am: Gates Open

6:30 am - 8:00 am: Registration/Track Walk

8:05 am: Mandatory Drivers' Meeting

8:30 am: Sessions Begin

4:15 pm: End of Event

EVENT FORMAT BREAKDOWN

Registration:

Racers will need to pre-register for the event online by using the following link:

<https://register.k1speed.com/cir/66-160726-8d765570ce82462b852bb2f5c25ef53d>

Check-In & Payment:

Every racer must check in at the front desk upon arrival.

Racers will need to pay their race fees (\$69.99) and sign, date, and initial the entry form. Upon receipt of payment and the completed entry form, racers will receive a complimentary event shirt and a wristband.

Racers also have the ability to check in, pre-pay, and complete their entry forms and optional GoPro Waivers online before the event.. Paying beforehand allows the racer to wait in a dedicated "pre-paid" line when checking in, which is anticipated to move quicker than non-paid racers.

Drivers' Meeting:

All drivers are required to attend the Drivers Meeting. The goal of the Drivers Meeting is to welcome all participants and introduce them to key staff, give a brief rundown of specific items about the day's event, and help familiarize everyone with the format, but it will not go through a full reading of the rulebook. Use this meeting to ask any specific questions you have regarding the rulebook.

Driver Communication Equipment

No equipment allowing driver-to-driver, or driver-to-spotter communication allowed.

Qualifying:

Each driver will participate in two 12-lap qualifying sessions. The driver's single best lap time from either qualifying session will determine their placement in the Main Events.

Main Events:

There will be up to eight Main Events, depending on attendance: H-Main, G-Main, F-Main, E-Main, D-Main, C-Main, B-Main, and the U.S. E-Karting Championship Final. The top drivers from qualifying (the number will depend on the maximum grid on track) will automatically start in the Final, while the rest of the qualifiers will be sorted into the preliminary Mains. The preliminary Mains (H-Main through B-Main) will race for the remaining positions in the final standings, while those in the A-Main (U.S. E-Karting Championship Final) will compete for a chance at the World E-Karting Championship. Each Main will be 12 laps in length, with the Final also being 12 laps long.

U.S. E-Karting Championship Podium: The top three finishers from the U.S. E-Karting Championship Final will receive trophies during the podium presentation and will move on to the World Championship. The U.S. E-Karting Champion will also receive a Segway GoKart Pro 2, courtesy of Segway.

World Championship: The format for the World E-Karting Championship is exactly the same as the U.S. E-Karting Championship (2x 12-Lap Qual, 1x 12-Lap Race), except there is only one run group. The World E-Karting Championship Final will be 12-Lap in length, with the top three finishers standing on the podium.

World E-Karting Championship Podium: The top three finishers from the World E-Karting Championship will stand on the podium and receive their trophies and checks.

FINAL RACE RULES

- The final race will be a **Grid Start**
- There will only be ONE grid start. Restarts are at the manager's discretion.
- When there is a **spin**, the race is **yellow-flagged**, and racers are reduced to speed 1. No passing is allowed. Racers continue at speed 1 until the spun-out car has safely rejoined the race. No restarts or allowing racers to bunch back up if spread out.
- If there is a **crash**, the race is **red-flagged** and stopped to assist the affected drivers. No passing is allowed. Once the incident is cleared, racers will begin at speed 1 until all racers have safely rejoined the race. No restarts or allowing racers to bunch back up if spread out.
- If a racer causes an intentional or avoidable incident (crash, spin-out, etc.) that results in a loss-of-position for the other driver, then the racer-at-fault is sent to the back of the grid. The innocent driver will resume the race from wherever they rejoined the field. (e.g.: if they were second and drop back to fifth as a result of the incident, they'll continue in fifth position, not second).

KART MALFUNCTIONS:

- Any kart removal or swapping is at the discretion of the Manager or official.
- There will be no switching of karts at any time during both qualifying sessions unless there is a mechanical failure or an accident that causes damage to a kart.
- There will be no switching of karts during a final race unless there is a severe mechanical failure.

RUNNING THE EVENT:

- Racers are placed randomly in karts (number draw raffle) for 12-lap Q1 and Q2. Racers do not get a choice of which kart they will drive.
- The racer's fastest time will determine the line-up for the Mains: U.S. E-Karting Championship Final (A-Main), B-Main, C-Main, D-Main, E-Main, and F-Main, **G-Main and H-Main**. Managers will divide the number of drivers into each main race as evenly as possible. **The slowest in H-Main, the faster drivers in the U.S. E-Karting Championship Final (A-Main).**
- The qualifying heats are for time. The final race is for position.

POTENTIAL PENALTIES

Black Flag Penalty: Severe on-track infractions may be cause for a full black flag penalty, which is a removal of the driver from the session.

Post-Race Position Penalty: If a driver gains a position illegally, then a post-race penalty may be given by docking their position in the results. The number of positions varies with the severity of the incident.

A DQ from a session can be given if there is a particularly unsafe or egregious action by a driver. The driver will receive no credit for the session and will be put at the bottom of the results.