



21<sup>st</sup> August 2020

Dear Members/Racers,

We wanted to write to you to keep you informed of the latest developments concerning Motorsport UK sanctioned racing in Scotland and the ever-changing situation with COVID-19.

As most will now be aware the Northern Karting Federation event due to be held In September has been cancelled, the reason for this was at the time of their decision and continues to be the case as of 3.09pm yesterday (20/8/2020), is that we are still restricted under Motorsport UK events in Scotland to running just 15 people from 5 households at a time in social bubbles that cannot be broke, this was unviable and with only 4 weeks till the event and the potential risk of last minute cancellation the NKF deemed it safest for their competitors and their series to ensure the calendar was fulfilled albeit at a different venue, we would have loved to have seen the event rescheduled later in the year but this wasn't possible for NKF.

As you would expect WSKC is in frequent liaison with Motorsport UK and Sport Scotland to see when we can take the next step, following yesterdays announcement from Nicola Sturgeon, Motorsport UK have confirmed as of 5pm yesterday they plan to meet today to discuss reviewing new guidance for running Motorsport UK events in Scotland, what they need however is finer detail from Sport Scotland on restrictions e.g. will the 5 households, 15 people social bubble plan that Sport Scotland accepted from Motorsport UK be relaxed completely going forward (ideally this would be the case for us).

It is likely the new plans of which are still to be written should be accepted in the next few weeks, however there is no guarantee but given the ability to organise live events subject to strict limits and various other relaxations due between now and the 14<sup>th</sup> September it is likely Motorsport UK events will be able to resume somewhat like they were in 2019 but with the COVID-19 restrictions Motorsport UK set out e.g. 1 entrant 2 supporting persons and face mask guidance etc..

On this basis while it would have been too late for the NKF to hold on hoping these plans be accepted, we believe going forward this should allow the Scottish Championships to run as planned in October as a Motorsport UK event.

We know some of you will be extremely disappointed by the NKF decision but please rest assured this cancellation was out with the control of WSKC and NKF.

We intend now to see out our Club Championship as IKR, learning from the mistakes of the August meeting but aiming to keep the same high standard you expect and know come from the Motorsport UK rulebooks.

The Club acknowledges the damage that COVID-19 has done to Karting North of the border in 2020, even more so than our sister clubs South of the border due to the differing laws North and South and now regionally with Councils able to implement local lockdowns and restrictions close venues/events and gatherings with support from the Police.

We seek your support in continuing to follow the COVID-19 rules in place, these are in-keeping with our sister clubs and guidance from Motorsport UK but as rules continue to change we will do our best to be proactive and adopt changes.

This being said we hope to welcome spectators back in September, due to renewed requirements they must supply track and trace information before being permitted entry at the gate and likely a cap on numbers, we will continue to work on best practices for increased people on-site, this means we will likely ask spectators attend only "certain area's" of the venue, e.g. Keeping out of the paddock to limit people in a busy area. We will liaise soon with Larkhall Circuit to see how we can all best facilitate allowing more of your friends, family, and future competitors in to spectate as soon as we can.

Some positive news is the Club has secured backing from all ASKC member clubs to run a Scottish GP plate meeting alongside the Club Championship in September which we hope you will support, this we hope will make up for some of the disappointment from the NKF being cancelled at Larkhall Circuit. Alongside this meeting is the Lee Jamieson Trophy which we hope to be presented on the day from the family of Lee Jamieson who we have also invited along to do some fundraising for the 'Live it for Lee' fund which raises funds for Bloodwise a charity that funds research into blood cancer, this is the most common cancer found in children and young people and one which sadly took Lee's life. So please bring your spare change jars and give what you can to a great cause.

Entries have now opened for Round 3 with the closing date for discounted entries being 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 8pm, after this time all entries will be treated as late entries as normal.

I also want to acknowledge I know we have and will continue to make mistakes, none of us are experts in event planning during pandemics, but I can reassure you we will review every mistake and aim to improve, the main focus is on safety and keeping the track open for you to use and when we can, organise competitive events that showcase the talent of WSKC members.

I hope this letter has kept you updated with the latest developments and hope to see you on the grid soon supporting Scottish Karting as it tries to recover from the damages of COVID-19.

Kind regards,

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