

Kart Driver Star Grading

Skills have to be acquired through experience

Entering, negotiating and exiting corners in a smooth line – in order to reduce the resistance to the kart – is essential. The cleaner a corner is negotiated, the smaller the loss of speed and power. The quality and skill to handle a kart professionally is what makes competitive kart racers and eventual winners!

In the interests of the safety of our drivers, MakoTrac has introduced a Star Grading system. This is according to the driver's skill and not by how many sessions completed or gain from other go kart track. Prior experience is helpful but can sometimes be a hindrance as different bran go karts and track have huge variables.

1 Star

No real requirement is needed to drive the 1 star kart other than a 5 minute safety briefing. This is the perfect entry level kart. To hold this licence successfully for future visits, drivers must complete at least one 8 minute session in a safe and controlled manner. For example, a driver may not be issued this licence if they; run off the track, cause an accident, hit other drivers, disobeying track rules.

Technique: Be smooth and keep to the good race line at 55km/h+.

Lap times: 26.5 seconds

2 Star

Requirements: to upgrade to 2 Star is at the discretion of Management and subject to a clean, faultless, appropriate speed and technique. This upgrade entitles the driver to use the 9.0hp karts. Due the extra straight line speed and softer tyres, a driver must show they can handle and control the accelerator in several corners, whilst maintaining control and speed.

Technique: keeping a good race line at more speed and using accelerator only to control speed

Lap Times: 25.00

3 Star

Requirements: to upgrade to 3 Star is at the discretion of Management and subject to a clean, faultless, appropriate speed and technique. This upgrade entitles the driver to use the 28hp karts.

Technique: keeping a good race line at more speed and using accelerator only to control speed, judging appropriate corner speed with the correct braking point.

Lap Times: 24.0