



## **Mid Atlantic Kart Enduro Series (“MAKES”) Official Rules** *[2017 v1 – updated January 12, 2017]*

### **1. TEAM DECLARATION**

The MAKES championship is for teams of drivers. A team is established by one person who is considered that team's Captain and point-of-contact for the season, although a Captain does not need to be a driver on the team. It is the Captain's responsibility to register each team correctly, to relay any and all related information to all team members, and to be responsible for the conduct of all team drivers and guests.

A team's name should be registered in the “additional comments” or “admin comments” or “transponder number” field when the Captain signs up for a race or series of races. A team's name should also be submitted the same way for all later registrations because season championship points are calculated by team name. Individual drivers on a team do not need to register separately and do not need to be the same drivers all season.

### **2. ENTRIES AND FEES**

The MAKES championship is organized and sanctioned by the National Auto Sport Association's Mid Atlantic Autocross Region. Our new website is <http://www.kartenduro.com> and our Facebook page is <http://www.facebook.com/kartenduro> . Pre-registration is required for all MAKES events and will take place through NASA. The MAKES races are listed on <http://www.kartenduro.com> and NASA's “Event Signup” page ( <http://www.nasaproracing.com/event> ) under “Mid Atlantic Autocross Region.” We will not be able to hold or save spots for captains or teams – registering online is how you guarantee your entry. At track registrations may be available if any team spots are still open, but it is not likely – these events have all typically filled up in advance. Entry fees for 2017 MAKES championship events will be \$250.00 per team per race.

### **3. REFUNDS/CREDITS**

Refunds or credits for later events will not be issued at any time unless the event is officially canceled or postponed in its entirety by the organizers, but substitutions are allowed at no additional charge. (This means if you are signed up for a race and cannot attend, you may sell your team's spot privately and therefore transfer it to another Captain – but this is 100% up to you, not up to the organizers.) Entries for a canceled or postponed event are automatically applied to the rescheduled race or the next series race scheduled at that venue. If a race is shortened due to weather or any safety-related reason, a partial credit may be issued accordingly but partial refunds will not be available. If a driver or team is punished or parked due to repeated unsafe or unsportsmanlike driving, there will definitely be no refunds whatsoever, even if the offending driver is not the one who paid for the team's entry.

#### **4. MINIMUM/MAXIMUM ENTRIES**

All MAKES championship teams shall consist of at least two (2) drivers. There is no maximum number of drivers allowed on a team. We will enforce a minimum number of pit stops at all events – usually 2 or 3 pit stops/driver changes, TBA - to try to make things more fair for the many 3- and 4-driver teams. Any team with more than 4 drivers participating will likely be at a competitive disadvantage due to extra pit stops. Sometimes all pit stops must be driver changes, also TBA.

To run a MAKES race at VIR Kart Track, we need a minimum of 8 registered teams but cannot have more than 12 teams in the race.

To run a MAKES race at Dominion Raceway Kart Track, we are not certain of minimum/maximum team numbers as of this rules release – please inquire.

Event cancellation or postponement for attendance reasons shall be decided and announced by no later than 6pm on the Friday prior to the event in question (i.e. at least 24 hours beforehand) but usually the Tuesday or Wednesday prior. Please check the page you registered from online for any late news.

We will typically generate a waiting list of 2 to 5 teams for each race. Waiting list teams should plan to be at the track and ready to go, but are not guaranteed a spot until at or just after the pre-race meetings.

#### **5. DRIVER ELIGIBILITY**

The MAKES championship is open to all adults age 18+ with a valid drivers license issued by any U.S. State. No prior experience or special training is required to participate in MAKES races. Drivers under age 18 may be allowed to participate with special approval, a minor waiver submitted, and a parent or legal guardian present at all times. Team Captains need to contact series director Jon Felton at least one week before the race in question if any team member is under 18 years of age. It is common for us to be able to clear drivers as young as 16 (sometimes younger) if arranged well in advance.

All MAKES participants are expected to behave in accordance with the highest standards of sportsmanship and fair competition at all times. Point-by signals are highly recommended. Bumping, blocking, and rough driving will not be tolerated and are grounds for various immediate penalties ranging from a warning to full team expulsion without refund, depending upon severity and repetition.

#### **6. EVENT SCHEDULES**

All 2017 MAKES championship races will be 120 minutes long into the darkness/under the lights. Posted times are the race times (i.e. 6:30pm-8:30pm) and do not include time for pre- and post-race activities. It is strongly suggested that all team members be on site no less than 60 minutes before the stated race start time. All participants must sign the appropriate insurance waivers at the track gates then again at the specific kart facilities as needed. Team Captains will also need to check in with officials upon arrival.

Mandatory pre-race meetings will typically take place between 30 and 45 minutes prior to the stated race start time. Any Captain who does not check in upon arrival and/or does not attend the mandatory pre-race meeting will forfeit his or her team's entry in said race – without refund or credit.

## **7. WEATHER**

Generally we will run the MAKES races “rain, shine, or cold.” We will not run in snow, ice, or thunderstorms. It is always our intention to run a full 120 minute race at each MAKES round as long as it can be done safely. We absolutely will run in rain if allowed, but this is entirely up to the kart facility management, not the MAKES organizers and officials. In cases of rain or storms passing through, it is likely that we will shut down only when lightning is in the area (for flagger/worker/staff safety of course) then continue once the weather has passed. It is entirely possible that our races may not end until 11pm or later, so please always be prepared for a longer visit than planned. This type of situation generally does not involve any entry fee refund or discount, since we can’t control the weather. If the race is actually shortened for whatever reason, a partial credit may be issued accordingly but partial refunds will not be available. The best way to get weather related cancellation or postponement updates is to call the kart tracks directly. **VIR Kart Track: 434-822-7700 extension 350; Dominion Raceway Kart Track 703-361-RACE or any other number on their website.**

## **8. DRIVER ATTIRE**

For MAKES races all drivers must wear, at a minimum:

- closed face helmet
- gloves
- closed toe shoes
- safety neck collar

Pants and long sleeve shirts are recommended but not required at VIR. Gloves, neck collar, head sock and helmets are available to borrow from the track at no additional cost.

## **9. RACE STARTS AND FINISHES**

There is no warmup or qualifying for MAKES races. Starting order is random and karts will be assigned to teams at the pre-race meetings. The facilities we use are typically open for arrive & drive sessions at their normal rates in the afternoons before our races, for teams/drivers seeking practice. Please contact them directly for more information.

Starts for all MAKES races shall be done as follows.

VIR Kart Track: Le Mans starts on front straightaway (drivers run across the track, hop in, and go) or standing starts on front straightaway or other location TBA (i.e. a 12 kart drag race)

Dominion Raceway Kart Track: tba as of this rules release, please inquire

Finishes for all MAKES races shall be done by a combination of electronic scoring and/or manual lap counting and/or visual confirmation of position at the line when the checkered flag is displayed. The team that has completed the furthest distance (i.e. the most laps) in the specified race time shall be declared the winner.

## **10. TROPHIES & CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS**

Trophies shall be issued at each race for the teams finishing in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. Trophies may also be issued after the end of the season for overall championship finishes depending on total number of races and turnout. Generally we need at least 4 championship races a year to declare a championship.

Unless otherwise announced as a fun race, all races count toward the championship. Points will be issued per race and calculated for the season as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> place team – 100 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> place team – 90 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> place team – 85 points;  
4<sup>th</sup> place team – 80 points; 5<sup>th</sup> place team – 75 points; 6<sup>th</sup> place team – 70 points;  
7<sup>th</sup> place team – 69 points; 8<sup>th</sup> place team – 68 points; 9<sup>th</sup> place team – 67 points;  
10<sup>th</sup> place team – 66 points; 11<sup>th</sup> place team – 65 points; 12<sup>th</sup> place team – 64 points; and so on.

In case of any "tie" for championship points after the final event of the season, the winner will be the team with the higher number of higher finishes. In case of a tie for number of higher finishes, the winner will be the team that entered a higher total number of championship events. In case of a tie for higher finishes and number of events entered, the winner will be the team that entered the earlier 2017 MAKES championship event by calendar date. In case of a tie for all three of those things, the winner will be whichever team & Captain were registered first in terms of calendar date.

## **11. ADDITIONAL RULES**

All additional rules for each MAKES race shall be emailed to team Captains the week beforehand, posted and linked from the event registration pages, and/or stated at the pre-race meetings. These may include, but not be limited to, the following: flags and their meanings, pit stops, driver changes, refueling, penalties for infractions, and more.

Anything announced at the pre-race meetings or by kart track staff and/or a MAKES or NASA official supersedes anything written here or posted in advance. On site/at events, kart track & related facility staff members have absolute authority over everyone else, especially when it comes to safety.

## **12. FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Please see <http://www.kartenduro.com> and <http://www.facebook.com/kartenduro>

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