Dirt Karting of Australia

QUAD BIKE POLICY

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Further reference: (link updated)

https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/industry/agriculture/quad-bikes

1. DEFINITIONS

In this Policy:

"Driver" refers to any person who holds a current 'AIDKA drivers licence' and who are present at an event and actively competing in the capacity as a driver (includes drivers who have nominated for the event whether or not actively participating for the entire event).

"Member of AIDKA" means:

(a) a person who, or body which, is a member of AIDKA or holds an AIDKA licence or membership, or

(b) a person who, or body which, is affiliated with AIDKA or

(c) a person who is a member of a body which is a member of or affiliated with AIDKA, and;

Includes a person taking part in or involved in or associated with (eg as a driver, entrant, competitor, team manager or crew member, official, medical or allied health practitioner) any sporting activity conducted, authorised or recognised by AIDKA.

"Quad Bike Operators" refers to any person who operates, drives or rides on any 4-wheel device used for push starting karts.

2. PURPOSE

AIDKA recognises that in the course of push starting karts it could become a health and safety hazard therefore we acknowledge that the use of quad bikes can be considered an appropriate risk saving measure. This policy has been developed in response to an increasing demand for control of the risks associated with the use of Quad Bikes to push start karts. By implementing a Quad Bike policy AIDKA is supporting the use of Quad Bikes but also controlling the risks associated with the use of them.

3. RESPONSIBLE PARTIES

Responsible parties under this Policy apply to:

(a) Quad Bike operators, and
(b) Stewards, Crews, Officials and
(c) Drivers.
(d) AIDKA Affiliated Clubs
(e) AIDKA Members

4. OBJECTIVES OF THE AIDKA QUAD BIKE POLICY

AIDKA aims to:

(a) Provide a safe environment to assist with the push starting of karts.

(b) Ensure that people who are operating Quad Bikes are trained, are a minimum age of 16 and are wearing helmets whilst under power.

(c) Ensure the push bars installed on the front of Quad Bikes for the purpose of push starting karts are installed in such a manner that the safety of drivers is protected.

(c) Ensure that AIDKA fulfils its duty of care to participants with in the sport to conduct events in the safest possible way.

5. QUAD BIKE REQUIREMENTS

Push bar: AIDKA requires that all push bars must conform to the following specifications.

(a) Must be secured to the front of the Quad Bike so as not to injure drivers.

(b) Must be of steel construction covered with either timber or rubber.

(c) Must be maximum of 150mm above ground height.

(d) The framework and/or push bar must be sufficient enough to eliminate front wheels riding over rear wheels of a kart. This must be a maximum of 150mm above ground clearance.

Flashing Light:

A Flashing light needs to be secured to the Quadbike so all drivers and Officials are able to see the location of the Quadbike whilst in use. This light is to be activated whilst push starting a kart.

Operator Protection Devices

'Quad Bike regulations were introduced in 2021. It is not compulsory for quad bikes already in use prior 11th October 2021.

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From 11 October 2021, the Consumer Goods (Quad Bikes) Safety Standard 2019 requires operator protection devices (OPDs) to be fitted to:

- new general use quad bikes
- imported second-hand general-use quad bikes.

If you buy a quad bike fitted with an OPD, you should not remove it. If you remove it, you must replace it with something that would provide equivalent or greater protection, such as another type of OPD.

6. QUAD BIKE USAGE:

There is to be NO RIDING of Quad Bikes within the pit confines whilst a race meeting is underway.

Any kart being started with the assistance of the Quad Bike must be ~~All karts are to be push~~ started on the track, NOT from the Outgrid.

Quad bikes are then to be parked ~~on the~~ in a safe protected area ~~Infield~~ of the race ~~track~~ arena prior to the commencement of the race, and not enter onto the race track whilst the race is in progress.

7. QUAD BIKE RIDERS

The following applies when using a quad bike at all times whilst on club premises

a) Riders must be a minimum of 16 years of age

b) Riders must be wearing a helmet at all times whilst under power

c) Riders must be wearing a hi vis vest at all times

d) Riders must hold a current AIDKA Licence or valid Casual Pit Pass

e) Riders must not ride in a manner that could be deemed to endanger themselves or others.

8. PENALTY

Failure of Quad Bike not complying with above rules or operator not obeying the above rules, then the bike is not to be used, and penalties may be imposed by the AIDKA Board.