

# 2026 SEASON



## GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>1</b>	<b>PKC Eligibility &amp; Attendance</b>
1.1	All competitors must be aged 14 or over to race in the PKC.
1.2	All competitors must sign-in and attend the event safety briefing at every round they compete in.
1.3	In 2026, a maximum of 10 competitors can compete in each weight class per event. Therefore competitors will be encouraged to secure their place on the grid prior to each event with a non-refundable deposit. A tiered entry process will be used to give priority to regular competitors.
<b>2</b>	<b>Cost</b>
2.1	Each round of the PKC will cost £50 per competitor.
2.2	Competitors must pay the PKC entry fee of £20 on or prior to their first round. This can be done in cash on the day or online beforehand.
2.3	If competing for the Teams Cup, a £20 entry fee per team is payable on or prior to their first round. Paid in cash on the day or online beforehand.
<b>3</b>	<b>Calendar</b>
3.1	Held every second Sunday of the month from April to November 2026.
3.2	The full 2026 calendar can be found on our website.
<b>4</b>	<b>Venue</b>
4.1	West Wales Karting in Haverfordwest will be the exclusive venue for the 2026 PKC.
<b>5</b>	<b>Equipment</b>
5.1	All race suits and helmets will be provided free of charge by the venue, although a small charge may apply for gloves and balaclavas.
5.2	Seat inserts are available at the venue and are issued on a first come, first served basis in the pits.
5.3	Competitors may use their own race attire and full face helmets, but must be approved by venue staff beforehand.
5.4	The karts used for the PKC will be the house fleet of the venue which will be benchmarked and thoroughly checked before each PKC round.
5.5	Competitors are not permitted to use onboard recording devices on their persons at PKC events such as go-pros or other body-worn cameras.
<b>6</b>	<b>Consent</b>
6.1	By competing in the PKC, competitors give their consent for any photographs taken of them to be used online, or for marketing material by the PKC or venue. If competitors do not wish to have their photos used, they must notify the PKC organiser in writing.
<b>7</b>	<b>Disclaimer</b>
7.1	The PKC reserves the right to alter or modify the rules including the event format, schedule or calendar during the season or at short notice. Where possible, we aim to notify competitors if this occurs.
<b>8</b>	<b>Safety</b>
8.1	Track rules will be given during the mandatory safety briefings and will be enforced by track staff during each PKC event.
8.2	The PKC brings together competitors with varying levels of experience. As such, all competitors must be aware and respectful of slower drivers.
8.3	Competitors must display good racing etiquette. This means the venue will not tolerate dangerous or aggressive driving such as; turning in deliberately on an overtaking driver, deliberate contact with other drivers or gaining an unfair advantage and not conceding the place. This list is not exhaustive.
8.4	West Wales Karting is a registered member of the National Karting Association (NKA) and have taken, under NKA guidance, reasonable precautions to ensure safety is maintained. Competitors are reminded that all forms of motorsport can be dangerous and by taking part in the PKC, you are present at your own risk.
<b>9</b>	<b>Championship Categories</b>
9.1	<b>PKC Championship</b> - All competitors will compete for the PKC Championship in their respective weight class; Lightweights, Middleweights or Heavyweights.
9.2	<b>Team Cup</b> - Two competitors from any weight class can join forces to compete in the Teams Cup. Please note, it is not mandatory to race in a team.
9.3	<b>Masters Cup</b> - Competitors aged 40 or over will be eligible to win the Masters Cup.
9.4	<b>Rookie Cup</b> - Competitors debuting in 2026 or who have never finished in the top 5 of previous PKC Championship's will be eligible to win the Rookie Cup.
9.5	<b>Drivers Cup</b> - Competitors who do not meet the criteria for the Rookie or Masters Cup, will be eligible to win the Drivers Cup.
9.6	The winners of the Masters, Rookie and Drivers Cups will be decided by a closed ballot at Round 7, with winners revealed at the end of the season. Only competitors present at Round 7 will be permitted to vote.
9.7	The following special event trophies will be available to win during the 2026 season: <b>Spring Cup:</b> Awarded to the winning Lightweight, Middleweight & Heavyweight competitors at Round 2. <b>Fastest Lap Challenge:</b> Awarded to the winner of our popular hot lap competition at Round 3. <b>Summer Cup:</b> Awarded to the winning Lightweight, Middleweight & Heavyweight competitors at Round 5. <b>Autumn Cup:</b> Awarded to the winning Lightweight, Middleweight & Heavyweight competitors at Round 7.
<b>10</b>	<b>Prizes</b>
10.1	The 2026 Champions of each weight class and Teams Cup will be invited to join us on our factory tour at the Red Bull Formula 1 team in December. Further details will be provided to those recipients closer to the time.
10.2	The PKC reserves the right to add, amend or remove prizes at any time during the season.
<b>11</b>	<b>Practice</b>
11.1	Whilst each PKC event will incorporate a brief practice session, competitors are encouraged to practice at their own discretion, although prior booking with West Wales Karting is always advisable.
11.2	A dedicated pre-season practice event will be held in March. Whilst not mandatory, those attending will get priority when entries open for Round 1.
<b>12</b>	<b>Penalties</b>
12.1	Venue staff and marshals are trained to NKA standards. As such, any decision they make will be informed and final.
12.2	If a competitor commits an offence, they risk being deducted points from that event, or if severe, disqualification.
12.3	Any racing infringement will result in a 3 point penalty. After receiving three consecutive 3 point penalties during the season, subsequent penalties issued will be increased to a 10 point penalty.
12.4	If an offence is deemed serious enough or believed to be strategically executed, we reserve the right to go straight to a 10 point penalty.
12.5	The PKC reserves the right to award any deducted points from an offending competitor to other competitors involved who may have lost out, but this will be done so on a case by case basis.
12.6	Compensation points may be awarded in the unlikely event of a kart failure not attributed to driver error, but will be done so on a case by case basis.

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## EVENT INFORMATION

### 13 Event Timetable

#### 13.1 16:00:

- On arrival, competitors must report to the PKC representative to sign in and be weighed.
- Competitors must then pay the venue staff for their entry before being allowed to redeem their practice laps.

#### 16:30:

- Competitors arriving after this time may be unable to race.
- Mandatory track and PKC safety briefing for all competitors in the upstairs briefing room.

### 14 Racing Format

14.1 Every competitor will take part in 4x 8 lap sprint races and 1x 30 lap feature race.

14.2 Grid positions for the sprint races will be decided by a pre-determined algorithm to ensure an even spread of grid positions. Efforts will be made to ensure competitors are not grouped in the immediate proximity with the same competitors during successive races.

14.3 Grid positions for the feature race will be a reverse grid determined by the total number of points earned in the sprint races i.e. the driver with the most points will start at the back of the grid and the driver with the least points will start on pole.

14.4 Competitors of each weight class will race separately from each other. The only exception to this rule will be where there are very low attendances. Should this happen the two smaller weight classes in attendance will be grouped together, but still scored independently from each other.

### 15 Weight

15.1 When being weighed, competitors do not need to wear or hold a race suit and helmet unless they are within 1kg of a weight threshold.

15.2 Weight limits will be declared for the season after the pre-season practice event in March..

15.3 Only the official PKC scales will be used to determine weight. Should they fail, a backup scales will be used.

15.4 If a competitor fluctuates between a weight class during the season, they will only score points for the class they qualify for at each event.

### 16 Points & Scoring

16.1 Competitors will score points in all races.

16.2 Sprint AND feature race point system: **1st: 12 points, 2nd: 11, 3rd: 10, - reducing by 1 all the way to 12th: 1.**

16.3 Competitors will also be awarded 1x point for each position gained in their feature race. To avoid abuse, this does not mean total number of overtakes, rather the difference between their finishing position and starting position.

16.4 The competitor in each weight class with the fastest overall sprint race lap will receive 1x point. Feature races are not included.

16.5 Competitors racing at each round will receive 1x 'attendance point' if they raced at the preceding round - applicable from round 2 onwards.

16.6 If a competitor does not finish a race for any reason other than a mechanical failure, they will receive 0 points.

16.7 If competitors are tied on points at the end of an event or championship, the position will be awarded to the competitor with the faster lap in the event or championship. If still tied, it will go to the number of wins, seconds thirds etc... in the event or championship.

16.8 Teams - Each member of the team will have their individual points added together to give the team points for the event.

### 17 Cut-Through

17.1 During the feature race, a cut-through will be positioned on the back straight and will allow competitors to bypass the middle sector of the track.

17.2 Each competitor will have 1x cut-through to use during the feature race but NOT on the first or last lap.

17.3 By using the cut-through, competitors can gain track advantage and points associated with that position.

17.4 Because of the cut-through, competitors fastest lap times in the feature race will not be recorded by the PKC. This includes when it is not being used.

17.5 Competitors must use the cut-through safely and responsibly or risk a penalty.

17.6 If the venue deems the track to be too wet, the cut-through will not be used. In this instance, no reverse grids will be applied to the feature race.

### 18 Reverse Track Layout

18.1 The reverse track layout will be used at selected rounds, but only if the venue deem that all competitors in attendance can race in a safe manner.

18.2 The venue reserves the right to withdraw the use of the reverse layout if the track conditions are deemed too wet and slippery.

### 19 Drop Round

19.1 The drop round means only the competitors top 7 scoring events will count towards their final championship standings, meaning competitors who wish to race the whole season have the flexibility to miss a round or write off a bad result with no ramifications.

19.2 Teams will not receive a drop round. Additionally, individual team mate drop round scores will not affect team standings.

19.3 To mitigate the effect of team mates potentially not being able to attend a round, teams will be permitted 2x substitute drivers per team. These drivers can either stand in for an absent team member at a round OR can replace a team member for the remaining rounds. In case of the latter, team points accumulated before the substitute driver joins will not be amended.

### 20 Power Round

20.1 Competitors will be asked to nominate a round during their registration where they receive double points at that chosen event.

20.2 Each competitors nominated power round is not revealed until after their nominated event.

20.3 The double points from the power round will be applied after the event and not during.

20.4 The double points from a power round will not change the outcome of an event. This means that a competitor can only get on the podium or win an event through their on-track performance.

20.5 Each team may nominate a team power round to the same rule as 20.4. Individual power round scores are also applied to the team.

20.6 If a competitor is unable to race at their nominated power round, they are permitted to nominate an alternative.

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