

## ***THE 5 W's of KARTING in SUDBURY***



**WHO:** The Sudbury Kart Club has a 4-cycle restricted Novice class 8-11 years of age, a Junior class 11-15 years of age, a Senior 4-cycle class 16+ years of age, and a Senior F-100 and Rotax 2-cycle class for ages 16+ years. We are always looking for volunteer members to help flag, corner marshal, score and look after pre and post technical inspections.

**WHAT:** The kart club is a group of people who organize kart races in the Greater City of Sudbury and the surrounding

areas. A racing karting is not a homemade machine with an old lawnmower engine attached to it. Racing karts are manufactured to technical and safety regulations enforced by CIK, which oversees the technical standards for karts and their manufacture. Engines used at the Sudbury Kart Club must also comply with ASN guidelines. We use Honda 4-cycle, Yamaha 100cc and Rotax 125cc 2-cycle engines (senior class only). By following these regulations we offer safe, competitive cost effective racing.

**WHERE:** Sudbury Kart Club members have access to the facilities at Sudbury Kartways Incorporated during specified times between May and October. The Executive Committee and club Volunteers provides orientation and instruction to ensure all new members understand and comply with the rules and safety regulations of the club. There is limited storage space for karts at Sudbury Kartways Inc. During practice and racing a paddock and grid area is designated near the batting cages with access to the track. There are scheduled races between May and October, which are sponsored by local businesses.

**WHEN:** Race karts are at no time allowed on the track with rental karts. Race days are on Sunday mornings from 7:30am until noon. Sudbury Kartways also allows shared use of the track on specified days for practice times. This means racing karts can practice during regular Sudbury Kartways business hours when no rental karts are on the track.

**WHY:** The present Executive of Sudbury Kart Club is dedicated our club and promoting kart racing to Northern Ontario. Karting is a very safe and inexpensive form of motorsport that is growing, not only in Ontario and Canada, but around the world. Karting is very much a family oriented sport that can provide children with a commitment to learn about all aspects of "karting" as well as sportsmanship and friendship. It also provides parents with a means of participating with their children in a sport that can be mutually satisfying. Every racer needs their pit crew behind them 100%! For the adult racer, it finally gives them a chance to actually participate in competitive motor sport for a reasonable cost with all the thrills of real racing! For all those people that already know, "It's an itch that just won't go away!"

**SAFTEY:** Is probably the number one question on most parent's minds. As soon as you mention racing, most people they think the worst. Compared to other types of racing Kart racing can be one of the safest types of competitive sports available to the public. Our club is affiliated with ASN which means that our events run under a well defined set of rules which incorporate safety and technical regulations. All events must have an emergency preparedness plan, which includes onsite medical staff, and event insurance that is obtained through the ASN. The ASN organization has many years of karting and auto racing behind them with a proven track record safe racing at all levels of motorsport.

**RACE:** Karts unlike other motor vehicles you may purchase, are to be used in a controlled environment where rules and regulations must be followed. Not only can it sustain a child or adult with the need to "go fast", it can also relieve family members concern of "where are they?" because your likely going to be there watching and helping them.

**COST:** Another big question is how much? Karting compared to many other types of sports can be relatively inexpensive. Compared to motor sports it is definitely the least expensive. Four-cycle karts vary in cost from \$1500.00 used to \$4500.00 for a new and complete package. Club membership fees as well as race entry fees are determined by the club and are evaluated each year. The club is a registered not-for-profit organization and is dedicated to its membership and the promotion of the sport in Northern Ontario.