



2019 Pacific NW Karting Challenge Race Rules



Hello drivers of the 2019 Pacific NW Karting Challenge and Seattle Children's Hospital supporters,

Thank you very much for your participation in this event. It is our goal that the Karting Challenge will continue to be a fun and challenging forum for supporting Seattle Children's for many years to come. As race day approaches, we wanted to get everyone up to speed on the rules and guidelines for this year's race.

Keep in mind that we are catering this event to the new driver as well as the veteran...this is a wonderful fundraising event for families, friends, businesses or other Seattle Children's Hospital guilds. With that in mind...

New This Year!

More winners means more fun, right? To encourage participation by newer drivers, this year we will split the teams into two categories: Pro and Pro/Am. All the teams will race at the same time, but at the finish, we will award trophies to the top 3 Pro teams as well as the top 3 Pro/Am teams.

Registration and Fundraising Goals

Each team is required to:

- Submit a Registration Form
- Pay a \$250 registration fee (this pays for use of the track, staffing, your team's kart, and safety equipment)
- Have **four qualified team drivers**. In addition, we strongly encourage you to name an alternate driver in case one of your team members cannot make the race.

The race is limited to the first 25 teams that register and pay their registration fee, so don't delay. Mail your team registration and \$250 registration fee to:

**PNW Karting Challenge
C/O Bill O'Hargan
14934 NE 147th Ct.
Woodinville, WA 98072**

...please be sure the check is made out to the **Team Seattle Guild**.

Team drivers' names need to be either included on the registration form or emailed to Larry and Elna Duffield, at L.Duffield@comcast.net no later than June 9. Each team is also required to donate a minimum of \$800 for Seattle Children's, and we encourage your team to set an even higher goal of \$2,500...after all, it's all for the kids!

Fundraising

Teams will want to set up their online fundraising account as soon as possible, especially if we announce a matching sponsor. You may mail any cash (Please convert to a check & include donors name & address) or check donations (again, made out to **Team Seattle Guild**) to Bill O'Hargan (address above) ASAP – but no later than June 8, 2019, in order to be counted in overall fundraising totals. Cash and checks received after June 8 should be brought to check-in on the day of the race.

To set up your online Mighty Cause donation page, go to:

www.mightycause.com/event/2019pacificnwkartingchallenge and follow the online and/or attached directions. If you have problems, please contact Kami Sutton-Hieronymus at (425) 330-7619 or nascarcutiepie@yahoo.com.

This is an **INCREDIBLE** opportunity, and you don't want to miss out! Start collecting your team donations now with cash, check and/or through our group online fundraising page. Cash and check donations should be submitted as they are received (Please make sure they are made out to **Team Seattle Guild**) so we can track your team's fundraising totals for any matching funds. If any of your team's donations are eligible for a corporate match, proof of the match being granted must be sent to us for it to qualify in your overall total ...this can be emailed to Bill at wtohargan@comcast.net or to Elna Duffield at L.Duffield@comcast.net.

As an added incentive, the starting grid will be based upon each team's fundraising total as of 5:45pm the night of the race – the team with the highest amount raised will earn the pole position, the second highest will start outside pole, etc.

Race Schedule

The Kart Race Challenge will take place at the PGP Motorsports Park Karting Facility – 31003 144th Ave. / Kent, WA 98042 - at Pacific Raceways. As you enter down the main road onto the Pacific Raceway property, it is the asphalt track below on the right. When you get to the "T", just hang a right to enter the facility.

The race will be held on Friday, June 14th RAIN OR SHINE!!!!

Prior to 4:00pm – All drivers must be qualified or your team will not be allowed to race.

(Questions regarding qualifying should be directed to PGP: 253-639-RACE (7223) or scott@pacificgp.com.)

4:00pm-5:45pm	Registration and last chance to turn in cash and checks
5:45pm-6:30pm	Drivers meeting - All drivers must attend this meeting. Kart assignments.
6:30pm	GREEN FLAG - Race starts (there is no practice, more on that later)
8:30pm	CHECKERED FLAG
8:45pm	Awards ceremony

Food & beverages will available from the Kent AM Kiwanis stand from **4:00pm – 8:30pm.**

Spread the word! Invite family, friends, co-workers, and fellow guild members to come and cheer your team on. Feel free to bring in food and beverages of your own, or if desired, the Kent AM Kiwanis will be serving hotdogs, beverages and snacks for \$8.50. All drivers and the Team Contact will receive a voucher for a free meal.

Take time to mingle, eat, get to know your fellow racers, and do some bench racing prior to the event. There is plenty of room for spectators around the south end of the track and towards the back of the paddock area. We leave the fence area and the area fronting the "hot pits" for the teams. **Many of the teams bring their own pop-up race tents, team banners, etc., to set up in the race paddock area...it looks great! We encourage teams to create their own headquarters for this year's race as well.**

Here is our vision, rules, etc.:

- Registrations need to be submitted prior to the event - **no later than June 9** (the earlier the better) and are limited to the first 25 registered teams. Please see the Registration and Fundraising section above.
- First and foremost, this is going to be fun **and safe**. There are no Formula 1 contracts up for grabs at the end of this event. We expect good, clean, side-by-side racing. Remember, this is a **2-HOUR** race. You won't win it in the first corner, but you can certainly lose it there. We will have a wide variety of driver expertise out there so remember, you may be racing with someone fairly new to the sport or a seasoned pro!
- Drivers must wear closed-toe shoes when in the kart (No flip flops, high heels, Birkenstocks, etc.).
- For our long-haired drivers, we ask that you tie your hair up close to or inside your helmet.
- If you have a Full-Face DOT or Snell helmet, or DOT approved motocross helmet with goggles, we ask that you bring it. We have helmets and some coveralls available for people to use at no extra cost, we just don't have 100 of every size available. No 3/4 or half helmets are permitted.
- Teams are encouraged to have team shirts – these can simply be: matching brightly colored t-shirts; your company's, club's or guild's logo shirts; or custom printed t-shirts. Use your imagination and build on that team spirit!

- Drivers must be a minimum of 15-years-old, and at least 5' tall, and may race for one team only.
 - Any Drivers under age 18 must have a parent or LEGAL guardian present at the track in order to sign the waiver. (Drivers may be required to show I.D. for proof of age.)
- Pro/Am Teams:
 - Pro/Am teams are meant to encourage recreational karters, or non-karters, to participate.
 - Each team must have four qualified drivers, and each driver must complete at least ten race laps.
 - Pro/Am teams are limited to a maximum of one "Pro" driver (i.e. the team may be made up of one Pro and three Amateurs or four Amateurs).
- Pro Teams:
 - Pro teams may include two, three or four "Pro" drivers; the balance of the four required drivers to be made up of Amateurs as needed (i.e. 2 Pros and 2 Amateurs, 3 Pros and 1 Amateur, or 4 Pros)
 - Each team must have four qualified drivers and each driver must complete at least ten race laps.
- "Pro" Drivers – Applies to all "Pro" drivers on both Pro and Pro/Am teams:
 - A "Pro" driver is anyone who has extensive karting and/or racing experience; has competed in more than four League, Enduro or 4 Stroke races at PGP (Or, comparable track) over the last 12 months; or anyone who holds, or has held, a competition driving license (past or present). You know who you are!
 - Each "Pro" driver must weigh a minimum 190 lb. with helmet and race gear. Ballast weight will be available to bring lighter drivers up to the minimum, closing the gap between the lighter and heavy drivers. (There is no minimum weight for Amateur drivers.)

Qualifying

- **Drivers must also "qualify" for the event**. This is strictly a safety issue; we can't have people driving too slowly or dangerously. This can be done one of several ways:
 - Driver's from last year's challenge are grandfathered and do not need to re-qualify.
 - Hold a valid competitor license in any sanctioned motorsports event / series (SCCA, Karting, SOVREN, etc.).
 - Come out to a practice day or kart race day and drive within 115% of an established time for a given track configuration.
 - Compete in one of the "4 wheeled" racing disciplines at PGP and show a level of driving competence/safety.
- Qualifying must be completed by 4:00pm, June 14, 2019. **Please contact the track to schedule your qualifying session – Special practicing deals are available for our teams (See below.)**

253-639-RACE (7223).

- **Please notify track personnel when you come out that you are working to qualify for the Seattle Children's Hospital Karting Challenge.** If you have achieved the objective, be sure to notify the track personnel in the office so they can log it into the computer.
- If you are a current racing license holder, be sure to email your credentials to Elna (L.Duffield@comcast.net) or bring them to the race so you are allowed to compete. The number one priority is safety; we are doing this to help insure good, safe racing for everyone involved.

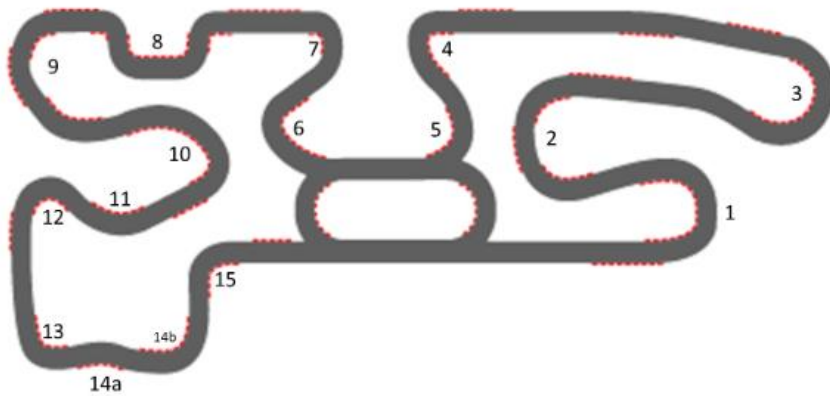
Practice

- There is no "organized" practice for this race. Even if you have a racing license, we recommend all drivers get out and turn some practice laps. As many drivers figured out last year, these karts don't handle at all like a car, especially in the wet. Those who came out and did 2-3 practice sessions found themselves to be at an incredible advantage over those who hadn't.
- This race will go on rain or shine, so we highly encourage you to practice at least once on a wet track. This isn't at all like racing a car in the rain - THIS IS FUN!!! In fact, many prefer to drive these karts when the track is wet.
- **PGP is offering us a special \$26 rate for all sessions** (Usually the first session is \$37). Please check www.pacificgp.com for hours and call (253) 639-RACE (7223) for daily event schedules. Often, groups will rent the facility for a couple of hours or a whole day. So, call to verify that rentals are available. We recommend 15-30 minutes between practice sessions to let your hands / arms rest. (Yes, they do get tired.)

The Karts

These are Italian built, Birel N35 race karts. They use a 4-stroke, 9hp, Honda motor. Top speed is approximately 50mph. No shifting is involved, just step on the gas with your right foot to go and brake with the left foot to slow/stop. The seats, as well as, the gas and brake pedals are adjustable to fit different height drivers. These Karts were specifically developed to cater to the first time driver while providing a rewarding driving experience to the seasoned racer.

The Track



PGP Motorsport Park – Full Track

The race track consists of 15 turns on a .82 mile road course. The track has plenty of room to race as it is 30' wide on the main straight. The “south side” of the course is where you will reach maximum speed on the two long straightaways. The “north side” of the course is where the track gets technical. We will be running the full-track configuration in the forward direction (counter clockwise) on race day. The track and karts are equipped with transponders to keep track of lap times and the number of laps completed. An average lap time on a dry day is 80 to 90 second.

The Race

The starting grid will be based upon each team’s fundraising total as of 5:45pm the night of the race – the team with the highest amount raised will earn the pole position, the second highest will start outside pole, etc.

Once the green flag drops, it will be 2 hours later before the checkered flag flies. There are 25 teams and 1 driver from each team will be on the track at a time. That’s 25 karts on the track at the same time. There will be a “hot pit” lane set up where drivers will bring in the karts for driver changes, and any necessary refueling/kart adjustments.

- Each team is required to have 4 qualified drivers and a minimum of 3 driver changes.
- Each of the 4 drivers must complete at least ten race laps around the track.
- Each driver change will be timed and requires the kart to be in the pits for a minimum of 90 seconds. (We don’t want people speeding and rushing in the pits. People are all around the “hot pit” area, and we don’t want anybody getting hurt because of a team being in too big of a hurry.)
- Take your time. Drive in the hot pits at a walking pace. Slowly get out of the kart. Take your time getting into the kart. Adjust the pedals as necessary. Make sure your helmet strap is fastened and your eye protection is in place.
- THEN, after the kart has been in the pits for 90 seconds, you will be released to go racing again.

Hopefully, we have covered everything, but if you have questions, don’t hesitate to give us a call or shoot us an email.

So...let’s drop the green flag and “go” for Seattle Children’s!

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