



Zone 7 Dirt Karting Club

Constitution

2023

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1. NAME

The Club hereby constituted will be called the ZONE 7 DIRT KARTING Club, and hereinafter referred to as the “Club”

2. HEADQUARTERS

The Headquarters of the Club will be situated at Zone 7, Farm 153, c/o N7 and Van Schoorsdrift, Cape Farms, Cape Town.

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 “EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE” will consist of a Promoter, Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary/Treasury, Technical Director, Assistant Technical Director, Head of Media / Social and Head of Marketing. The Chairman may add any other members he/she feels are required to assist.
- 3.2 “MEMBER” will mean any person who, according to the books and records of the Club is a paid-up member, or has the option to renew his/her membership as detailed herein.
- 3.3 “PROMOTER” Johann Spies, who OWNS Zone 7, and the Zone 7 Dirt Karting Club, will all times have the final decision regarding all aspects of the Club.
- 3.4 Executive Committee members will qualify for exemption in paying of any membership fees for the duration that they serve the Club and will carry full rights as if a paid-up member.

4. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Zone 7 Dirt Karting will be to:

- 4.1 Provide a sport that the whole family can enjoy. Participants range between the ages of 5 and 100 (If you feel fit enough). At first glance the sport of Dirt Kart Racing can appear overwhelming, with all its classes and rules, but once members are involved, the love for the sport increases.
- 4.2 To promote dirt kart racing within the area of the Western Cape by determining rules for racing, the construction of a Go-Kart and the organization of a series of races on its home circuit in order that a Club champion may be determined.
- 4.3 Enhance and uplift the image and reputation of Dirt Kart racing within the greater motorsport fraternity and the public in general.
- 4.4 Engage in social activities amongst each other.

5. COMMITTEE

Zone 7 Committee is made up of voluntary candidates that all have the same focus and drive regarding the growth of the sport.

- 5.1. The Zone 7 Dirt Karting Club is owned by the Promoter Johann Spies. The Promoter has the final decision regarding all aspects of the Club.

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- 5.2. The Club will be run by the Executive Committee, consisting of a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary/Treasury, Promoter, Technical Director, Assistant Technical Director, Head of Media / Social and Head of Marketing. The Chairman may add any other members he/she feels are required to assist.
- 5.3. Executive Committee members are required to stand for a minimum of 1 year, failing to do so and resignation prior to the period being fulfilled may result in a fine.
- 5.4. Should a Committee member resign, a new member may be requested to fill this position?
- 5.5. At the end of the term, should a Chairman step down, the Chairman and the Promoter shall choose a new Chairman for the following racing season.

The committee can change throughout the year and the latest version with contact details is available from the website www.zone7.co.za or the club secretary admin@zone7.co.za.

Promoter / Track Owner	Johann Spies
Chairman	Johan van Zyl (Oom Tonkies)
Vice Chairman	Mark Conyers
Secretary / Treasurer	Yolande le Roux
Technical Director	Marcel van Nieuwholtz
Assistant Technical Director	Wikus van Nieuwholtz
Social Media	Laetitia Kennedy
Marketing	Kosie Rabe
Rules & New Development & Assistant Technical	Jacques Crouse
Chief Marshall	Nico Stipp

6. DUTIES, RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

- 6.1 The Executive Committee must meet at least once a month.
The chairperson will act as the chairperson of the meeting. If the chairperson does not / cannot attend a meeting, the Vice Chairman will chair the meeting. If both chairperson and vice chairman cannot attend the meeting, the meeting will be rescheduled.
- 6.2 Minutes will be taken at every meeting, by the secretary, to record the Committee's decision.
- 6.3 The Committee shall:
 - 6.3.1 Use their collective efforts and abilities and strive to reach the objectives of the Club as set out in this constitution
 - 6.3.2 may co-opt any number of subcommittees to assist them in the discharge of their duties.
 - 6.3.3 The Committee will be the controllers of the Club's championship for driving members in respect of the classes which they in their absolute discretion may deem appropriate.
 - 6.3.4 They will have the authority to make driving and construction rule changes. No rule changes will be allowed during the season unless it is done for safety reasons.

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- 6.4 Have the sole right to discipline any member for an infringement of this constitution.
- 6.5 Be entitled to nominate the officials for all racing events.
- 6.6 The chairman or race organizer as appointed by the chairman will be in charge of every race event.

7. MEMBERSHIPS

- 7.1 Eligibility of membership
- 7.2 There will be no discrimination against any member or prospective member on the basis of race, language, sex, religion, colour or creed. However, right of admission is reserved by Zone 7, the promoter and Club Committee.
- 7.3 Membership will be granted to new and renewed members on an annual basis, subject to completion of a membership form, approval by the committee, and upon payment of the membership fee as determined herein.
- 7.4 A competitor is allowed to be a member at any club and ride as a visitor at Zone 7 or take-out dual membership.
- 7.5 Members who take Dual Memberships, will be required to race at their home Club in the event that both clubs' race on the same day.
- 7.6 Parental Membership must be taken out by one Parent / Guardian of a Driver under the age of 18.
- 7.7 The 2022- 2023 Year will run from September 2022 to July 2023.

8. RIGHTS OF A MEMBER

- 8.1. to make use of the facilities offered by Zone 7 Sports Ground, Promoter (Johann Spies)
- 8.2. Every member will:
 - 8.2.1. Be issued with a copy of the Club Constitution and Rule book
 - 8.2.2. By Signing of the membership application form serves as acknowledgement of having read and accepting the contents of the Constitution and Rule book and an undertaking to abide thereby.
- 8.3. Have the right to wear any apparel identifying him or her as a member of the Club.

9. CLUB FEES

9.1. MEMBERSHIP PRICING GUIDE: August 2023 to December 2023

First Member	R	200
Second family Member	R	150
Third Family Member	R	130
Parental / Guardian Member	R	Free

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9.2. RACE ENTRY FEE 2023:

First Member	R	80.00
Second family Member	R	80.00
Third Family Member	R	80.00
Day Entry – NON-Club Members	R	200.00
Gate Entry Adults	R	50.00
Gate Fees children 6 to 12	R	30.00

All entries will pay gate fees which will form part as their race fee. This must be proven that entry was paid at the gate, otherwise an additional R 50.00 fee will be charged. This includes the Mechanic entry fee.

Mechanics / Pitmac

- Competitor plus 1 Mechanic.
- Mechanics / pitmac's are the responsibility of the driver / competitor. Any violation of any rule, by a mechanic / pitmac, will result in the driver facing disciplinary action.
- No mechanic/pitmac is allowed on the track whilst racing is still live, without the consent of the Clerk of the Course.
- Once the race has ended, and the pit gate opened, a mechanic / pitmac may enter the track, but only to assist with the removal of a kart from the circuit.

9.3. SPECTATORS FEE:

Adults	R	50.00
Kids under 12 and over 6	R	30.00

The Promoter has the right to amend these values as he may deem appropriate, at any time.

Right of admission is reserved by the land owner as well as the Club Committee.

10. CONDUCT OF A MEMBER

This is to be read in conjunction with GENERAL RULES of the 2023 Zone 7 Dirt Karting Rule Book.

Upon successful application for membership to ZONE 7 DIRT KARTING THE CLUB, the member agrees to abide by all rules in the Rulebook and herein.

Members are to ensure that ZONE 7 DIRT KARTING is a club where good harmony and respect amongst its members prevails. To protect the club's good public image.

10.1. Members should:

- 10.1.1. ZONE 7 DIRT KARTING members must be punctual at meetings, scrutineering and race events.
- 10.1.2. Have mutual respect between competitors, their pit crew and family members and officials of ZONE 7 DIRT KARTING.

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- 10.1.3. When attending as a spectator at any event, ZONE 7 DIRT KARTING members are required to act as ambassadors, and are to conduct themselves accordingly, failing to do so, a member will be held liable for his/her actions.
 - 10.1.4. Refrain from negative talk about any club. Other Associations and clubs are therefore to be treated with respect at all times.
 - 10.1.5. Remember all members, official and management are held responsible for the behaviour of their crew, family or team members.
- 10.2. No member may:
- 10.2.1. Be involved in any scheme or arrangement for admission to any function, meeting or racing event without payment of the prescribed entry fee.
 - 10.2.2. Consume alcohol or any mind-altering substance whilst he or she is involved in racing until the end of the race meeting.
 - 10.2.3. Will not consume alcohol whilst in racing attire.
 - 10.2.4. Drivers will be responsible for the behaviour of their pit crew. All members will be responsible for their family member's conduct that will conform to the contents of this constitution.
 - 10.2.5. Any contravention of this sub-section by any driver's crew and pit members, or family members of a driver or any member will be deemed to be a contravention by the driver/member himself.
 - 10.2.6. Behave in a manner which may bring the Club in particular and /or dirt karting in general into disrepute.
 - 10.2.7. Use bad, unacceptable or defamatory language at any meeting of the Club.
 - 10.2.8. Become involved in fisticuffs or any type of fighting at any meeting, race event or social function of the Club, whilst at the club or at as a visiting driver at another club.
 - 10.2.9. While wearing any form of insignia connected with the Club, be in contravention of this constitution or items specified in the Rule book.

11. DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND PENALTIES

- 11.1. The sole right to discipline any member for any infringement of this constitution or any items of the rule book hereof will lie with the Zone 7 Dirt Karting Committee and/or Disciplinary Committee, or Subcommittee nominated by the Committee.
- 11.2. Any complaint against any member must be in writing and emailed to admin@zone7.co.za . Collective complaints will not be accepted.
- 11.3. The complaint must be lodge within 7 working days of the incident. If the infringement took place at another venue the Committee can extend the timeframe in which the complaint must be lodge.
- 11.4. The Committee may of its own accord investigate, or cause to be investigated, any complaint against any member
- 11.5. The Committee may summons any member to appear before it for the purpose of a disciplinary hearing, which hearing may be held at such time, date and place as the Committee may indicate.
- 11.6. All driving offences by any driver at club level will be dealt with by the race controllers.
- 11.7. All other offences will be dealt with by the Committee and Disciplinary Committee (if nominated).

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The following guide lines will be used by the Committee.

Offences:

- Swearing at any other person including other drivers, pit crew, sponsors, Officials and members of public.
- Verbal Abuse including threatening of another competitor.
- Physical Altercations.
- Abuse on social media including bad mouthing of any other competitor, member or the club.
- Racism & Sexism.
- Misconduct in pits including reckless driving and wheel spinning.
- In the case of an offence by family members of the driver/members the committee will take the circumstances regarding the incident into account.

11.8. The Committee may impose any or more of the following penalties, without a hearing:

- A reprimand
- An order for the restitution of damage
- A fine
- Suspension from racing activities
- A temporary or permanent suspension of membership
- Any of the above may be suspended on such terms as the Committee may deem appropriate.

11.9. Disciplinary hearing procedure

Should the Committee determine a hearing is required:

11.9.1. The Secretary will send a written notification to all involved.

- Notification will include
Date, time, and venue (where the hearing will take place)
- Charges / complaint against the perpetrator.
- Inform parties if witnesses can be present. If allowed, the perpetrator must inform the Secretary and give details of witnesses.

11.9.2. The Secretary will inform all parties of outcome.

11.9.3. Outcome will be an agenda point at the next club meeting.

12. MEETINGS OF THE CLUB

12.1. Meetings will be held on a Thursday before a race event. A reminder may be sent on the Whats-App groups.

12.2. Minutes will be recorded by the Club secretary.

12.3. Parents of minors (under 18 years) are permitted attend and sign in on behalf of the minor. No other member is allowed to sign in on behalf of another member for meetings. A penalty will be invoked on both members who are caught signing for one another.

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13. GRIEVANCE

All grievances shall be submitted by a bona fide (legal) member of the Club. This must be submitted in writing either by email or an incident report. No collective Grievance will be accepted.

13.1 Protests will be sorted on the day with the Clerk of the Course. Certain racing related incidents/grievances may be resolved on the day by the Complaints officer and investigator and team.

13.2 INCIDENT REPORT

13.2.1. This form is for members wanting to raise concerns or issues that they feel the Committee should address, regarding a member's behaviour, the running's of an event, or anything they are unhappy about.

13.2.2. An incident report may be lodged on a race day, but will not be attended to.

13.2.3. An incident report does not ensure a reply or action, it is merely submitted as an inquiry.

13.3. All grievances can be emailed to admin@zone7.co.za, whereby the Secretary will print and have the issue addressed at the next committee meeting. Members are reminded that Committee meetings happen once a month, so patience in reply would be appreciated.

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