

# How To Get Started in Karting in NZ

## **Join a Club**

Before you can race or practice on an affiliated Club track you must be a financial member of that Club.

Most Clubs have various classes of membership such as single racing, family, junior and social.

Membership rates do vary for each type of Class and from Club to Club. So contact your local club directly.

Membership is usually on an annual basis and entitles you to use the Clubs facilities, receive newsletters and attend meetings etc.

## **Competition Licence**

As a competitor you must hold a KartSport New Zealand Competition Licence before taking part in any competition. Two types of competition licence are available.

- ONE DAY LICENCE
- FULL KartSport New Zealand LICENCE

## **Practice**

It is always a good idea to get in some practice laps before going to your first race meeting.

Most Clubs tracks can be hired during the week and on weekends to Club members.

There may be a small charge for the use of the track and you should always have another person with you who is capable of driving a motor vehicle should any accident occur. Remember some Clubs don't allow you to let other people use the track when you have a track key. You will be held responsible if you let anyone else in and damage occurs.

All the required safety equipment must be worn and all rules are to be followed.

If possible get an experienced karter to go along with you or ask advice from others who may be practicing as well as this will be the quickest and easiest way to learn.

## **Classes to compete in**

- JUNIOR CLASSES  
(6 to 17 years of age)
- SENIOR CLASSES  
(15 years and over)
- ROAD RACE CLASSES  
(15 years and over)
- NON CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES  
(Club day and open meetings only)
- SPRINT NON CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES
- ROAD RACE NON CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES
- SPRINT EXPERIMENTAL CLASSES

## **How much will a kart cost me ?**

Costs depend on whether you purchase new or second hand.

Purchasing new you can expect to pay around \$3000 to \$3500 for a chassis.

You will also need to purchase safety equipment (helmet, race suit, gloves etc) which will be between \$500 and \$1500 depending on what cost you place on your safety.

In addition you will require accessories such as wet weather tyres, spare sprockets, tools etc which may add to the initial cost.

Purchasing second hand is cheaper but you must be careful about what you are buying.

The kart and engine must be legal to the KartSport New Zealand rules and you should always check the chassis for cracks or previous welding repairs.

A good second hand setup could cost you between \$2500 and \$4000 depending on what additional equipment may come with it.

## **For further information**

Contact your local Kart Club

Or

[www.kartsport.org.nz](http://www.kartsport.org.nz)