



Alain RACEWAY

AL AIN RACEWAY'S RAMADAN ENDURANCE CHALLENGE 2017

SERIES SPORTING REGULATIONS
VERSION 04.2017

The final text of these Sporting Regulations shall be the English version which will be used should any dispute arise as to their interpretation. Headings in this document are for ease of reference only and do not form part of the regulations.

1 – GENERAL SERIES INFORMATION:

The 'RAMADAN ENDURANCE CHALLENGE' shall be run in accordance with the operational guidelines set in place by Al Ain Raceway International Kart Circuit.

1.1 – ORGANISERS / PROMOTERS:

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1.2 - DATES / EVENTS:

Round 1: Friday 02 June 2017
Round 2: Friday 09 June 2017
Round 3: Friday 16 June 2017
Round 4: Friday 23 June 2017

1.2.1 – PROVISIONAL RACE SERIES SCHEDULE:

21:30 hrs - Team Arrival and Registration
22:00 hrs - Driver's Safety Briefing(s)
22:35 hrs - Practice / Qualifying (5 minutes per driver)
23:00 hrs - 2 Hour Race
01:10 hrs - Awards presentation

The organisers reserve the right to alter the time schedule at any time.
Confirmed entrants will be immediately notified of any necessary amendments.

- CORPORATE EVENTS
- PRIVATE EVENTS
- ARRIVE AND DRIVE
- JUNIOR RACING
- RACE SCHOOL
- PRIVATE TUITION
- EVENT MANAGEMENT
- CONFERENCING
- RESTAURANT
- KART SHOP
- ARKS TESTING
- ACCESSORIES
- SERVICE CENTRE
- CONSULTANCY

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1.3 - ENTRIES:

1.3.1 – How to enter:

All enquiries concerning the 'RAMADAN ENDURANCE CHALLENGE' can be made to Al Ain Raceway's Sales Team using the contact details given in 1.1.

Team name, driver names and Team Captain will need to be indicated on the Team Entry Form when booking.

1.3.2 – Deadlines:

'Early Bird Series' entries should be received no later than Friday 26th May 2017 (7 days before) Round 1.

'Series' entries should be received up to & including Round 1 (Friday 02nd June 2017)

'Round' entries should be received no later than 7 days before race meeting.

1.3.3 - Receipt:

Any entry not accompanied by the correct fee and Team Entry Form shall be null and void.

1.3.4 - Restriction:

A maximum number of teams apply. Entry will be accepted on a first come first served basis in the order of receipt of the entries.

20 TEAMS – 390 CC KARTS

1.3.5 - Fees:

Pricing is detailed below on advanced bookings for both the complete series (4 Rounds) and also individual Rounds.

EARLY BIRD SERIES PAYMENT: Advance Team Entry for 'Series' entries (4 Rounds) ^#

AED 2,400 for series (saving AED 1,200)

^ Early Bird Series payment must be made before **Friday 26th of May 2017.**

SERIES PAYMENT: Advance Team Entry for 'Series' entries (4 Rounds) *#

AED 2,800 for series (saving AED 800)

* Series' payment can be made up to & including the Round 1 of the "RAMADAN ENDURANCE CHALLENGE".

ROUND PAYMENT: Advance Team Entry for 'Round' entries +#

AED 800 per round (saving AED 100 per round)

+ 'Round' payments must be made 7 days before each race meeting.

LATE ENTRY / PAY ON ARRIVAL:

Should Al Ain Raceway accept your Team Entry for individual races after the deadline, or on the race day, the fee per team will be AED 900 per round.

Subject to availability.

1.3.6. – Payments:

The following payment methods are available:

Cash	In person at the Al Ain Raceway reception or at any ADIB branch. See "Bank Transfer" and ADIB bank account details below.
Company cheque	Made payable to "Al Ain Raceway" to be received no later than Entry Deadline (see 1.3.2).
Personal cheque	Made payable to "Al Ain Raceway" must be cleared by Entry Deadline (see 1.3.2)
Bank transfer	Proof of transfer must be received no later than the Entry Deadline. Details of ADIB bank account for Al Ain Raceway can be found below.

Bank	Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank
Branch	Al Mina
Account name	Al Ain Raceway
Bank Address	Al Bateen Main Branch, Abu Dhabi, UAE.
IBAN #	AE-13-050-0000 0000 12919752
BIC/SWIFT CODE	ABDIAEAD

2 – RACE SERIES FORMAT:

Each Round of the 'RAMADAN ENDURANCE CHALLENGE' consists of:

- Team Arrival, Registration and Weighing
- Kart allocation draw
- Driver's Briefing(s)
- Qualifying / Practice
- Race Briefing and Outside Demonstration
- 2 hour race
- Award presentation

2.1 – REGISTRATION:

Driver registration will commence at the beginning of the event at the time stipulated in the event schedule. Each driver is required to complete and sign a Registration Form.

Drivers without their own race suit will be issued with one courtesy of Al Ain Raceway (this must be returned after use).

Any driver not signing in during the allocated registration window will not be permitted to race. Team Captains must ensure that every member of the team signs in and gets changed promptly.

2.2 – KART ALLOCATION DRAW

Karts will be drawn at random by one team representative in the presence of the senior officials at the conclusion of registration. Teams will draw in order of completed Registration.

2.3 – SAFETY BRIEFING:

All drivers taking part in the 'RAMADAN ENDURANCE CHALLENGE' (regardless of experience) must attend an initial safety briefing in Briefing Room 1.

This is compulsory for every round attended. This short introduction will cover flag and circuit rules as well as kart controls in detail. **Any teams or driver, who fails to attend the briefing, will receive a penalty in terms of starting position(team), time(team), lap deduction (team) or exclusion from the event (team or driver).**

2.4 – RACE BRIEFING AND OUTSIDE DEMONSTRATION:

A further briefing, mandatory for all drivers, MAY take place before non-qualifying practice at the Race Director's discretion. This will be held outside and will incorporate a visual demonstration that will enable all attendees to comprehensively understand fundamental race procedures (e.g. driver changing).

Any driver who is absent or caught not paying attention will gain a penalty for their team and may possibly be prevented from racing.

2.5 – QUALIFYING/ PRACTICE:

There will be 5 minute session per driver, which will provide an opportunity for each team member to drive the circuit before the race starts.

It is the responsibility of each team to ensure that all their drivers take part in at least one stint session. Each team must ensure that their next driver is race ready and "checked-in" at the pit gates before the end of the previous stint session.

This will be a fast moving session and tardiness will not be tolerated. Any team member failing to participate in the Qualifying / Practice session will not be permitted to take part in the race. The results of Qualifying / Practice will determine the starting positions for the 2 hour race in terms of best lap time classification.

In the case of 2 or more teams achieving identical best lap times, the second best lap time set by each team during qualifying will be reviewed in order to determine priority, and so on.

IT IS THE TEAMS RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THE RACE START DRIVER IS IN THE KART FOR THE FINAL PRACTICE SESSION.

2.6 – 2 HOUR RACE:

All karts will be directed to the starting grid in qualifying order at the conclusion of final practice session. Start lights will get the race under way from a “standing start”. Unless otherwise instructed by the Race Director

Teams have 2 hours in which to complete as many laps as possible (see also section 4).

The team completing the largest amount of laps over the 2 hours will be declared the overall winners.

Teams completing the same number of laps will be classified in the order in which they cross the finish line.

2.7 – AWARD PRESENTATION:

Trophies will be presented to the top teams in each class according to the official finishing positions in the race.

Trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions overall (and 1st, 2nd, 3rd in Clubman subject to numbers.)

Spot prizes may be issued at the discretion of the organisers. Everyone is encouraged to stay for the presentation.

3 – ELIGIBILITY AND CLASSES:

3.1 – LICENCE REQUIREMENTS:

Drivers do not require a competition licence to take part in the event.

However, participants are strongly advised to have taken part in at least one Arrive and Drive session beforehand.

Arrive and Drive bookings can be made directly with Al Ain Raceway. Pre-booking is advised.

3.2 – AGE LIMIT:

All drivers must be 16 years of age and over.

Exceptions will be considered for drivers who are under this age at the discretion of the Series Organisers according to such criteria as it deems appropriate.

3.3 – NUMBER OF DRIVERS PER TEAM:

Every team must field 1 to 3 drivers at each round. For Series points to be awarded, teams must field at least 1 consistent driver at each round (see article 5.1).

3.5 – WEIGHT LIMIT:

The minimum driver weight is 80 kg. Drivers will be weighed by the race administration at registration and their individual weights recorded on a master list. There is no specified maximum driver weight. Drivers will be weighed with race suits and boots only (not gloves, helmets and other items of safety equipment (including rib protectors, neck brace, etc).

Each kart has the capacity to carry up to 25 kg of removable ballast weights in 5 kg increments.

Drivers less than 80 kg will be required to carry ballast during their stints to bring them up to the minimum.

Drivers 80 kg or over will not be required to carry additional weight.

Any team fielding a driver who weighs in under 55 kg will be required to carry additional permanent ballast which will be fitted to the kart by the organisers before practice. This cannot be removed throughout the event, even if an enormous fatty is due to drive for the team!

Drivers wishing to add/remove ballast in between driver changes may do so under the supervision of the pit crew. In each case, the team will be checked for minimum weight compliance using the master list. It is the responsibility of the team member(s) to adjust the ballast weights correctly and safely. Failure to do this will result in delays until the pit crew are satisfied.

For clarification, 80 kg is the minimum. If you weight in at 69 kg, an additional 15 kg will ensure that you reach the minimum weight. 10 kg will not suffice.

4 – ADDITIONAL RACE RULES/PROCEDURES:

4.1 – DRIVER CHANGES:

The minimum number of driver changes will be advised by the Race Director on the race day in the safety briefing. Teams with 1 or 2 drivers will be permitted to do a double-stint by stopping in the driver change area, getting out and walking completely around the kart before re-entering. This will count towards the driver change total.

Any team failing to complete the required minimum will receive a 10 lap penalty for each driver change missed.

There is no set maximum number of driver changes. There is no minimum or maximum time limit on driver stints. Individual team strategy will determine the length of each stint. It is the responsibility of each team to monitor carry out their own driver changes.

The driver change procedure will be explained during the briefing.

The Al Ain Raceway team will monitor all driver changes to ensure that the rules are adhered to.

4.2 – JUMP START:

Any team jumping the start will receive a black flag on the next lap and a subsequent stop-go penalty.

4.3 – PIT LANE SPEED:

Pit lane speed must be kept to walking pace at all times. This is an important safety rule that must be adhered to as the pit lane is the only area in which driven karts are mixed with walking/standing drivers and officials, not to mention the proximity of the fuel bay.

Any team deemed to be speeding in the pits by the officials will receive a large penalty. There will be no arguments without time penalty extensions!

4.4 – UNSPORTING CONDUCT:

The spirit behind the 'RAMADAN ENDURANCE CHALLENGE' is to drive fast, but drive safe and have fun. These events, whilst extremely competitive, are meant to be enjoyable for drivers, spectators and officials alike.

Unsporting conduct covers a number of areas. Karting is a non-contact sport. Any driver/team found guilty of making contact with another kart with intention will be subject to a suitably large penalty and may be disqualified from the race completely.

Karting is a sport that demands full attention and requires both hands to turn the steering wheel.

Any fingers/fists raised aggressively to other drivers or officials (regardless of circumstance) will be viewed as an offensive gesture and will be subject to a black flag and accompanying penalty.

If a combination of drivers and officials observe an individual driver or team member delivering an obvious offensive gesture, the offending team will be disqualified from the race completely.

4.5 – APPEALS:

Any decision made by the Race Director or Assistant Race Director is final and there will be no scope for appeal. No form of protest or appeal will be humoured during the race.

Any lack of respect shown for event organisers, promoters and sponsors will be dealt with harshly.

4.6 – RACE FINISHING PROCEDURES:

After receiving the chequered flag all karts must proceed directly to the Pit Lane under yellow flag conditions.

5 – POINT SCORING:

5.1 – OVERALL SCORE:

Series points are awarded to all teams subject to race classification. Points will be issued to all teams according to the official finishing order (see article 5.2).

Bonus points will also be awarded for various achievements (see article 5.3).

For Series points to be accumulated, teams must retain at least 1 identical driver at each round and race under the same Team Name.

Example:

- a team of 2 drivers finishes 1st (50 points) in Round 1 and 2nd (45 points) in Round 2.

If the team retains at least 1 driver for both rounds, their Championship points total will be the accumulation of both rounds (in this case 95 points).

If, however, neither of the original team is retained for Round 2, (e.g. both are stand-ins) then the original Team name cannot be used and the new team will score independent championship points.

5.2 – POINT SCORING PER ROUND:

Points awarded as follows:

1st place	50 points	10th place	34 points	19th place	25 points
2nd place	45 points	11th place	33 points	20th place	24 points
3rd place	42 points	12th place	32 points	21st place	23 points
4th place	40 points	13th place	31 points	22nd place	22 points
5th place	39 points	14th place	30 points	23rd place	21 points
6th Place	38 points	15th place	29 points	24th place	20 points
7th place	37 points	16th place	28 points	25th place	19 points
8th place	36 points	17th place	27 points		
9th place	35 points	18th place	26 points		

5.3 – BONUS POINTS:

Extra Series points are up for grabs as follows:

- 1 “Pole Position” bonus points will be awarded to the team who qualifies on pole position.
- 1 “Fastest Lap” bonus points will be awarded to the team with the fastest lap of the race.

5.4 – PENALTIES:

Different level of penalties can be given depending on the level of infraction such as:

- Verbal warning
- Warning flag
- 1 minute penalty
- 2 minute penalty
- Black flag
- Exclusion of the event
- Penalties will be applied for infringements to the rules such as but not limited to:
 - Dangerous driving
 - Advantage by contact
 - Speeding in pit lane
 - Not complying to the minimum driver changes

Teams receiving a black flag will receive a time penalty in accordance with the nature of the offence, at the discretion of the Race Director.

If the black flag is due to cheating or deemed by officials to be an intentional breach of rules, teams may face further penalties including, but not limited to, points deductions and exclusions from race or championship with no refund.

Any individual driver black flagged more than twice during one race may not be permitted to take any further part in the event at the discretion of the Race Director.

6 – KART INFORMATION:

6.1 – KART:

An Intrepid Optima, Honda GX 390 powered kart, fitted with fully adjustable seat and adjustable pedals, duly prepared by the organisers for endurance races, will be made available by the organisers to each team.

The actual kart to be used by each team will be allocated by a draw. (See article 2.2).

6.2 – KART DAMAGE:

Each team will be assigned one race-prepared kart at the beginning of practice. Any damage sustained to a kart (during practice, qualifying or the race) as a direct or indirect result of driver error, collision, leaving the circuit, etc, deliberate or otherwise, will be attended to by the Al Ain Raceway Technical staff.

The length of time taken to repair the kart will always depend on the extent of the damage. In this situation, a team will not be issued with a replacement kart. Instead, they will have to wait for their kart to be repaired (even if it takes 2 hours!).

Teams encountering a mechanical/technical problem which is NOT the result of the above may be issued with a replacement kart at the discretion of the Race Director.

6.3 – KART DECORATION:

Team/sponsor stickers are only allowed on the bodywork of the kart in the areas available and free of any other stickers already placed on the kart by the organiser.

Teams must ensure that their kart decorations do not cause damage or leave any residue or they may incur penalties.

Advertising on rental helmets and overalls is not permitted.

7 – SAFETY EQUIPMENT:

7.1 – CRASH HELMET:

Drivers must wear a helmet with efficient and unbreakable protection for the eyes. Helmets are provided. Anyone who wishes to bring their own may do so but it must be inspected and approved by the Race Director or Assistant Race Director prior to practice.

All Helmets must be full-face and fitted with visor/goggles.

Visors should be closed when driving.

7.2 – RACE SUIT:

Race suits are mandatory. These are provided by Al Ain Raceway.

Drivers wishing to bring their own suits may do so but it must be inspected and approved by the Race Director.

7.3 – GLOVES:

Gloves are mandatory. They must be in good condition and must completely cover the hands and fingers. These are provided by Al Ain Raceway.

7.4 – BOOTS:

Shoes, boots or trainers are acceptable and must be in good condition, offering protection for the feet and toes. Open toed sandals and stilettos (high-heels) are not acceptable.

8 – CIRCUIT LAYOUT

The circuit configuration for each Round of the Series will be chosen by the event organisers in advance of the race meeting. Drivers and teams will be notified in the briefing after the decision is finalised.