



## 2026 Series Rulebook

**\*All changes will be noted in red. Updated 4/30/2026**

### Section 100 – Race Procedures

#### 100.1 Qualifying Procedures

- Qualifying session will be run as an open timed session.
- Grid order is determined by a racer's fastest Practice 2 time.
- **If you are underweight in Practice 2, you will be placed at the bottom of the Qualifying order.**
- Bump drafting is allowed.
- No blue flags will be given in Qualifying.
- Once you exit the track to the pits, your session is complete, and you may not re-enter the track during that session or in the next group (if there are multiple groups for your class)
- If a driver's transponder is properly installed but isn't working, their second-best lap on from the Mychron can be used. If the transponder is not present, Mychron times will not be used, and the driver must start from the back in Final 1.

#### 100.2 Race Start Procedures

- Racers are to stay within their columns until the green flag flies.
- Exiting the columns prior to the green flag may result in a 4-position penalty, at the discretion of the race director.
- The front row will be allowed two starting attempts – if the second attempt is waived, the front two rows may be inverted, at the discretion of the on-track race director.
- A start zone will be used for each track, which will be indicated by cones. The chief starter can wave the green flag at any point in that zone.
- Starts are waived off at the discretion of the chief starter.

- Laps will count for starts that are waived off.

### 100.3 Race Procedures

- Race day format consists of 2 Practices, 1 Qualifying, and 2 Finals
- Final 2 grid will be set by fast times from Final 1
- Race officials will make their best effort to warn slower drivers with use of the blue flag. The blue flag is an advisory flag only. Drivers receiving the blue flag should be alert for faster drivers approaching from behind. The responsibility for making a clean pass of a slower driver that has received the blue flag lies solely with the passing driver.
- No passing is allowed under yellow flag, a driver may be penalized for gaining an advantage under a local yellow.
- Once you exit the track to the pits, your session is complete, and you may not re-enter the track.
- **Halfway, 2 to go, white flag, and checkered flag signals will be given for respective laps.**
- **The race is deemed official & complete with a red flag after halfway OR checkered flag.**

### 100.4 90 Second Rule

- If a racer is unable to make it to the starting grid or has a mechanical issue for the designated starting time for that session – the racer will have 90 seconds to try to resolve the issue.
- Only applies to competitive on track sessions, Qualifying and Finals
- The grid may be released at the designated start time for Qualifying, but any late drivers to the grid will have up to 90 seconds to enter the track safely.
- **Waived off starts for 90 second rule will not count towards lap count.**

### 100.5 Post Crash Incidents

- Nobody is allowed on track except the race officials and approved series photographers – no parents unless called on track by race director.
- Series will not use full course cautions – instead will red flag the race if needed
- If a driver exits their kart, their session is complete, unless instructed to by a corner worker if kart is still running but stuck. Drivers are not permitted to restart their engines if it has died.
- Corner workers are not permitted to restart any engines after an incident. They are only permitted to help clear karts. Their safety is a priority.
- Drivers are responsible for their re-entry onto the track in a safe manner.
- If you crash and are unable to continue, please remain in the kart until a race official arrives.
- If a kart/driver is in a precarious situation, they may be instructed to exit their kart and get to safety, per the Race Director.

### 100.6 Wet Weather

- Once an event is started, the event must conclude within the same day and may not be extended beyond that.
- A race will be declared dry or wet by the Race Director
- If a transition is needed, 15 minutes will be allowed to make the change over.
- If a race is halfway or beyond before transition, the race is considered complete.
- If a race is transitioned prior to halfway, a single file restart will occur based on the previously scored lap.

- Spec rain tire: Hoosier WET (4.5/4.5- Rookie; 4.5/6.0- Junior, Senior, Heavy, & Masters)
- Spec rain wheel: TruSpeed Magnesium (130 DSM/130mm- Rookie; 130 DSM/180mm- all other classes)
- At the race director's discretion, a time limit may be used in a wet race.
- Time limits on wet races will be determined on a track-by-track basis.
- If lightning is detected within 8 miles of the track, the race program will be on delay for 30 minutes and will not resume until 30 minutes after the most recent lightning strike.
- If inclement weather prevents the event from being completed, officials, at their discretion, can deem the event official and issue points & awards.
- If race 1 is complete but not race 2, race 2 results will be determined by qualifying results (fastest lap).
- If qualifying is completed but no races, race 1 results will be determined by the fastest lap in qualifying, and rain points will be issued to all drivers for race 2. Rain points are 80% of first place points in each class.
- If no scored sessions are completed, rain points will be assigned.

#### **100.7 Red Flags**

- Full course cautions will NOT be utilized, and we will use red flags if needed.
- If the red flag occurs on the opening lap, a complete double wide restart will be given.
- If a red flag occurs before halfway, a single file restart will be given.
- If a red flag occurs after the halfway mark, the race will be considered complete.

#### **100.8 Podium Ceremonies**

- Podium ceremonies will begin once tech is complete.
- Driving suits or jackets are required and must be completely on for the podium presentation.

### **Section 200 – Penalties**

#### **200.1 Bumper Brackets**

- Push back bumper brackets are no longer required.

#### **200.2 Avoidable Contact**

- Important note: not all contact requires action – racing is a sport of inches and accidental contact happens.
- Intent is not a deciding factor in if contact is deemed avoidable or punishable.
- Avoidable contact levels are at the complete discretion of the on-track and off-track race directors.

#### **Level 1 – Warning**

Driver made contact and caused a disadvantage to the driver in front

### **Level 2 – Timed Penalty**

Driver made contact and caused a disadvantage and/or gained advantage to a driver in front through contact deemed avoidable.

### **Level 3 – Position Penalty**

Driver made contact and caused a disadvantage and/or gained advantage to a driver in front causing them to lose multiple positions – offending driver is penalized one position behind the receiving driver.

### **Level 4 – Disqualification Penalty**

Driver made egregious and/or malicious contact with another driver.

### **200.3 Blocking**

- A proactive effort in blocking to defend your position is allowed – each driver is allowed one move only per straightaway along with setting up for the next corner.
- A reactive effort to block another driver already in the process of making a pass is not allowed and is subject to a position penalty at the discretion of the race director.

### **200.4 Flags**

- Racers can receive a mechanical or “meatball” flag if:
  - lead weight falls off during a race
    - Lead weights must be white with proper kart number on them
  - bodywork comes completely off during a race.
  - exhaust silencer is loose or falls off during a race.
  - Rear bumpers becoming detached on one side, at the discretion of the race directors.
- A driver will have up to 2 laps to respond to a mechanical flag. As the driver crosses the start/finish line for the third time, they will be black flagged.
- Drivers shown the black flag will no longer be scored and are required to exit the track immediately.
- Failing to respond to the mechanical or black flags may result in a further penalty. Please see 200.7 Code of Conduct.

### **200.5 Weight & Scaling**

- Racers must scale at, or above the minimum weight for all competitive sessions.
- The driver will get two attempts to roll off the scale, zero and reweigh.
- A driver that weighs light in Qualifying will have all times removed from that session.
- Being underweight for either Final results in a disqualification and zero points for that final. These can be dropped in the final standings.
- If a racer weighs light during Final 1, they will be disqualified from that session and have all times removed when determining the starting grid on Final 2
- If the scale line is backed up, it is possible that only the top 10 karts will be scaled.

### **200.6 Tires**

- New tires are not required at any time during the race weekend.

- Tires will not be painted after sessions.
- If a racer decides to use new tires, they can only do so in Practice and Qualifying – new tires are not allowed on the Race grid.
- If you put on new tires for the race, you must receive approval from a race official and will be forced to start at the back.

### **200.7 Code of Conduct**

- The series requires individuals to conduct themselves in a respectful manner towards officials, staff, competitors, and crew.
- Drivers are expected to obey and respond to flags shown by the chief starter and/or corner workers.
- Drivers can be penalized if their actions, or the actions of their crew, are not respectful and in accordance with the above. Video evidence may be used for review in potential cases of unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Violations for on or off-track actions include but are not limited to: physical violence, verbal abuse, threats, intimidation and excessive profanity.
- Penalties for violating Code of Conduct are as follows:
  - 1st offense: warning, probation if minor offense
  - 2nd offense: disqualification for the day (both races; cannot drop)
  - 3rd offense: suspension (at series discretion; races, season, etc.)
  - 4th offense: permanent removal from series.
- All penalties assessed are at the discretion of the Ignite Challenge staff and are not appealable following initial review.

### **200.8 Lost Components**

- If a lead weight, wheel, or onboard camera falls off during any session throughout the event, then that driver will be disqualified for both Finals, score zero points, and not be able to drop those finishes in the final point standings, unless it is from a clear mechanical failure or defect.
- Lead weights and onboard cameras must have the racer's kart number clearly marked.

### **200.9 Disqualifications**

- Only disqualifications from a scale infraction may be dropped in the point standings.
- No other disqualifications may be dropped.

## **Section 300 – Tech**

### **300.1 Numbers**

- Numbers 0-999 & 00-09 are permitted.
- Numbers with letters are not permitted.
- Numbers must be legible and have a contrasting background. If the race directors cannot read your numbers on track, you will be asked to change them.
- The #1 is reserved for the class champion from the previous year.

### **300.2 Removable Seat Inserts**

- Removable seat inserts are not permitted.
- Adhesive foam seat padding is permitted and must be secure.

### **300.3 Onboard Cameras**

- Onboard cameras may not be mounted on the outside of the helmet.
- Onboard cameras may not be mounted to a racer's chest.
- **Onboard cameras must have the racer's kart number clearly marked.**

### **300.4 Transponders**

- Transponders must be on **all karts for all sessions.**

## **Section 400 – Penalty Protest & Appeals**

### **400.1 Appeal Submission**

- If a penalty is assessed, the driver will receive a written penalization form at the scales immediately following their race.
- Only on-track penalties and code of conduct (200.7) incidents may be appealed. No other protests can be filed; no new penalties can be created from an appeal.
- Appeals for on-track penalties can only be conducted via video review.
- The racer's penalty form and video evidence must be present for the appeal to be conducted.
- Video review will be conducted by the series director. Onboard footage, such as GoPro videos, is permitted. However, any video not accessible to all parties will not be permitted, such as videos shot with an iPhone. You must have a proper SD card and/or adapter to plug into the series director's laptop. Footage will not be reviewed from the camera.
- Racers, parents, and crew may fill out and submit a written appeal via the form provided by the Ignite Challenge within 30 minutes of that race.
- All written appeals must be accompanied by a \$100 appeal fee. If the appeal is successful and the original penalty is reversed, the \$100 fee will be returned to the appealing driver. If the penalty is upheld, the \$100 appeal fee is not returned.