

Licence Grades

Within each of the four age divisions there are different grades of AKA licences with the following characteristics

1. (AKA) E Grade Practice Licence

- a) These are available to members for recreational karting. It is the minimum recommended licence for persons using an AKA Homologated recreational kart on a licenced circuit. Prior to obtaining an **E Grade Practice Licence**, a Flag Questionnaire and OLT must be completed.
- b) **E Grade Practice Licence** holders are only allowed to practice in equipment that they, at their age, would be eligible to race.
- c) **E Grade Practice Licence holders are permitted to compete in one class at a maximum of one (1) race meeting during the period of the license.**
- d) **E Grade Practice Licence** holders may be upgraded to a D Grade Provisional Licence by appropriate application and fee.
- e) **E Grade Practice Licence** holders must clearly display a regulation "P" plate on the rear of any kart they are driving.

2. (AKA) D Grade Provisional Licence

- a) All new applications for a racing licence will be issued as a D Grade Provisional Licence.
- b) Prior to competing at their first meeting, a D Grade Provisional Licence holder
 - (i) must answer the Flag Questionnaire to the satisfaction of the Stewards or the OLT Official.
 - (ii) All Senior drivers (over 18 years of age) must satisfactorily compete at three race meetings as a D Grade Provisional driver and officiate at one race meeting as a flag marshal under supervision, and have their licence endorsed after each meeting. All **Cadet**, Rookie, Junior and Senior drivers (under 18 years of age) must satisfactorily compete at four meetings as a D Grade Provisional driver and have their licence endorsed after each meeting. Flag marshal duties are not applicable to these drivers due to age restrictions.
 - (iii) is required where practical to satisfactorily complete and pass an Observed Licence Test (OLT).
 - (iv) must ensure that their licence is endorsed when they have satisfactorily completed either parts (i) or (ii) of this regulation.
- c) D Grade Provisional licence holders must start at the rear of the field in all events, **except in handicapped start events as per rule 16.09(viii).**
- d) They are not eligible to compete at:
 - (1) State Championships, or
 - (2) National Championships, or
 - (3) Temporary or street circuits
- e) D Grade Provisional Licence holders must clearly display a regulation "P" plate on the rear of any kart they are driving.
- f) All D Grade Provisional drivers must **request a license endorsement with the Race Secretary or via the AKA CM;S during pre-entry, when entering a race meeting.**

3. (AKA) C Grade Licence.

To qualify for a C Grade Licence: -

- (1) Senior Drivers must have completed the D grade requirements in 13.15.2 for upgrade.
 - (2) Junior, Rookie and **Cadet** Drivers must have completed the D grade requirements in 13.15.2 for upgrade.
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- (3) C grade licence holders are not eligible to compete at :
 - (a) National Sprint Kart Championships (bitumen).
 - (4) C Grade licence holders cannot compete in the following classes, **unless rule 13.15.3 (5) is applied**

Open Performance, Formula 100, Rotax 125, Leopard 125, Tag 125, Junior Clubman, Junior Rotax or Junior Performance.

(5) After obtaining the required signatures as per rule 13.15.4(a), Senior C grade license holders are eligible to compete at three (3) race meetings in an unrestricted 125 class prior to upgrading to a Senior unrestricted B grade license. These three (3) race meetings exclude State and National Championships.

4. (AKA) B Grade Licence.

a) To qualify for a B grade licence a driver shall have his/her full C Grade licence endorsed at 6 (six) race meetings as having competed satisfactorily. "P" plate signatures are not to be included in this six. Endurance karters may also obtain a B Grade licence by obtaining 4 endurance and 4 Sprint Kart endorsements.

b) Cadet B grade licence holders moving to Rookies retain their B grade status.

c) Rookie B grade licence holders moving to Juniors retain their B grade status.

d) Junior B grade licence holders moving to Seniors retain their B grade status.

e) B Grade 100cc Restricted Licence, issued only to senior persons at age 15 as per 13.19.3(c) and for use in 100cc classes only.

5. (AKA) A Grade Licence.

(1) Available only to AKA Junior and Senior drivers who hold a B grade licence.

(2) To qualify for an A grade licence

Junior drivers;

(a) by finishing either First, Second or Third at a National Championship (Bitumen) in any Junior class - automatic.

(b) by finishing either First, Second or Third at a State Championship (Bitumen) in any Junior class - may apply to SKC.

Senior drivers;

(a) by finishing either First, Second or Third at a National Championship (Bitumen) in any championship class contested - automatic.

(b) by finishing either First, Second or Third at a State Championship (Bitumen) in any championship class - may apply to SKC.

(3) Junior and Senior Drivers who do not meet these qualifications may apply to the SKC for consideration to be upgraded to an A grade licence.

(4) Junior A grade licence holders moving to Seniors retain their A grade status.

6. (AKA) Vintage Licence. Refer to Chapter 47 Rule 47.02

13.16 Single Event Licence

a) Drivers whom have not held an AKA race license previously are required to do an OLT & STL. They will be issued with a "D Grade Provisional" single event license. To achieve full license accreditation (Full C Grade) they will have to comply with rule 13.15.3 (a) (i) and (ii) . If the applicant has within the past three years held a full race license, their previous grading will be granted for their single event license and the 3 year time limit recommences. (Rule 13.05 applies)

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b) The validity of the Single event license shall be from midnight of the last day of the race permit, for 8 days prior. This will allow for familiarity time in the kart and unofficial practice.

c) Not valid for State or National Championships

d) Fee: Refer to your State Association.

e) A person applying for a Single Event Licence must apply to their relevant state Secretary via the electronic AKA Licence System.

f) Persons aged 60 years and over must supply with their licence application a copy of a current motor sport medical certificate. Certificate must refer to an examination undertaken within the previous 3 months.

g) The State Secretary/Licensing Officer, if satisfied that the particulars stated in the electronic application are correct and satisfy the requirement, will issue a Single Event Licence.

13.17 Licence Grading Administration:

1. Only one licence endorsement can be obtained per driver, per race meeting.
2. **License** endorsements can be obtained at both open and closed race meetings.
3. **License endorsements must only be considered if competitors have satisfactorily completed at least 75% of events entered at a race meeting.**
4. Once the conditions to change a licence grade have been met, the competitor **must** apply to the State Secretary, via the AKA Licence System, **if an upgrade is required.**

The term Upgrade encompasses both grade changes (eg. D to C to B) and division changes (eg **Cadet** to Rookie to Junior to Senior).

5. Drivers eligible for upgrade from National or State Championship results must apply to their relevant State Secretary, via the AKA Licence System, within twenty-one days of confirmation of the championship results.
6. Licences may also be issued by SKC under special circumstances, ie. previous motor sport experience.
7. Licences may also be upgraded by SKC refer 13.19.3 (c) and 13.15.5(c).
8. A licence holder may have his/her licence down graded at the discretion of the State Karting Council or AKA following a Steward's Report.
9. A & B Grade licence holders may elect to be downgraded to a C grade licence at anytime, but once downgraded to a C grade licence, they must remain a C grade for a minimum of 12 months.

13.18 Licence Divisions: Track Use Restrictions

The following limitations apply;

- (a) All AKA licence holders are only allowed to practice in equipment that they, at their age, would be eligible to race.
- (b) An AKA "E Grade" Practice / Recreational Licence is the minimum licence requirement for persons using an AKA Homologated kart on an AKA Licenced circuit.
- (c) Rookies and **Cadets** are permitted to practice and race together.
- (d) Rookies and **Cadets** are not permitted to practice or race with Juniors or Seniors at any time.
- (e) Juniors are not permitted to practice or race with **Cadets**, Rookies or Seniors at any time.
- (f) Seniors are not permitted to practice or race with **Cadets**, Rookies, or Juniors at any time.