

# VEGAS SUPERKARTS SODI WORLD SERIES (SWS) 2024 SPRINT RACES SPORTING REGULATIONS



## 1. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

All race events will be organized and administrated by Vegas Superkarts in accordance with the Sodi World Series (SWS) regulations, information on which can be found at

<https://www.sodiworldseries.com/en-gb/>

These Regulations apply to all SWS Sprint races organized by Vegas Superkarts and cover the following categories: Junior Cup & Sprint Cup.

For the purpose of these Sporting Regulations, the masculine and the feminine pronouns are equal; for the sake of simplification, the masculine pronoun is used in the following to represent a person of either gender; the wording shall be equally applicable to the feminine pronouns.

## **2. INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO THE SERIES (SPORTING)**

### **2.1. Organizer**

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### **2.2. Dates**

Vegas SuperKarts will organize two SWS Sprint CUP races on the last Sunday of each month, so a total of 24 races. Some Junior races will be added during the year too. Dates of the race events will be posted on the official website (see Section 2.1). Organizer reserves the right to cancel or add races if needed, results from which can also be contributed towards the global SWS rankings.

### **2.3. Entries**

To be eligible to enter a race event under these Regulations, each competitor must hold a valid SWS account number (free of charge). This can be obtained by registering at

<https://www.sodiwseries.com/en-gb/become-sws-driver.html>

#### **2.3.1 ENTRY PROCESS**

Competitors must complete the following process to register as an entrant for a race event:

1. Add the Vegas Superkarts event to their profile at <https://www.sodiwseries.com/en-gb/> (N.B. Each race within an event is listed separately by Sodi, if there are 2 races then they will show as two separate races on their website)
2. Pay the entry fee via the Vegas Superkarts website (see Section 2.1), through the customer service representative or at the Vegas Superkarts location prior the event
3. All entries are to be submitted to and received by the Organizer at least 2 days before the race event date.
4. Sodi website registration is mandatory for all drivers.

#### **2.3.2 RECEIPT**

Any entry not accompanied by the relevant fee (see Section 2.3.4) shall be null and void. The organizers reserve the right to refuse entries submitted after the 2-day deadline, although late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organizer.

### 2.3.3 RESTRICTION

The Organizer reserves the right to postpone or cancel a race event, should they not receive a minimum of 10 entries. If there are more than 24 entries in each category, the Organizer will accommodate as many participants as possible based on kart availability. Should the Organizer be required to restrict the number of entries, then approved entries will be based on the date of entry submission (i.e. first come, first served basis). The Organizer also reserves the right to refuse any entry that would be against the spirit of the Vegas Superkarts SWS Sprint Races.

### 2.3.4 FEES

The relevant entry fee will be published on the website and on-line registration process.

For all 2023 race events, the fees are as follows:

Junior Cup: Qualifying plus 2 races – \$60 per round

Sprint Cup: Qualifying plus 2 races – \$90 per round

Special Events: Qualifying plus 3 races – \$120 per round

## 2.4. Event Format

Each event (category specific formats highlighted) will consist of:

- Drivers Sign-on (Junior – Parent/Guardian must sign on)
- Kart draw
- Driver weigh-in
- Briefing
- Qualifying Heats/Races (8 minutes)
- Race 1 (10 minutes)
- Race 2 (10 minutes)
- Podium ceremony

### 2.4.1 JUNIOR CUP AND SPRINT CUP FORMAT

Qualifying and 2 races. Karts will be assigned randomly to drivers for each session of the race event and will use a different kart for each session. The grid for Race 1 will be determined by qualifying and the grid for Race 2 will be determined by the result of Race 1.

### 2.4.2 SIGNING ON

All entrants must sign on at Reception. Drivers under the age of 18 and all Junior Cup drivers must be accompanied by their Parent/Guardian. The Parent/Guardian is to sign the responsibility waiver on the driver's behalf.

#### 2.4.2.1 KART DRAW

Drivers will be assigned three separate kart number, for Qualifying, Race 1 and Race 2 respectively. Before karts are assigned to drivers, the top three finishing karts from the previous session will be rotated to the back of pit lane. Drivers are not permitted to swap karts under any circumstance with other drivers. If a participant is randomly assigned the same kart number twice, they will be randomly assigned another number.

#### 2.4.2.2 DRIVERS WEIGH-IN

All drivers are to complete the weigh-in process before the drivers brief. The driver is to be weighed by a Vegas Superkarts official, complete with their suit and helmet only, without ballast. (Rib protector, neck brace, and seat inserts can be used, but are not part of the considered weight during weigh in) Minimum Driver weight: 176 pounds, ballast will be added for lighter drivers.

#### 2.4.2.3 DRIVERS BRIEFING

Driver's briefing is MANDATORY; drivers are to refer to each event timetable for the specific timing of the briefing. Drivers showing up late at the driver's briefing will only be allowed to participate in the event at the discretion of the Race Director. In the event of a driver not being permitted to participate, the driver's entry fee will not be reimbursed. ANY driver late for the briefing will be penalized as per the Penalties Section (Section 5) of these regulations.

#### 2.4.2.4 QUALIFYING SESSION

The duration of the qualifying session will be 8 minutes. The results of the qualifying session will determine the starting positions for Race 1, based on best lap times per driver. In the case of 2 drivers achieving identical best lap times, the organizers will revert to the second-best lap time in order to determine priority, and so on. Race 2 starting position is based on the official results from Race 1.

#### 2.4.2.5 RACE DURATIONS

Race durations are detailed below.

##### 2.4.2.5.1 RACE 1

The length of Race 1 will vary for each format but will be approximately 10 minutes. The results of Race 1 will determine the starting positions for Race 2. Points will be awarded based on the result of the race after the application of any penalties.

##### 2.4.2.5.2 RACE 2

The length of Race 2 will vary but will be approximately 10 minutes. Points will be awarded based on the result of the race after the application of any penalties.

##### 2.4.2.5.3

Race Formats can be changed and altered at any time by the organizer.

#### 2.4.2.6 AWARDS PRESENTATION

Trophies will be presented to the top 3 of Race 2.

#### 2.4.2.7 POINT SCORING

Each competitor will score points as specified in the SWS regulations for each event they are registered for. Points will be allocated as per the point scoring system defined by the SWS regulations.

#### 2.5.1 STARTING PROCEDURES

Junior Cup and SPRINT CUP races will ALL be a standing start.

#### 2.5.2 PRE-GRID

Aside from Qualifying/Practice, karts shall be lined up on the Pre-Grid in a pre-determined order (based on random grid or qualifying, as stipulated in the event format). It is the driver's responsibility to ensure that they are positioned on the grid on time.

#### 2.5.3 GRID POSITIONS

Drivers should leave the Pre-Grid when directed by the Grid Marshal. The field must stick together in 2 distinct lanes as per the positions on the Pre-Grid. It is the responsibility of the driver in Pole Position to set the pace, which should be steady and controlled. Drivers are then requested to take their positions as directed on the starting grid.

#### 2.5.4 STANDING RACE START

Race start will be indicated by the green flag going out.

#### 2.5.5 JUMP START

A jump-start will be deemed to have occurred if a driver starts to move their kart before the start lights have gone out. Depending on the severity, a 3 to 10 second time penalty will be imposed by the Race Director to any competitor deemed to have jumped the start of the race. The penalty will be applied to the race result.

#### 2.5.6 YELLOW FLAGS

In the event of an incident during the race (spun kart, accident between 2 or more karts, circuit safety features requiring repair, etc.) yellow flags will be shown at the marshal station before the incident. ALL drivers are to slow down, raise one arm to acknowledge the yellow flag and there is to be NO overtaking. The penalty for failing to slow down under yellow flag conditions shall be 10 seconds to 20 seconds and overtaking under yellow flag conditions will result in Disqualification from the race. Any driver contravening this regulation will be awarded penalties according to Reg 5. Penalties Overtaking under a yellow flag or full course yellow flag: Yellow flag conditions start from the Point at which the flag is being waved, Marshal station or where an official is standing whilst waving the yellow flag. Drivers must have completed their overtake and be in front of the kart they were overtaking, before the yellow flag is being waved. Should the overtake take place after the Marshal station, a penalty may be applied. Overtaking is authorized only after passing a Marshal station where the yellow flag is not being waved.

#### 2.5.7 RACE STOPPAGE – RED FLAGS

Should a race be stopped by the display of red flags, ALL drivers must IMMEDIATELY slow down and return to the start line and form a single line of karts, as indicated by the marshal. The following procedures shall apply:

- a) If less than 50% race distance has been completed by the leader, the race will either be re-run in its entirety or abandoned in which case the result becomes null and void.
- b) If 50% race distance or more has been completed by the leader; the race will be deemed to have ended. The race result will be based on the order of crossing the finish line at one lap less than at the time of the first showing of the Red Flag. Only vehicles that are under their own power at the showing of the Red Flag will be classified.

### 2.5.8 RACE FINISH

The leading kart will take the Chequered flag, followed by all other karts in the race. After receiving the Chequered flag all karts must slow down and proceed directly to the pit lane.

## 3 RACE CRAFT & SPORTING CONDUCT (ALL CATEGORIES)

### 3.1 RACE CRAFT

The SWS is a leisure karting race series designed to encourage new and experienced kart drivers to participate in a fun series with a global audience. It is expected that there will be varying levels of experience at each race event. Therefore, more experienced drivers are required to set an example to less experienced drivers i.e. A quicker driver will race around a slower driver, not force them out of the way through contact.

### 3.2 SPORTING CONDUCT

Karting is a non-contact motor sport. However, accidental contact does occur and will be accepted by the organizer. Deliberate contact or sporting conduct infringements will not be tolerated. The following actions will be penalized, as per the Penalties Section (Section 5) of these regulations.

#### 3.2.1 CONTACT-NO ADVANTAGE GAINED

In the event of contact between two karts, but no advantage is gained, the driver causing the contact will receive a warning (indicated at the start line) for their conduct. Repeat offenders will be deemed to be attempting to gain an advantage and penalized as per 3.2.2.

#### 3.2.2 CONTACT-ADVANTAGE GAINED

Where deliberate contact is made and the driver making contact gains an advantage, that driver will be penalized at the end of the race as per the Penalties Section (Section 5) of these regulations.

#### 3.2.3 DANGEROUS DRIVING

Any dangerous driving conduct will be severely penalized. Dangerous driving is defined as any of the following or variants of and will be penalized as per the Penalties Section (Section 5) of these regulations:

- Contact between karts at the entry point of a corner
- Forcing or "squeezing" a kart off the circuit or into a safety feature (barriers, tires, etc.)
- Re-joining the circuit in an unsafe manner
- Excessive weaving or moving more than once to defend position
- Causing an avoidable accident

### 3.2.4 – OVERTAKING/DEFENDING:

Overtaking, according to the circumstances, may be done either on the right or on the left. However, maneuvers liable to hinder other drivers such as premature or dangerous changes of direction, more than one change of direction, weaving on a straight or deliberate forcing of karts towards the inside or the outside of a curve (or straight), are strictly prohibited. Such offences shall be penalized, according to the significance (and/or repetition of the offences) by penalties ranging from a fine to exclusion from the race. In general, ONE move across the track in defense of a position between any two corners is acceptable if this move is not erratic.

### 3.2.6 CODE OF CONDUCT

Karting is designed to be a fun sport and a community building activity. Any competitor, their parent or guardian, or any individual associated with a competitor, who acts/behaves in a manner contrary to the following will result in penalization for that driver:

- All participants must play by the rules and respect all race officials and their decisions.
- All participants must respect the rights, dignity and value of their fellow participants regardless of gender, ability, physical appearance, cultural background or religion.
- All participants must take responsibility for their actions always.
- It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that their family, friends and associated parties are aware that their actions will result in penalization for the driver.
- Any disputes between participants should be resolved in a respectful and courteous manner. If this is perceived not possible, the matter should be brought before the Race Director or the organizer to mediate a resolution.
- Drugs and alcohol are strictly prohibited at all events. Consumption of such substances before or during a race event will result in the competitor being excluded and face further disciplinary action.
- Abusive comments on any social media platform (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) or public forum are completely forbidden. Competitors and their associates are strongly advised to refrain from participating in contentious, divisive, or damaging conversations, either verbally or via these means.
- All participants must obey Officials' instructions.
- Abuse of Officials or fellow Competitors will not be tolerated.

## 4 CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

### 4.1 AGE LIMITS:

Participants must be minimum prescribed age on the day of the race event:

Junior Cup – Age 9 to 14

Sprint Cup – Age 14 and up



## **4.2 WEIGHT LIMIT**

Junior Cup – 50kg or 110 lbs minimum

Sprint Cup – 80kg or 176 lbs minimum

Participants must meet the above minimum weight limit criteria, for each of their respective categories. Driver must weigh in wearing their full racing equipment, including suit, shoes and helmet. (Rib protector, neck brace and insert seats can be used, but are not part of the considered weight during weigh in) The driver's weights will be checked prior to the Drivers Briefing and can be checked at any time thereafter during the race event. Any driver found to be underweighted will have weights added to his kart before each qualification and races.

## **4.3 KART BALLAST WEIGHTS**

If a driver is below the required minimum weight they will be provided with ballast weight for the kart. The driver is responsible for ensuring that they place the correct amount of ballast in each kart they use during the event.

## **4.4 KART NUMBERS**

Kart numbers will be allocated randomly to the karts by the organizers prior to the race event.

## **4.5 KARTS**

### **4.5.1 KART SPECIFICATIONS & TECHNICAL RULES**

The organizers will provide the following kart specifications for each race event:

Sodikart LR5, SR5 or RT10 270cc supplied by Vegas Superkarts.

NO modification or mechanical intervention will be allowed to the karts. Any participant, or associated individuals, found to have breached this regulation will result in the penalization of the driver as per the Penalties Section (Section 5) of these regulations.

### **4.5.2 REPLACEMENT KARTS**

Participants will be allocated their karts in accordance with Section 2.4 of these regulations. A driver will be provided with a replacement kart in the event of a genuine mechanical failure not attributable to misuse of the kart. Karts will NOT be replaced if damage is caused because of deliberate contact between karts or because of the kart being misused by the driver

## 5. PENALTIES

The following penalties will be applied by the Race Director or the Organizers in the event of a specified infringement of these regulations:

- 1) Late for Drivers Briefing: Warning OR Starting Grid Penalty for Race 1
- 2) Missing the Drivers Briefing: Organizers can revoke the entry OR impose a Starting Grid Penalty by sending the driver to the back of the grid for Race 1
- 3) Jump Start: 3 to 10 second penalty
- 4) Ignoring the Yellow Flag; Not slowing down when shown the yellow flag; Overtaking Under Yellow Flag: 10-second penalty
- 5) Contact-No Advantage Gained: Warning Flag OR up to 5-second penalty
- 6) Contact-Advantage Gained: 5-second penalty OR switch position back
- 7) Dangerous & Wreckless Driving causing a collision/incident: Exclusion from the race or event (Race Director's discretion)
- 8) Ignoring a Red Flag: Exclusion from the race
- 9) Ignoring Mechanical Failure Flag: Exclusion from the race
- 10) Breach of Code of Conduct – Unsportsmanlike behavior: Exclusion from the event
- 11) Tampering/Modifying Kart: Exclusion from the event
- 12) Pit Lane Speeding/Dangerous Driving in Pit Lane: 5-place grid penalty
- 13) Squeezing or crowding another driver: 5-second penalty OR up to 5 positions added for that race
- 14) Excessive Weaving or blocking to defend a position: 5-second penalty OR up to 5 positions added for that race
- 15) Driver not having their suit or helmet correctly zipped up/strapped: Technical Flag during the race

All penalties will be applied firmly yet fairly to all participants; the Race Director will investigate potential infringements with officials and drivers before application of penalties to the results. There will be no protests.

## 6 SAFETY EQUIPMENT

On the grounds of safety, when they are driving the kart, drivers must always be equipped with:

- (a) Clothes that fully cover the arms and legs is "recommended".
- (b) A pair of gloves is "recommended".
- (c) A pair of sport shoes that provide ankle cover is "recommended".
- (d) A neck support brace is 'recommended'.

(e) A rib protector is 'recommended'.

(f) A full-face helmet, as a minimum to a standard suitable for use on public roads. (Moto-cross / off-road helmets, are not permitted)

## **7 REGULATORY AMENDMENTS**

Vegas Superkarts reserves the right to issue additional statements concerning these Rules and Regulations from time to time during the calendar year. All such statements will be issued to all registered competitors by way of Competitors' Bulletins at race meetings.

## **8 ADVERTISING ON KARTS, OVERALLS AND HELMETS**

Competitors will not be allowed to place their own sponsors branding on the kart without the express permission of the organizers and should not be advertising other venues on their visors or helmets.

## **9 GO PROS**

Go Pros are permitted to be worn on helmets but NOT placed on a kart during SWS Sprint Events.

## **10 IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- To be selected for the Junior Cup SWS World Finals, drivers must be 11 years of age and over. Should the outright winner not meet the required minimum age, then the highest placed drivers from the season, who are 11 years and over, will be selected for the SWS World Finals.
- To be selected for the Senior Cup SWS World Finals, drivers must be 15 years of age and over. Should the outright winner not meet the required minimum age, then the highest placed drivers from the season, who are 15 years and over, will be selected for the SWS World Finals.
- Only some of the US SWS drivers will be invited to the SWS World Finals and will be directly selected per the SWS organizer, not the Vegas Superkarts organizer.