



# RACE 'n' RESPECT

## WHAT IS THE CAMPAIGN?

This campaign borrows from that established by Motorsport UK and MSA thanks this body for its willingness to share its work.

This campaign establishes a Code of Conduct for South African karting with the aim of promoting values of fair play, fun, friendship, dignity and respect for all within the sport. All parties involved in the sport are expected to uphold these values and compliance with this Code of Conduct is therefore a requirement of entering into, and being associated with, MSA-sanctioned karting, in whatever capacity and at whatever level. Instances of non-compliance will be dealt with by race officials and/or MSA itself as deemed appropriate and necessary.

This Code of Conduct in no way replaces the usual MSA judicial process and is set apart from same.

## POSITIVE ENFORCEMENT

**All parties involved in MSA karting are collectively responsible** to set a good example and help to achieve a positive environment in MSA karting. Positive enforcement plays an important role here and the following are examples of the type of behaviour that should be encouraged and applauded:

- Applauding good, clean racing as well as success
- Appreciating good behaviour wherever it is displayed
- Respecting the track regulations at times of distress and for not rushing to restricted areas
- Positively reinforcing the code and supporting any penalties resulting from disrespectful behaviour
- Recognising when someone walks away from a volatile situation without response or retaliation
- Officials recognising possible volatile situations and helping to calm them

## **CONDUCT WITHOUT RESPECT**

The following are examples of 'conduct without respect':

### **Public criticism of the event, the event organiser, official decisions or the officials themselves**

Such behaviour, for example via social media, is detrimental to not only the individual or the decision being criticised, but the Club/Championship and Karting in general.

### **Social media abuse**

There is absolutely no room in MSA karting for abuse, aggression, intimidation or bullying online and this includes inciting, whether intentionally or unintentionally, "trial by social media".

### **Team signals**

Negative signalling/hand gestures, whether with aggressive intent or not, is viewed as 'conduct without respect' and contrary to the Code of Conduct.

## **CONTRAVENTIONS**

Contraventions of the Code of Conduct during karting events should be reported, in writing, in the first instance to the Clerk of the Course, who may deal with the complaint personally or refer it to the Stewards for further investigation where appropriate. Penalties may be applied in accordance with MSA's regulations but may, in appropriate instances, be mitigated by the simple act of apologising.

## **MEETING REPORT**

Details of any contraventions of the Code of Conduct during karting events, as well as the details of any action taken as a result, shall be included in the reports submitted to MSA by the Clerk of the Course and Stewards following an event.

## **COMPLAINTS OUTSIDE OF KARTING EVENTS**

Complaints in respect of 'conduct without respect' arising outside of karting events should be submitted in writing to MSA Head Office – [msa@motorsport.co.za](mailto:msa@motorsport.co.za) – for investigation and action.

## **EXPECTATIONS**

- 'Fist pump' with your fellow competitors at the end of the race
- Adults - walk away from situations that may escalate. Think of the impact of negative behaviour on your young competitors and those in the surrounding area.
- The code is all-encompassing for teams, organisers, competitors, officials – Everyone!

Please note that this is a working document and it is intended that it will be updated as progress is made towards making MSA karting a happier environment for all involved.

THE CO-OPERATION OF ALL IN UPHOLDING THIS  
CODE OF CONDUCT IS HUGELY APPRECIATED!

## THE RACING CODE

### VOLUNTEER OFFICIALS' & ORGANISERS COMMITMENTS

#### **I WILL:**

Recognise that there are different groups within the racing family and treat them appropriately

Create a welcoming, friendly and safe environment for everyone

Treat every competitor fairly and encourage others to do so

Recognise that as a representative of the sport, I have a duty to be polite and treat racers, volunteers and supporters with respect



**PARENT'S & GUARDIAN'S  
COMMITMENTS**

**I WILL:**

- Encourage my young driver to have fun and enjoy racing
- Not put pressure on my young driver to take part
- Not impose my own ambitions on my young driver
- Not expect my young driver to win and recognise that the benefits of junior racing lie in the skill acquisition and not about winning events and championships
- Not criticise my young driver when they make mistakes
- Never encourage my young driver to break or bend the rules
- Respect other competitors and their families and applaud their success
- Respect the decisions of the officials at all times

**COMPETITORS'  
COMMITMENTS**

**I WILL:**

- Race for enjoyment
- Try my best at all times
- Race fairly
- Be polite and treat everyone with respect
- Not show off if I win
- Not get upset if I don't win



**TEAMS' COMMITMENTS**

**WE:**

- Accept that racing is primarily about enjoyment
- Will not put pressure on young racers to achieve results
- Will recognise that junior racing is about skill acquisition, not about winning events and championships
- Will never speak or behave inappropriately.
- Will encourage all racers to respect the rules and the authority of the officials
- Will never encourage a racer to break or bend the rules, nor to drive in a manner that could cause injury to themselves or others
- Recognise this is not Formula 1