

Karting

If you would like to take up Karting more seriously the following information may be handy.

Racing licenses

As in other disciplines in motorsports, a license is required to drive a racing kart on a circuit or enter competitions. The licenses, issued by governing bodies, are provided by clubs or associations. Most of the time, but not always, a basic insurance coverage is included in the licence annual fee. In some countries, such as France, regulations require the drivers to pass a medical exam each year.

License classes differ between countries according to age groups or levels. Most of the time a Practice License can be easily obtained, while a Racing License might require a capability assessment.

Driver equipment

For their safety, kart drivers are required to wear proper equipment:

- Full-face helmet
- Driving suit
- Gloves
- Driving boots (ankles must be covered)

Rib protector and neck brace, although highly recommended, are optional in most countries. None of the above need to be made of fire retardant material. Superkart drivers are required to wear leather overalls.