



ROOKIE SERIES

Arrive & Drive Program

Official Rules & Regulations

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Innisfil Indy reserves the right to update these regulations when necessary.

Participants are responsible for reviewing the most current version of the rulebook.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The **Innisfil Indy Rookie Series** is an organized Arrive & Drive karting program designed to introduce and develop drivers of all ages within a structured motorsport environment.

The program is operated by **Innisfil Indy**, located in Gilford, Ontario, Canada.

The Rookie Series is built on the principles of:

- Driver development
- Safe and fair competition
- Respect and sportsmanship
- A fun, professional racing atmosphere

These Rules & Regulations are established to ensure the safety of all participants, staff, and spectators while maintaining fairness and consistency during all racing activities.

All participants are required to understand and comply with these regulations at all times.

2. SPIRIT & INTENT OF THE REGULATIONS

Karting is intended to be competitive, educational, and enjoyable for all participants.

No rulebook can anticipate every situation that may arise during motorsport events. Therefore, the **spirit and intent of these regulations** will guide all decisions made by Innisfil Indy race officials.

Any action that:

- Attempts to gain an unfair advantage
- Compromises safety
- Violates sportsmanship

May be penalized at the discretion of race officials.

3. DISCLAIMER

Participation in motorsport involves inherent risks.

By registering for the Innisfil Indy Rookie Series, participants acknowledge and accept the risks associated with kart racing.

Compliance with these regulations does not guarantee safety.

Innisfil Indy reserves the right to modify, amend, or update these regulations when necessary to improve safety or event operations.

Participants are responsible for ensuring they remain informed of current rules and requirements.

4. REGISTRATION & ELIGIBILITY

All drivers must complete registration prior to participating in any on-track activity.

Registration requirements include:

- Completion of event registration
- Signed liability waiver
- Completion of the Rookie Training Session

Drivers under the age of majority must have a **parent or legal guardian present** who must sign the required waiver documentation.

Participants must be in appropriate **physical and mental condition** to safely operate a kart.

Innisfil Indy reserves the right to deny participation to any individual deemed unsafe, unfit, or disruptive.

5. SERIES CLASSES

The Innisfil Indy Rookie Series may be organized into the following driver classes.

Youth Class

Ages **7** to **12** - Designed to introduce younger drivers to kart racing while developing fundamental driving skills and track awareness.

Teen Class

Ages **12** to **18** - Drivers compete in a more structured racing environment while continuing to develop race craft and consistency.

Adult Class

Ages **18+** - The adult class provides competitive recreational racing opportunities for adult drivers. Innisfil Indy reserves the right to:

- Adjust class groupings
- Combine classes
- Create additional divisions

based on participation numbers, driver experience, scheduling, and safety considerations.

6. DRIVER CONDUCT & SPORTSMANSHIP

All drivers, family members, and guests must conduct themselves in a respectful and professional manner at all times while on the premises.

The following behavior will not be tolerated:

- Physical or verbal abuse
- Aggressive or threatening behavior
- Reckless driving
- Arguing with race officials
- Unsportsmanlike conduct

Violations may result in disciplinary action including:

- Verbal warning
 - Race penalties
 - Removal from the event
 - Suspension from the Rookie Series
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7. SAFETY EQUIPMENT & APPAREL

Driver safety equipment is mandatory for all participants.

The following requirements apply:

- One-piece racing suit required
- Full-face approved helmet required
- Neck protection required
- Racing gloves required
- Closed-toe shoes required
- No exposed skin permitted

Long hair **MUST** be securely tied and contained.

Safety equipment may be rented from Innisfil Indy subject to availability.

Drivers are responsible for ensuring their equipment is properly fitted and worn at all times.

8. ARRIVE & DRIVE KART FLEET

All Rookie Series events operate using the **Innisfil Indy Arrive & Drive fleet of Furioso racing karts.**

Kart preparation, maintenance, and assignment are handled exclusively by Innisfil Indy staff.

Drivers may not modify or adjust karts.

If a kart experiences a mechanical issue during a session, race officials will determine whether the session will be:

- Restarted
- Resumed
- Continued

based on safety and operational considerations.

9. RACE DAY PROCEDURES

Drivers must arrive on time for all scheduled events.

Standard procedures include:

- Registration opens **45 minutes prior to event start time**
- Driver briefing occurs **10 minutes before the event begins**
- Attendance at the Driver's Meeting is **mandatory**

Drivers are encouraged to arrive at least **30 minutes early.**

Events operate **rain or shine** except in cases of severe weather or unsafe track conditions.

Kart assignments and mechanical decisions are handled exclusively by Innisfil Indy staff.

10. RACE OFFICIALS

All racing events are supervised by Innisfil Indy race officials.

Race officials may include:

- Race Director
- Track Marshals
- Pit Officials
- Technical Staff

Race officials are responsible for:

- Enforcing rules and regulations
- Maintaining track safety
- Managing race sessions and incidents

All instructions from race officials must be followed immediately.

Failure to comply with race officials may result in penalties or removal from the event.

All decisions made by Race Officials are FINAL.

11. RACE EVENT FORMAT

Each Innisfil Indy Rookie Series event follows a structured format designed to ensure fair competition and driver development.

DRIVER ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION

Drivers should arrive **at least 30 minutes before the event start time.**

Registration opens **45 minutes prior to the event.**

Drivers must complete:

- registration confirmation
 - safety equipment check
 - rookie training confirmation (if applicable)
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DRIVER BRIEFING

A mandatory **Driver's Meeting** will take place before the event begins.

During this meeting, race officials will review:

- Track layout
- Safety procedures
- Race format
- Flag signals

Attendance is mandatory for all drivers.

PRACTICE SESSION 1

Drivers enter the track for the first practice session.

Objectives:

- familiarize drivers with the track layout
 - allow drivers to become comfortable with the kart
 - warm-up period before competitive racing
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PRACTICE SESSION 2

Second practice session.

Objectives:

- refine racing lines
 - build confidence and consistency
 - prepare drivers for competitive racing
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QUALIFYING RACE

A short race used to determine the **starting grid for the Feature Race**.

Finishing order determines starting positions.

FEATURE RACE

The main race of the event.

Results from this race determine:

- Final finishing positions
- Championship points allocation

Drivers must follow all race procedures and safety rules.

PODIUM PRESENTATION

Following the Feature Race, the top finishing drivers will be recognized during the **Podium Ceremony**.

Awards may include:

- event winners
- championship standings recognition
- special awards

12. STARTING PROCEDURE

Drivers must follow the starting procedures communicated during the driver briefing.

Drivers must maintain their assigned starting positions until the start signal is given.

Jump starts or failure to follow starting procedures may result in penalties.

Race officials may restart the race, when necessary, due to safety concerns.

13. ON-TRACK RULES

All drivers must follow standard racing safety procedures.

Key rules include:

- Intentional contact is prohibited
- Blocking other drivers is not permitted
- Passing must be completed safely
- Drivers must follow the designated direction of travel

Drivers exiting the racing line must raise one hand to signal reduced speed.

Track limits must be respected at all times.

All decisions made by race officials are final.

14. FLAG SIGNALS

Drivers must understand and respond immediately to all flag signals.

GREEN FLAG

Track is clear — racing conditions.

YELLOW FLAG

Caution — slow down immediately. Passing is prohibited.

RED FLAG

Race stopped. Drivers must slow safely and await instructions.

BLACK FLAG

Driver must exit the track and report to race officials.

BLUE FLAG

A faster driver is approaching. Allow safe passing.

CHECKERED FLAG

End of the race or session.

15. PENALTIES

Race officials may issue penalties when required to maintain safety and fairness.

Possible penalties include:

- Warning
- Position penalty
- Time penalty
- Black flag (disqualification)
- Removal from event

Repeated violations may result in suspension from the series.

Race officials may apply penalties based on the severity of the incident and the intent of the driver involved.

16. MISSED SESSION POLICY

If a driver misses a scheduled session due to unforeseen circumstances, Innisfil Indy may allow the session to be completed on another available event date.

Make-up sessions are subject to:

- event availability
- scheduling limitations
- approval from race officials

Make-up sessions are not guaranteed and will be handled at the discretion of Innisfil Indy staff.

17. CHAMPIONSHIP & AWARDS

Drivers may earn points throughout the season based on race results.

Season standings may determine the:

Innisfil Indy Rookie Series Champion

Additional awards may include:

- Rookie of the Year
- Most Improved Driver
- Best Sportsmanship

The full points system will be **published separately**.

18. RULE CHANGES

Innisfil Indy reserves the right to modify or update these rules at any time to improve safety, fairness, or event operations.

Participants will be notified of significant rule updates whenever possible.

19. FINAL AUTHORITY

All decisions made by Innisfil Indy race officials are final.

By participating in the Innisfil Indy Rookie Series, drivers and their guardians acknowledge and agree to abide by these rules and the authority of event officials.

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APPENDIX A

TRACK LAYOUT

The **Innisfil Indy Rookie Series** operates on the karting circuit located at:

Innisfil Indy Raceway

Gilford, Ontario, Canada

Track layouts may vary between events depending on:

- Race format
- Driver development objectives
- Safety considerations
- Event scheduling

Track diagrams illustrating the layout used for each event will be provided when applicable.

All drivers must follow the **designated direction of travel** indicated in the official track diagram.

Failure to follow the correct direction of travel may result in immediate removal from the session for safety reasons.

APPENDIX B

FLAG SIGNAL GUIDE

Race officials communicate with drivers using standardized flag signals.

All drivers must understand and immediately respond to each signal.

GREEN FLAG – TRACK CLEAR

Indicates that the track is clear and racing conditions are active.

Drivers may proceed at full racing speed.

YELLOW FLAG – CAUTION

Indicates a hazard on the track.

Drivers must:

- slow down immediately
- maintain control of their kart
- **not pass other drivers**

Racing resumes only once the track is clear.

RED FLAG – SESSION STOPPED

Indicates that the race session has been stopped due to safety concerns.

Drivers must:

- slow down immediately
 - safely stop as directed by race officials
 - await further instructions
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BLACK FLAG – DRIVER DISQUALIFIED

Indicates that a driver must exit the track immediately.

The driver must report to race officials for further instructions.

BLUE FLAG – FASTER DRIVER APPROACHING

Indicates that a faster driver is approaching from behind.

Drivers must maintain a predictable racing line and allow safe passing.

CHECKERED FLAG – END OF SESSION

Indicates the end of the race session.

Drivers must complete the lap safely and return to the pit area.

APPENDIX C

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS SYSTEM

The Rookie Series Championship rewards consistent performance throughout the season.

Points are awarded based on finishing position in the **Feature Race** of each event.

Points Allocation

Position	Points		Position	Points
1st	200		12th	117
2nd	185		13th	114
3rd	172		14th	112
4th	161		15th	110
5th	152		16th	108
6th	145		17th	107
7th	138		18th	106
8th	132		19th	105
9th	127		20th	105
10th	123		21st +	100
11th	120			

All drivers who start a race will receive a minimum of **100 championship points**.

Points accumulate throughout the season to determine the **Innisfil Indy Rookie Series Championship standings**.

Final standings determine the **Innisfil Indy Rookie Series Champion**.

APPENDIX D

DRIVER CODE OF CONDUCT

All drivers participating in the Innisfil Indy Rookie Series must conduct themselves in a professional and respectful manner at all times.

Drivers must:

- Respect race officials and track staff
- Follow all safety procedures and flag signals
- Compete fairly and responsibly
- Demonstrate sportsmanship toward fellow competitors
- Follow all instructions from race officials

Drivers must not:

- Intentionally cause collisions
- Drive aggressively or dangerously
- Argue with race officials during race sessions
- Behave in a manner that disrupts race operations

Failure to follow the Driver Code of Conduct may result in penalties, removal from the event, or suspension from the Rookie Series.

APPENDIX E

PARENT / GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents and guardians play an important role in maintaining a safe and respectful racing environment.

Parents and guardians must:

- respect race officials and track staff
- encourage good sportsmanship and safe driving
- support a positive racing environment for all participants
- follow instructions from race officials when required

Parents and guardians must not:

- interfere with race operations
- confront race officials aggressively
- encourage unsafe driving behavior

Failure to follow this code may result in removal from the facility or suspension of the associated driver from participation.