



NATIONAL OFFICIALS COORDINATOR

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2009 NATIONAL OFFICIALS COORDINATOR REPORT

To Members of the AKA, NKC and Secretariat,

The past twelve months have again been a very busy and productive time in the position as National Officials Coordinator. The Officials Handbooks have had their first update printed and distributed. Now that the new AKA Licence and Race Management System has been adopted, it will be necessary to release another update outlining and explaining the new procedures associated with the system. As the Officials section of the system is still being “tweaked”, I will wait until all of the changes have been made before releasing the next handbook update. I encourage all Officials to “have a play” with the training version of the system and become familiar with its content. The system is constantly being upgraded and is very user friendly and easy to understand. The current “Officials paperwork” will still remain, except for the Steward’s Report, which will be electronic, but will be able to be printed out as a hard copy at the conclusion of the race meeting.

At the March NKC meeting in Sydney this year, approval was granted for the purchase of a specialized computer program to enable all AKA Licenced Officials to renew and/or upgrade their Officials licences “on line”. This program will allow all levels of Officials to access the required information and complete a question and multiple choice answer test relevant to their level of licence grading. It will also be linked to the new AKA Licencing program so that Officials can maintain and/or upgrade their licences at their convenience. Trish and Victor Maastricht from the Central Coast Speedway Kart Club have been instrumental in formatting and entering the contents of the program. The seven State Officials Co-ordinators have prepared a list of questions and answers relevant to the four separate licence grades. Once these are inserted into the program, it can be forwarded on to the computer boffins to amalgamate it with the new AKA Licencing program. It is envisaged that this new training program will be available for use by the start of 2010 and easily accessible via the karting.net.au web site.

Congratulations to Brenton Taylor from Darwin Karting Association for attaining an upgrade to level 1 status this year. As well as regularly officiating in Darwin during their “dry season” (end of March until end of September), Brenton has travelled extensively to enhance and upgrade his skills. Brenton has joined the

roster to be appointed as an Interstate Steward at National and State Championships around the country and will prove to be an asset to any team.

With in excess of 900 race meetings run throughout Australia each year, it takes a team of volunteers to officiate at each event. I take this opportunity to say thank you to all of those dedicated volunteer officials who freely give their time and experience to help run these race meetings, and especially those who accept appointments for State and National Championships. Your dedication and professional approach ensures that a very high standard of Officiating is continually maintained.

Yours in Karting,
Brian Sparrow
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