



NEW MEMBER RACE PREPARATION CHECKLIST

TO THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE SUPERKART CLUB OF NSW

Here are some helpful tips to keep your racing machine in pristine working order and more importantly a safe working order.

Just a quick list for your machine, some things you should pay attention to before a race meeting.

1. Check the chassis for cracks, rust and other metal related issues (fatigue, unusual bends etc, etc).
2. Check that your bearings are all working correctly and are nice and free.
3. Check all your steering joints are nice and free; and that the wheels turn nice and easy when using the steering wheel.
4. Check that your axle is still straight and round and that you haven't clipped a ripple strip that you've forgotten about. (This also goes for your rims check them too).
5. Make sure all your fuel fittings are secured to fuel line (cable ties around fuel tank fitting, carby fitting, fuel pump fittings, etc).
6. Make sure you have the right gear ratio for the track. If you're not sure ask another member in the same class. Check your chain tension is correct. It should have about 10-15mm play on the top side of the chain.
7. Make sure you know where the battery charger is and charge the battery the night before a race (this will keep the battery fresh for the following day).

Make sure you have enough consumables. For example;

- chain lube (you use this on your bearings and steering joints especially in the rain) engine oil
 - gearbox oil
 - petrol
 - tyres (in case you have a blow out)
 - make sure you have a set of wets
 - spark plugs
 - chains
 - sprockets
 - nuts and bolts
8. HAND CLEANER!!!! Might sound stupid but it's really nice to drive home with clean hands after a race meeting.
 9. If you have trailer just do a quick walk around to check for flat tyres, lights not working, locks not locking. Its a bad feeling having your pride and joy leave the trailer without your knowing about it
 10. The night before, pack your race gear including suit, helmet, Neck brace if you have one (it's optional but recommended), boots and wet weather suit if you have one. Make sure you pack your licence and log book. If you are driving someone else's kart make sure that you have a letter of permission from them for you to drive the kart and the kart's log book.

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST MAKE IT LOOK A MILLION DOLLARS!!!!!! TAKE PRIDE IN THE MACHINE YOU HAVE. APPEARANCE IS HALF THE BATTLE. IF THE MACHINE LOOKS GOOD IT'S A REFLECTION ON HOW YOU TREAT YOUR EQUIPMENT.

BUT MOST OF ALL GO AND HAVE FUN. THAT'S WHAT WE ARE HERE FOR. WE DON'T DO IT FOR MONEY; WE DO IT FOR FUN AND ENJOYMENT!!!!!! AND DON'T HESITATE TO ASK QUESTIONS. WE DONT BITE.....HARD