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### THE EVENT:

FRKC (French Rental Kart Championship) is the only official KWC (Kart World Championship 4 stroke - www.kartworldchampionship.com) qualifier event in France.

FRKC will be a 1 day event.

### DATE AND LOCATION:

Date: 01.02.2026

The event will take place at the Metz Kart Indoor in France. Street: Zone d'Activité Commerciale D, Rue Carcantin

City: 57685 Augny









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The rules below may be changed at any time, and the changes will be announced by email.

### Changes from the rules of the last edition are highlighted.

Number of entries: 100 drivers maximum.

Age restriction: Open to drivers who are at least 14 years old. No maximum age restriction.

Weight restriction: All drivers need to be at 85kg.

The briefing on Saturday afternoon is mandatory, if you are not present, a penalty of 5 places on the grid of the 1st race will be assigned to you.

If the number of registrations is below 70% of the maximum capacity, the organizer reserves the right to cancel the event.



### a) Layout:

This year, both directions will be used.

### b) Number of races:

7 races in total, including:

- 5x 12 Minutes Qualifier races for all drivers. One Hot Lap for qualifying.
- 1x 20 Minutes Semi-Final Race for the top 48 drivers in the standings after 5 Qualifier races.
- 1x 30 Minutes Final Race. The 16 top qualified drivers will advance to the final race.

#### c) Practice Sessions:

The training sessions reserved for FRKC drivers will take place on Friday 30th January between 15:00 and 20:00 at a price of 27€ for 15 minutes and Saturday 31th January between 08:00 and 19:00 at a price of 30€ for 15min. An Excel file will be posted on the website so that you can book your sessions.

### d) Qualifier races:

There will be 5 Qualifying Races of 12 Minutes preceded by a single lap qualifying session. Driver with the fastest lap will start from pole. You will have to do 1 pit stop per race. The podiums will take place directly after each race.

### e) Semi-Final Race:

The Top 48 drivers in points after the 5 Qualifier Rounds will advance to the Semi-Final and will be split into 3 groups of 16 karts. The 20 Minutes Semi-Final Race will be preceded by a single lap qualifying session. You will have to do 2 pit-stops per race. The podiums will take place directly after each race.

#### f) Final race:

The Top 16 drivers in points after the Semi-Final Race will advance to the Final. The Final is a 30 Minutes race with 2 pit-stops required.

### g) Grid formation for Final Race:

The 16 finalists will fight for pole position in a special Match race. Match race consists of two drivers going into the track each with the Kart drawn at the briefing session. After one Hot lap the driver must change







karts with his opponent, carrying his ballast. He will be timed a second time with his 2<sup>nd</sup> kart. Both laps will be added and the lowest time will advance to the next round. In case there is a tie (unlikely), the position in the standings will be considered the untying result. Every match race a driver wins gives him the choice to pick the Kart he will be carrying to the next round.

The drivers that lost in the first round of the Match race will line up on the grid from position 9th to 16th on the grid. To set who starts last it is determined that from those drivers that have a lower position in the championship prior to the match race will start behind. As an example, let's say driver 16th in the championship lost his Match race to driver P1 in the first round. Driver 16th will surely start 16th. Let's say the following result driver in 2nd place loses to driver in 15th place. Considering that the driver in 1st position won his duel, then the driver in 2nd place that lost will tart 9th since he is the best ranked among those that lost their first shoot out.

### **►** II - CHAMPIONSHIPS:

- a) Overall Championship: Open to everyone. Drivers score points during all Qualifier Rounds, the Semifinal and the Finals. The winner will be the one who scored the most points at the end of the championship.
- b) France Championship: Same system as the Driver championship but this one is reserved for drivers with French nationality. An ID card check will be required to verify the nationality of the driver.
- b) Master Championship: Same system as the Driver championship but this one is reserved for drivers over 35 years old. ID check mandatory to be approved in this subcategory.
- c) Junior Championship: Same system as the Driver championship but this one is reserved for drivers between 14 and 17 years old. ID check mandatory to be approved in this subcategory.



# 🖁 III - AWARDS:

The top three drivers from the qualifying races, semi-finals and final will be awarded FRKC medals. The top 3 of the 3 championships will receive a special FRKC medal or trophies at the end of the event.

### The award for the:

- 1st of the Overall championship will be a free entry for KWC 2026
- 2nd of the Overall championship will be a free entry for FRKC Indoor 2027
- 3rd of the Overall championship will be a 50% discount for FRKC Indoor 2027
- Winner of the Master championship will be a 50% discount for FRKC Indoor 2027
- Winner of the Junior championship will be a 50% discount for FRKC Indoor 2027
- Winner of the French championship will be a free entry for KWC 2026

A random draw between all the drivers of the championship will also be made to offer:

- 1x free entry for SRKC 2027
- 1x free entry for FRKC Outdoor 2026 (visor band)
- 1x **Nutrition** session with a sport professional nutritionist









### IV - POINT SCORING SYSTEM:

### a) Heat, Semi-Final and Final scoring:

The heats and semi-finals will be at coefficient 1 and the final at coefficient 2 (so double count). Minus the qualifier "Drop" result, taken into account after the 5 Qualifier races. Result in Semifinal and Finals will always count. If 2 drivers are tied at the end of the heats, the best result will be taken, then if there is a tie again the 2nd best result, etc... If 2 drivers are tied at the end of the semi-finals or the final, the best result in these races will be privileged.

### b) Points system

1 - 100pts	6 - 65pts	11 - 41pts	16 - 21pts
2 - 90pts	7 - 60pts	12 - 37pts	17 - 17pts
3 - 82pts	8 - 55pts	13 - 33pts	18- 13pts
4 - 76pts	9 - 50pts	14 - 29pts	19 - 9pts
5 - 70pts	10 - 45pts	15 - 25pts	20 - 5pts

If a driver doesn't show up for his race he gets zero points, but contrary to DQ he may drop that result.

DNF - scores minimum points and may be used as a drop result.

DQ – Scores ZERO points and cannot be dropped.



### V - WEIGHT CLASS:

- a) All drivers will race in a single weight class, at 85 kg (in full racing equipment). Drivers are allowed to race overweight. Weight will be checked at the end of each race. Forgetting or refusing to perform a weight check when asked by track officials will result in DQ from the race.
- b) Karts are equipped to take up to 20kg of ballast on the kart with weights of 2.5kg, 5kg and 10kg that will be at your disposal. Drivers with weight below 65 kg will need to bring personal weights to make the 85 kg weight. Heavy seat inserts, weight vests, and other personal weights are accepted but the only authorized locations on the kart are in the seat or in the ballast box.
- c) If the drivers weight is: between 84.5kg and 84,99kg -> 20 seconds of penalties - below 84.5kg -> ranked last in the race



## SVI - RACING EQUIPMENT:

- a) Full face helmet, gloves and race suit are mandatory. Racing shoes advised. Race suits and helmets are available to borrow/rent at the track.
- b) Racing communication radios are not permitted. Camera is also not permitted (only the raceday). Lap times on the steering wheel are allowed (except during the Match Race in the Final).

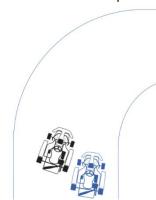






# OVERTAKE :

Here's what you may or may not do when you overtake someone during FRKC. Let's take the example of a right turn for all cases of figures.



### CASE NO. 1:

At the entry.

The BLUE kart tries to overtake the BLACK kart.

The BLUE kart is half the height of the BLACK kart.

The BLACK kart driver must leave space for the BLUE kart.

Even if there is a contact, there will be **no penalty.** 

### CASE NO. 2:

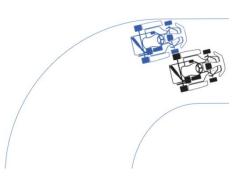
At the entry.

The BLACK kart defends his position inside.

The BLUE kart pushes the BLACK kart from the rear.

The BLACK kart can no longer take the perfect line.

### Penalty of 5 sec for the BLUE kart.



### CASE NO. 3:

At the exit.

The BLACK kart has the advantage of position.

The BLUE kart tries to overtake it from the outside.

The BLUE kart has no space so it has to slow down to not create a collision. **No penalty.** 

Penalty of 5 sec if the BLUE kart puts the BLACK kart in spin.

### CASE NO. 4:

At the exit.

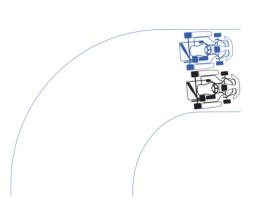
The BLUE kart tries to overtake the BLACK kart from the outside.

The BLUE kart is up to the BLACK kart.

The BLACK kart must leave space for the BLUE kart.

No penalty.

Penalty of 5 sec if the BLACK kart puts the BLUE kart in the wall.



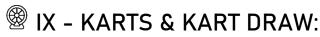








- a) The 1st race will start exactly on time and then we can be ahead or behind the schedule. Be careful, we won't wait for a late driver.
- b) If you have a cold kart for your next race, make sure to be ready and sit in the kart before the end of the previous race. You can do a warm-up lap and directly return to the pits.
- b) Drivers may not leave their karts after qualifying (except in final), unless there is an accident with serious threat, or if authorized by a track official. Leaving a kart without race track authorization may result in DQ.
- c) Driver is supposed to be ready sitting in his Kart when the track official allows drivers to go in to his warm up lap. If the driver is not there, he will start last.
- d) Grid will be set single file, with a rolling race start. No overtaking is allowed until you cross the start-finish line. Brake test for the leader is forbidden.
- e) Race will end when the CHECKERED flag is waved. After a driver receives the checkered flag he will be directed to the weight check area.



### a) The Karts (and calibration):

Only track staff may do any work on karts. Spare parts and any type of work on the karts by driver is not allowed, including tire pressure adjustments. This offense will result in DQ from Championship.

All karts will be tested before the event and calibrated using extra ballast.

- 1) We test all karts and rank them by lap time.
- 2) The slowest karts are not used during the championship.
- 3) The fastest karts will have an extra ballast (between 2.5 and 10kg) to slow them down.
- 4) Final result: a very homogeneous karts fleet.

These weights appropriate to certain karts will obviously remain during the entire event and it will be strictly forbidden to remove them under penalty of disqualification.

They will also be attached to each chassis so you don't mess with your personal ballast.

### b) Kart Assignments for heat and semi-finals:

The groups (for the heats) will be done at random during the week of the race. To homogenize each group as much as possible according to the level of the drivers, we will take into account the Overall Top 20 of the previous year. That is to say, there will be only 4 drivers maximum per heat from this Top 20. Example: 1-6-13-18 in round 1 then 3-8-11-16 in round 2, etc...

The kart draw for the heats will be on YouTube live on the "French Rental Kart Championship" page. For the semi-finals, 5 possibilities will be offered to the drivers during the briefing and a driver (per semi-final) will draw one of these 5 possibilities.

To minimize luck & bad luck on kart draws, a driver will not be allowed to draw repeated karts during the Qualifier Rounds. For the Semi-Final, the Kart history is erased for all who qualified. Any kart will be open







to be drawn.

The drivers will be required to be present before each race in the waiting room. The schedules are written on the schedule. A driver who is late or absent once will have a warning. On a second and third occasion the driver will be penalized.

### c) Kart Assignments for final:

Before qualifying, drivers will pick karts for the Match Race in the order of their total cumulative points so far. The driver with most points has the first choice of kart number for the Match Race. Second highest scorer has second choice and so on. When you will lose a duel in Match Race, you will have the kart that your competitor will leave you for the final.

## () X - KART CHANGES:

You can't change kart unless it has a mechanical problem that is confirmed by the staff. Lack of performance, difficulty on turns, etc... are not mechanical failures. Drivers persistence in changing Karts after the mechanic has said the kart is good to drive will cause a time penalty of 30 seconds.

**During or after qualifying:** If your kart has a mechanical problem and needs to be changed, the staff will give you a spare kart and you will start last on the grid.

During the race: If your kart has a mechanical problem and needs to be changed, the staff will give you a spare kart during your pit stop. However, this additional pit stop will not count in the mandatory pit stop during your race.

During the Match-Race: If your kart has a mechanical problem confirmed by the staff, a new kart will be given to you and will be heated for 2 laps.

In any case if you want to change your kart, you need to know that those in reserve are slower than those on track according to our calibration.



## XI - PIT-STOPS:

- a) Number of Pit stops required: Every driver must perform a minimum of 1 pit-stop during each Qualifier race. All drivers will have to spend 20 seconds in the pits. For semi-final & final, 2 pit stops are required.
- b) Pit stop procedure: You enter the pitlane and your kart is detected automatically once you cross the detection line (between the two cones). You will have 2 lines to stop in the pit area. You are obliged to stop at the cones. You can look for your name on the television screen where you see the time you have spent in the pits (counting up). There will be 2 lines in the pits and you will have to stop at the intended location. If the drivers from pitlane N°1 & N°2 decide to accelerate at the same time, the driver from pitlane N°2 (closest to the track) need to let the driver from pitlane N°1 pass. For the pit exit the detection will be between the 2 cones and you'll have to follow the red exit line, always keeping the two left wheels at the left of the line.
- c) When you can make your pit stop: Pit will be closed during the first lap and the last minute of the race.
- d) Pit open and pit closed: A cone at the Pit entry indicates that the pit is closed. Once the cone is out the pit entry is open and you can make your strategic pit-stop.







**e) Penalty:** If a driver makes a pit stop in less than 20 seconds, he will get a 10 seconds time penalty. And if the pit-stop is made in less than 15 seconds, he will have a 30-second penalty. If a driver holds another driver behind him during the pit-stop he will get a disqualification for the race. If you don't follow the red line at the exit, you will have 5 seconds of penalty.



Yellow Flag: A yellow flag may be displayed at a specific section of the track. It means there is an incident on the track. Be prepared to slow down and raise your hand. Passing is not allowed. If a driver passes another under yellow by mistake, the passing driver may give the position back and not suffer a penalty. If he insists in staying ahead, he will receive a 15 second penalty.

Orange Flag: Your last overtake was illegal and you have three corners to give back 1 position otherwise you will have a penalty.

Blue Flag: A driver will receive the blue flag and will have three corners to give away his position. If he doesn't do that, he will receive a 15 second time penalty.

**Red Flag:** A Red flag means the race has been stopped due to a serious accident. Drivers must gradually slow down, keep their positions and come to a full stop in the pits.

**Black Flag:** You have been disqualified. You have three laps to exit the track.

White flag: A white flag means the leader has entered his last lap and the pit is closed.

Checkered Flag: Race is over.









# **XIII - DRIVER, PUBLIC CONDUCT & PENALTIES:**

Where	Incident	Penalty
	Weight difference less than or equal to 0,5kg	+ 20 seconds
	Weight difference more than 0,5kg	Ranked last of the race
	Forgetting or refusing to perform a weight check	DQ from the race
	Use of racing communication radios or camera	DQ from the race
Out track	Absent or late in the waiting room	Warning
out truck	Absent or late in the waiting room x 2	+ 1 position on the grid
	Absent or late in the waiting room <b>x 3 et plus</b>	+ 5 positions on the grid
	Absent or late for Qualy	Start last

Where	Incident	Penalty
	Get out of his kart after qualifying without	DQ from the race
	permission from the marshals (except in final)	
	Overtake before the start of the race without give	+ 20 seconds
	back the position	
	Changing the kart settings (pressure,)	DQ from the championship
	Pit-stop in less than 20 seconds	+ 10 seconds
	Pit-stop in less than 15 seconds	+ 30 seconds
On track	Intentionally obstruct another driver in the pits	DQ from the race
On track	No respect of yellow and blue flag	+ 15 seconds
	No respect of red and black flag	DQ from the championship
	Brake test at the start	+ 5 seconds
	Non-regulatory overtake penalty	+ 5 seconds
	Forgot to make the mandatory pit-stop	+45 seconds
	Pass through the cone which forbid the entry of the	DQ from the race
	pits	
	Cut the line when you leave the pit	+ 5 seconds







## i XIV - PRICE, DEPOSIT, BANK ACCOUNT:

- Registration (and payment): 279€ Entry Fee:

Either by full payment or by a deposit of 100€.

The registration takes place on the FRKC website. (frkc.fr)

The entry is only confirmed by the payment.

Don't wait because there is a limited number of 100 places for the event.

### **Bank details:**

Account owner: LW MOTORSPORT

IBAN: FR7610278014560002065680234

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#### b) Sign out and refunds

- If a driver cancels before 15.12.2025, the entry fee will be completely refunded.
- If a driver cancels between 15.12.2025 and 15.01.2026, the entry fee will be 50% refunded.
- If a driver cancels after 15.01.2026, there will be no refund.

In any case, if a driver has a well-founded demonstrable reason for canceling (such as a funeral), the refund will be considered on a case-by-case basis. We will ask a proof.

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