



# SOVREN GUILD PNW Karting Challenge

## 2017 Karting General Rules and Instructions

Hello drivers of the Karting Challenge and Seattle Children's Hospital supporters. As race day approaches, I wanted to get you all up to speed on the rules, and guidelines for the Pacific Northwest Historics Kart Race Challenge.

Thank you very much for your participation in this event, it is our goal this event will continue to be a fun and challenging forum for supporting Seattle Children's Hospital for years to come.

Keep in mind that we are catering this event to the new driver as well as the veteran...this is a wonderful fundraising event for families, friends, businesses or other Seattle Children's Hospital guilds. Each team is required to pay a \$250 registration fee (this includes the use of the track, staffing, your team kart and safety equipment.) and have four team drivers. The team registration & fee needs to be mailed to: **SOVREN Guild C/O Larry Duffield – 11239 Champagne Pt. Rd. NE / Kirkland, WA 98034...please be sure the check is made out to SOVREN Guild. Team drivers' names need to be either included on the registration form or emailed to Larry Duffield at [Duffield.larry1@gmail.com](mailto:Duffield.larry1@gmail.com) no later than June 10th. Each team is also required to donate a minimum of \$500 for Seattle Children's and we encourage your team to set an even higher goal of \$2,000...after all, it's all for the kids!**

Teams will want to set up their online fundraising account as soon as possible and also mail checks in to Larry instead of bringing them to the track on race day because Jackson Dean Construction has again confirmed their participation as our matching funds sponsor for the 2017 PNW Karting Challenge! **The first 10 teams to send in registrations; register for online fundraising through Razoo and submit \$1000 in donations will receive a match of \$1000 to their team efforts. The first 10 teams to reach \$2000 through their own fundraising efforts (matches are not included for this total) will receive another \$1000 added to their overall total.**

This is an **INCREDIBLE** opportunity that you don't want to miss out on! Start collecting your team donations now with cash, check or through our online fundraising page. Cash & check donations should be submitted as they are received so that we can track team fundraising totals for these matching funds. **To set up an account follow the attached directions or contact Elna Duffield at [l.duffield@comcast.net](mailto:l.duffield@comcast.net).**

The Kart Race Challenge will take place at the PGP Motorsports Park Karting Facility at Pacific Raceways in Kent on Friday, June 16th, 2017 rain or shine. As you enter down the main road into Pacific Raceways, it is the asphalt track below on the right, before you get to the "T". To enter the facility, just hang a right at the "T".

**The race will be held on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> RAIN OR SHINE!!!**

**Prior to 3:00 pm – All teams must be qualified or you will not be allowed to race.**

**4:00pm – 8:30pm** – Food & beverages available through Kent AM Kiwanis stand.

**5:45pm-6:30** - Drivers meeting. Kart assignments. **All drivers must attend this meeting.**

**6:30pm** - Race starts (As I have mentioned before, there is no practice, more on that later.)

**8:30pm** - Checkered flag

**8:45pm** - Awards ceremony



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Please invite your family, friends, co-workers, or guild members to come and cheer your team on. There is plenty of space around the track to set up a picnic and BBQ areas... feel free to bring in food and beverages. We will have hamburgers and hotdogs / beverages and snacks for sale if you don't want to bring food and pop-up tents. Take the time to mingle, eat, get to know your fellow racers and do some bench racing prior to the event. There is plenty of room for spectators around the south end of the track and towards the back of the paddock area. We leave the fence area and the area fronting the "hot pits" for the teams.

**Many of the teams brought their own pop-up race tents, team banners and chairs to set up in the race paddock area...it looked great! We are encouraging teams to create their own headquarters for this year as well.**

Here is our vision, rules, etc.:

-First and foremost, this is going to be fun **and safe**. There are no Formula 1 contracts up for grabs at the end of this event. Good clean side by side racing. Remember, this is a **2 HOUR** race. You won't win it in the first corner, but you can certainly lose it there. We have a wide variety of driver expertise out there so remember, you may be racing with someone fairly new to the sport or a seasoned pro!

-Registrations need to be submitted prior to the event - please mail in the registration form (with team name and driver names) along with the \$250 registration fee **no later than June 10th** (the earlier the better) to SOVREN Guild c/o Larry Duffield – 11239 Champagne Pt. Rd. NE / Kirkland, WA 98034.

-Everyone must wear a shirt, long pants, and closed toe shoes. (No flip flops, high heels, Birkenstocks, etc.) For our long haired drivers, we ask that you tie your hair up close to or inside your helmet. If you have a helmet with eye protection, we ask that you bring it. We have helmets available for people to use at no extra cost, we just don't have 100 of every size available.

-Drivers must be a minimum of 15 years old, and at least 5' tall.

-**Drivers must also "qualify" for the event.** This is strictly a safety issue as we can't have people driving too slowly or dangerously. We don't need anybody to be the next Michael Schumacher. Just drive at a safe and reasonable speed. This can be done one of several ways.

- 1) Driver's from last year's challenge are grandfathered in and do not need to re-qualify.
- 2) Hold a valid competitors license in any sanctioned motorsports event / series (SCCA, Karting, Historics, etc.).
- 3) Come out to a practice day or kart race day and drive within 115% of an established time for a given track configuration.
- 4) Compete in one of the "4 wheeled" racing disciplines at PGP and shown a level of driving competence and safety.
- 5) Qualifying must be completed by 3:00pm, June 16, 2016. **Please contact the track to schedule your qualifying session, or provide valid qualifying documentation: 253-639-RACE (7223).**

We are doing this to help insure good safe racing for everyone involved. Even if you have a racing license, we recommend all drivers get out and turn some practice laps. As many drivers figured out last year, these karts don't handle at all like a car, especially in the wet. Those who came out and did 2-3 practice sessions found themselves to be at an incredible advantage to those who hadn't.

Please notify track personnel when you come out that you are working on qualifying for the Seattle Children's Hospital Karting Challenge. If you have achieved the objective, be sure to notify the track personnel in the office so they can log it into the computer. If you are a current racing license holder, be sure to bring it to the race so that you are allowed to race. The number one priority is safety.

-These are Italian Built, Birel race Karts. They use a 4-stroke 9hp Honda motor. Top speed is approx. 45mph. (Feels faster than that when your bottom is only 1" off the ground.) No shifting is involved. Just step on the gas with your right foot to go and brake with the left foot to stop. The gas and brake pedals are adjustable to fit different height drivers. These Karts were specifically developed to cater to the first time driver while providing a rewarding driving experience to the seasoned racer.



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-The race track consists of 15 turns on a .82 mile road course. The track has plenty of room to race as it is 30' wide in most spots. The "south side" of the course is where you will reach maximum speed on the two long straightaways. The "north side" of the course is where the track gets technical. We will be running the full track configuration for race day. The track and Karts are equipped with transponders to keep track of lap times and # of laps completed. An average lap time on a dry day is in the 1:20 to 1:30 range.

-Once the green flag drops, it will be 2 hours later before the checkered flag flies. There are 25 teams and 1 driver from each team will be on the track at a time. That's 25 other Karts on the track at the same time. There will be a "hot pit" lane set up where drivers will bring in the Karts for driver changes, and any necessary refueling/kart adjustments. Each team is required to have a minimum of 3 driver changes. Each of the 4 drivers must complete at least one lap around the track. Each driver change will be timed. Each driver change requires the Kart to be in the pits for a minimum of 90 seconds. (We don't want people speeding and rushing in the pits. People are all around the "hot pit" area and we don't want anybody getting hurt because of a team being in too big of a hurry.) Take your time. Drive in the hot pits at a walking pace. Slowly get out of the Kart. Take your time getting into the Kart. Adjust the pedals as necessary. Make sure your helmet strap is on and your eye protection is in place, THEN, after the Kart has been in the pits for 90 seconds, go racing.

-Practice. In addition to the qualifying mentioned earlier, we also recommend each driver come out for some practice time. There is no "organized" practice for this race. This race will go on rain or shine. This isn't at all like racing a real car in the rain. THIS IS FUN!!! In fact, most people prefer to drive these Karts when the track is wet. It is an absolute hoot. That's not to say that it isn't fun in the dry. It's just a different kind of fun. My recommendation is for everybody to do 2-3 sessions in the Karts at some point before the race, especially in the wet. The first session gets people used to the Karts and the track. The second and third session is when drivers get to figure out how hard they can push themselves in the Karts. PGP is offering a special rate to us for the first session of \$25 (Usually is \$35) and subsequent sessions are \$25. Each session lasts 13 minutes plus staff support. Please check [www.pacificgcp.com](http://www.pacificgcp.com) for hours and call (253) 639-RACE (7223) for daily event schedules. Often, groups will rent the facility for a couple of hours or a whole day. So call to verify that the rentals are available. You can even reserve a track time slot at no additional cost if you are on a time constraint. We recommend 15-30 minutes between practice sessions to let your hands / arms rest (Yes, they do get tired.).

Hopefully, we have covered everything but if you have questions don't hesitate to give me a call.

So...let's drop the green flag and "go" for Children's Hospital!

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