



DRIVER'S BRIEFING NOTES

2026 Pro Tour Summer Nationals
New Castle Motorsports Park

Thank you for coming out to race with us. Below are the main points for you to review and be aware of heading into these rounds of competition. We all have responsibility in making every race successful, and a big part of that is maintaining an understanding of the expectations.

THE BASICS

- **Act respectfully** - Your interactions with others, cleanliness of the facility, etc.
- Be familiar with the SKUSA Rulebook.
- Understand the Protest and No-Call Protest Process.
- WhatsApp DM's are for questions and clarification only.
- All penalties and announcements will be posted in SKUSA WhatsApp channel - please wait until race results are posted before inquiring about in-race calls, etc.
- Yellow flags are not a suggestion.

THE SPECIFICS

- An effort will be made to post warnings during practice, helping identify concerns officials witness, to promote better racing throughout the weekend, which may lead to penalties being enforced in qualifying if there are recurring issues. Final Practice penalties will also be enforced in qualifying.
- During all Practice and Qualifying sessions, upon entering the track, drivers are to get up to pace in a reasonable time. We should not see groups of karts moving at a noticeably slower pace through the out lap.
- Drivers cannot be assisted during qualifying with the exception of Micro and Mini classes
- Lap 1/Turn 1 Start - Incident Responsibility is automatically a 10 second minimum "Reckless" penalty.
- Whenever there is a battle for position, both drivers must allow "room to race" for their fellow competitor.
- **Race Starts and Restarts**
 - All starts, including Full-course Yellow re-starts, take place within the *Start Zone*.
 - Racing will go straight to green - the out lap is the formation lap. The *Formation Cone* will be near T14, and the *Commitment Cone* will be near T17.
 - Upon reaching the *Commitment Cone*, the lead karts must slow appropriately and get side-by-side to allow the entire field time to double file and be ready for the start of the race.
 - All race starts will be thoroughly reviewed for lane violations, jump starts and pushing/contact. The removal of the PBB for X30 classes puts increased responsibility on those fields to manage starts safely and professionally.
 - **Aborted starts procedure**- If a start is aborted, all track staff will have a double standing yellow. Drivers must return to a pace lap speed and in their starting position to reattempt the start.
- Race Directors will be available for any questions during the "RD Questions" time slot on the event schedule.

Thank you