INFO 2019 11 20 – MENA KARTING CHAMPIONSHIP CATEGORIES

The different karting disciplines available for drivers at the MENA Karting Championship 2020 are listed below:

1) MENA Rotax MAX Challenge *
2) MENA RD1 ELITE Endurance
3) MENA RD1 ELITE Sprint
4) MENA Nations Cup
   * Kart competition licence holders only

These categories and formats, described in detail below, enable MENA-based drivers covering a variety of ages and experience to represent their respective country as part of a nationally-selected squad.

(1) MENA ROTAX MAX CHALLENGE (RMC)

MENA RMC participation is restricted to holders of either a Kart National or Kart International Licence issued by the ASN of their MENA country. Drivers should be nominated by their ASN.

All Rotax categories are available (Micro MAX, Mini MAX Junior MAX, Senior MAX and DD2), covering all age ranges from 8yrs and upwards.

This particular category is heavily subsidised and is open to MENA Nationals only as opposed to residents. Delegates must hold an original passport from the MENA country they are representing.

The organisation will provide brand new complete race karts (including engine and tyres) to MENA delegates for use during the event. The karts will be raffled at the beginning of the event. Drivers will be responsible for all equipment throughout the race week and will be expected to return it in the same condition at the end of the event (damages to be paid for).

The Driver (or ASN) will be responsible for bringing along his/her own mechanic (or support crew) and additional equipment as required, just as in any National/Regional/International event.

Using the existing and established RMC platform for Oman/UAE, MENA competitors will score points within the existing RMC but will also score separately towards a MENA points ranking (Nations Cup).

Existing and sanctioned Sporting and Technical regulations will apply.

Each MENA ASN will be able to nominate 1 driver per category to avail the kart without charge (maximum 5). Those wishing to subscribe additional drivers in one or more classes will be required to make a contribution of OMR 1000 per entry.

With limited spaces available, entries will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis.
Drivers will collect their racing equipment on Monday 10th February 2020. Two full practice days will follow on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February. Thursday 13th February consists of Timed Qualifying and three Qualifying Heat races with both Pre-Final and Grand Final taking place on Friday 14th February ahead of the official Awards Presentation.

(2) MENA RD1 ELITE ENDURANCE (TEAM COMPETITION)
This is a team format for both licence-holders and non-licence holders. Participants are expected to have some karting (or motorsport) experience since the karts are of premium performance.

Drivers must be a minimum of 15 years of age and a minimum weight of 55kg.
Ideally teams will be nominated by their respective MENA ASN, but direct team entries from any country within the MENA zone can be received. Competitors can be nationals or residents.

After the official welcome ceremony on Monday 10th February 2020, RD1 ELITE karts will be made available on both Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February according to the official timetable in order for MENA Karting Championship competitors to be able to practice. These practice sessions are optional and can be booked and paid for separately.

The MENA RD1 ELITE ENDURANCE will be incorporated into Race Day 1 on Thursday 13th February 2020 and will consist of:

- Registration and weighing
- Driver and Team Briefing
- Practice/Qualifying session (20 mins approx.)
- 2 HR Endurance Race

The number of drivers per team can be 2 or 3. Team helpers/support crew is open and at the discretion of each team.

All team drivers will be required to complete practice laps during the allotted practice window.

Start positions for the Endurance race will be decided by the best lap times achieved during the practice session.

The Endurance race will be run over a fixed 2 hour period with teams having to manage driver changes and fuel stops throughout this time, implementing a strategy so as to maximise the driving distance over the race duration.

The final result will be based on the total number of laps completed by each team within that period.

Teams will be ranked according to finishing positions with the top 3 teams receiving trophies at the Awards Presentation on Friday 14th February.

All MENA teams will gain Nations Cup Ranking points for their country. Regulations will be properly drafted and communicated ahead of time.

The maximum number of teams is 20. Entries will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis.
(3) MENA RD1 ELITE SPRINT (INDIVIDUAL)
This is an individual format for both licence-holders and non-licence holders. Participants are expected to have some karting (or motorsport) experience since the karts are of premium performance.

**Drivers must be a minimum of 15 years of age and a minimum weight of 55kg.**
Ideally drivers will be nominated by their respective MENA ASN, but direct entries from any country within the MENA zone can be received. Competitors can be nationals or residents.

After the official welcome ceremony on Monday 10th February 2020, RD1 ELITE karts will be made available on both Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February according to the official timetable in order for MENA Karting Championship competitors to be able to practice. These practice sessions are optional and can be booked and paid for separately.

The MENA RD1 ELITE SPRINT will be incorporated into the Race Day 2 on Friday 14th February and will consist of:
- Registration and weighing
- Driver Briefing
- Practice session (10 mins approx.)
- Qualifying session (10 mins approx.)
- RD1 ELITE Sprint Pre-Final (15 mins approx.)
- RD1 ELITE Sprint Final (20 mins approx.)

Drivers will compete individually for ranking and Nations Cup points. Practice is timed but non-competitive while Qualifying will be against the clock with the fastest lap securing Pole Position for the Pre Final race.

Drivers will start their first Pre-Final race in the order of their Qualifying ranking and the finishing order of this race will determine start positions for the Final.

The longest Final race will determine the overall RD1 ELITE Sprint rankings with the top 3 drivers receiving trophies at the Awards Presentation. Drivers will also accumulate Nations Cup points for their country throughout the competition.

Regulations will be properly drafted and communicated ahead of time. Entries will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis.

**MENA KARTING CHAMPIONSHIP – NATIONS CUP**
MENA drivers could select one of the above disciplines or even all 3 if they meet the specific requirements.

MENA drivers in all categories will contribute to their ‘Nations Cup’ or Country ranking.

Points scored in each of the disciplines will be recorded and accumulated to make an ultimate MENA Karting Championship Nations Cup Total.

The top 3 MENA Nations will be rewarded with trophies at the Awards Presentation on Friday 14th February with the overall winner being declared the MENA Nations Cup Champion 2020!