

Fellow Karters:

This month we would like to cover a few Pre Tech issues you will need to know for the 2010 racing season.

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115 PERSONAL SAFETY ATTIRE

115.1 HEAD GEAR: Full coverage (Full Face) helmets designed for competitive motorsports use are mandatory and must comply with one of the following.

<u>Snell Foundation Specifications</u>	<u>Legal Until</u>
SA and M 2000	12/20/2010
SA and M 2005	12/20/2015
K 2005	12/20/2015
CMS 2007 (youth helmet)	12/20/2015
CMR 2007 (youth helmet)	12/20/2015
M 2010	12/20/2020
<i>Go karts only. Not approved for Champ Karts</i>	
SA 2010	12/20/2020
<i>Go karts and Champ Karts</i>	

Note: 2010 is the last competition year that Snell SA and M 2000 helmets will be legal.

<u>SFI Specifications</u>	<u>Legal Unit</u>
24.1 (youth helmet)	12/20/2012
31.2a	12/20/2013
41.2a	12/20/2013
24.1/2005 (youth helmet)	12/20/2015
31.1/2005	12/20/2015
41.1/2005	12/20/2015
24.1/2010 (youth helmet)	12/20/2020
31.1.2010	12/20/2020
<i>Go karts and Champs karts</i>	
41.1/2010	12/20/2020
<i>Go karts only. Not approved for Champ Karts</i>	

British Standards Institution Specifications:

Helmets with BSI A-type and A/FR-type BS6658-85 certification manufactured within the past 10 years are approved. They are legal until 12/20/2013. (See label inside helmet for manufactured date).

Note: Although the “youth helmet” standards do not specify a precise age range, the helmets are intended for children and, particularly for young pre-pubertal children.

They are not appropriate for adult drivers.

Helmet must be in good condition and is subject to pre-race technical inspection. It may also be inspected if it is damaged in an accident. (See Section 106.14 Accidents.)

If the helmet shows any damage, WKA/OVKA recommends that it be returned to the manufacturer for testing and re-certification.

Helmet must be secured with a strap. The driver is responsible for making sure that his or her helmet fits properly and is securely fastened before entering the racing surface. In the case of a minor, this is the parent or guardians responsibility.

Failure to properly secure the helmet before entering the racing surface may result in disqualification.

115.2 FACE SHIELD: Eye protection is required using a full-face shield integral with the helmet.

115.3 HELMET SUPPORTS: All drivers in all series must wear an unaltered collar- type helmet support designed for motorsports when on the track (except in Road Racing Lay down style karts).

Any driver losing a helmet support while on the track will receive a black flag and be removed from the track immediately.

After replacing the helmet support and at the discretion of the race official in charge, the competitor may resume racing in whatever position he or she may safely re-enter the track.

If requested by race officials, drivers must supply the name of the helmet support manufacture.

The EVS Evolution Race Collar, Leatt-Brace Moto Kart and Moto GPX and Team Valhalla 360 Plus Device, Safety Solutions R3 and D-cel are approved helmet supports.

The Hans Sport Series and Safety Solutions Hybrid are approved as helmet supports in Champ Karts only.

115.4 DRIVER CLOTHING: Drivers are required to wear jackets of leather, vinyl, ballistic nylon or other abrasion resistant material and full-length pants to prevent or minimize abrasions. NO sweat pants.

Shoes socks and gloves are mandatory.

For all champ kart drivers in all series, full fire resistant driving suits with an SFI rating of 3.2 A1 or better are mandatory.

Chest protectors meeting SFI Specification 20.1 are mandatory for all drivers in all classes where the maximum age is 12 or lower.

Ballast weight may not be added to the driver, i.e. addition of weight to the driving apparel, weight belts, ankle weights, etc. without written permission from the Race Director.

If requested, driver must supply name of manufacture of driving apparel for comparison purposes.

NOTE: If driver's hair extends appreciably from beneath helmet, it is mandatory that the driver wears a "balaclava" or head sock to prevent the hair from extending outside the helmet. Also no apparel items such as bandanas, sweater hoods, loose belts etc. will be permitted.

In road racing only, effective December 20, 2009 either a full one-piece driving suit or a two piece suit connected at the waist by a zipper will be required.

115.5 PRE-RACE TECH: All drivers' personal safety equipment is subject to pre-tech inspection and is subject to re-inspection at any time.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact any of the 2010 OVKA Tech Team Members.

Thank You

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