



The Motor Sport Association
Motor Sport House
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4th April 2012

Ref : Enforcement of Rules 12.5.3/12.5.4

Dear Cheryl

I write to you on behalf of Camberley Kart Club to express our deep concern regarding the level of enforcement of the above rules and specifically relating to kerbing at our race day on 24th March.

May I say at the outset that as a small club, struggling to maintain race numbers, that the impact of the enforcement has been nothing less than disastrous for us. The clubs committee was forced into arranging an extra ordinary meeting this week to discuss what assurances could be secured from the MSA on how the regulations will be enforced in the future.

It is not without exaggeration that your response will directly affect our race numbers for subsequent races and we have already been told by a large number of our faithful and committed members that they will not race again at Camberley until we have absolute clarity.

Firstly I would like to ask you, exactly what instructions have been communicated to MSA race officials across the country regarding enforcement of the rules. There has been much speculation on karting web sites and social media but we would like to understand what has actually been asked.

Secondly we would like to know how those instructions can be applied to a circuit like Camberley. You will know we are one of the shortest and most technically challenging circuits in the country and overtaking is incredibly difficult and a "one size fits all" enforcement policy would be highly unfair for such a short circuit. If there are a number of stages for warnings, time penalties, drive through, black flags we need to clearly communicate that to drivers at the beginning of each race. Please bear in mind Camberley is about half the lap time of most circuits and whilst time penalties may be appropriate, unlike some other tracks, we have no 'drive through' facility. We would like clarification if any such rules apply to a single heat/final or if there is an aggregate affect through the day as we do not wish to have any re occurrence of drivers being black flagged in the final for their first infringement of the day which happened to us.

Finally we seek assurances that our experienced marshals be permitted to determine what is a racing incident and what is intentional regarding matters of kerbing or leaving the circuit. As a club we rely on the support of our ex racers acting as marshals and officials and their ability to make such judgements and we do not want that experience undermined as it was last race day.

We understand and accept that rules need to be adhered to, not just in karting but across all UK motorsport, but the manner in which they were enforced on 24th March was inconsistent and in some instances beyond the letter of the rules and damaged us as club.

We would like to ask also that an official investigation is made into the events on 24th March so that we can try and reassure our members and hopefully encourage them to continue to race with us.

I would add that a copy of this letter will be published on our web site and we would also advise that we plan to publish your response when received. It is important that we do that quickly and I respectfully ask that you provide a response within 7 days so as to give us time to contact racers before next race day and encourage them to return to us in April.

It would be immensely helpful and appreciated if you or a designated senior official could join us at our next race day. A very visible sign from the MSA that they take our issues seriously and are committed to helping small clubs like Camberley to be successful would be most appreciated by the committee and its racing members and we would assure you of a warm and friendly welcome.

I very much look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

Steve Wylie
Camberley Kart Club Secretary