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TO: WOMZA KARTING COMMUNITY

Dear Competitor/ Guardian

The organizers of the KSA WOMZA SA Rotax Max Challenge have been made aware of an act of vandalism as well as allegations of poor behaviour between competitors and families at the previous Zwartkops kart race. This sets a new low for behaviour and to understand why and attempt to deal with this we raise the following points:

1. We condemn vandalism and recommend such instances be reported to the police. Should a definitive finding from the authorities prove that a WOMZA licensed competitor(s) was responsible for this, we will take appropriate action against the guilty party. It is not for us to get involved while the authorities follow their due process.
2. The purported poor behaviour between the various competitors and families involved in this and other unpleasant incidents in the pits and accusations levelled against various parties have been noted. We condemn in strongest terms poor behaviour but need to point out that we are primarily tasked with running and controlling kart racing and the matters that happen on the racetrack.
3. We expect decent conduct as set out in the code of conduct as well as the norms and laws of the country and the constitution, we are however not able to control poor behaviour in the pits and other areas of the circuit without compelling evidence being brought forward. We do not have the resources to patrol the pits, parking lots and the vast expanse of the facility
4. We need to avoid at all costs the possibility of overzealous competitors attempting to undermine one another off the track via the organizers and will resist getting drawn into this. We have some world class youngsters and must protect them from having their dreams dashed by poor behaviour.
5. We note with concern that a few names are regularly involved in protests, appeals and post-race complaints to the clubs and/or WOMZA.
6. Most competitors and families enjoy their racing and frankly object to the behaviour of the few causing and raising most of these issues. It takes two to start a war and this may eventually lead us to no longer issuing these parties licenses.
7. Filming competitors and officials at work is against the laws of the land and very annoying to some. The SARMC Sporting regulations Art 20 paragraph 4. specifically provides for filming of the on-circuit action as well as podium ceremonies. Officials may not discipline minor children – this is the parent's responsibility, and all parents are reminded of this.
8. A few competitors see fit to talk to officials as if they are fair game – they are not – they are well trained, vastly experienced, and caring people who love the sport and tasked with overseeing fair play in racing. Please refrain from attempting to discredit the officials or accusing them of

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bias at every opportunity - this cannot be not tolerated. Play by the rules and follow the procedures – fairness will prevail.

9. Please make the officials aware of any perceived conflict of interest **before** a hearing or inspection of your equipment. As far as possible a substitute official will be brought in.
10. We remind you that this is a sport, a game and to be enjoyed by all. It is not a matter of life and death, and we all need to keep perspective.

The KSA committee will design a driver points system like F1 where a competitor starts a season with several points per year and then is fined a specific number of points for poor off track haviour, insulting officials, failed or frivolous protests and appeals etc until there are no more points and the license is revoked. It is hoped that this will help people to behave. The details will be worked out in the next days for implementation and distribution.

Finally, COVID 19 is not over – while the third wave seems to be abating, we are none the less legally obliged to follow all the protocols and regulations set by government. In the interests of everyone's safety please always wear your mask, sanitise, and respect social distancing. Failure to comply fully will see the promoters and organizers arrested and no more karting until the laws are relaxed!

Enjoy your racing and the time with your youngsters and remember that the officials and organizers are there for all of you.