

# Parent Code of Conduct

**\*\*Parent Code of Conduct is a part of the RGKA rules, if not followed consequences may be inflicted\*\***

## As a Parent:

- I will not force my child to participate in racing.
- I will remember that children race to have fun.
- I will inform the flagman and officials of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I will learn the rules and the policies of the Runestone Go Kart Association.
- I will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy and by demonstrating positive support for all drivers, crew members, flagmen, officials, and spectators at every race.
- I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any driver, crew member, flagman, officials, or spectators such as booing, taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health or wellbeing of any other person.
- I will teach my child to race by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will demand that my child treat other racers, crew member, flagman, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a race or his/her performance.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard and make my child feel like a winner every time.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a race.
- I will emphasize skill development and practice racing through hot laps and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize races and competition in the lower age groups.
- I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the racers ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win. I will respect the officials and their authority during races and will never question, discuss, or confront the flagman or officials during any race. Also, if needed I will take time to speak with the flagmen or officials after all races are completed for the evening.

**\*\*THE ASSOCIATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AMEND ANY RULE OR REGULATION AT ANY TIME AND IN ANY WAY IN THE INTEREST OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AND EVERYONE'S SAFETY\*\***

*Children's racing is supposed to be fun for the children. As none of us are perfect, many parents, fans, flagman, officials, and board members don't realize that their actions, whether verbal or nonverbal, can have a lasting emotional effect on children. Parents, fans, flagman, officials, and board members who follow this simple code can help reinforce what racing is all about being fun for everyone.*

The essential elements of character building and ethics in the Runestone Go Kart Association mission statement are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles:

- Trustworthiness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Caring
- Teach of good citizenship

I have read and completely understand the rules of the Parent Code Of Conduct & I will abide by them for the sake of the kids and the family fun of this sport.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Kart Driver:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RGKA Staff (initials):** \_\_\_\_\_