



National Kidz Kartz Rules and Eligibility

Eligibility: Club nights & Fun Race Days Only - Any Kidz Kartz person recommended starting age 7 up to 16 and under at the 31st of July.

Official Race Drivers: Any Kidz Kartz person from age 10 up to 16 and under at the 31st of July, provided they are a current member of Kidz Kartz Pony Trust and have passed their official Kidz Kartz Driver Training Course

No Child is allowed to drive in a race unless that child has completed an official Kidz Kartz Driver Training Course and is an active and financial member. Any child holding an HRNZ Trials license and working full time in a harness racing stable (i.e. left secondary education) cannot compete on official Kidz Kartz race days.

Ponies: Ponies must measure 13hh (133cm) and under.
If there is a dispute clubs may request a height certificate.

As at 1/08/2018 Ponies must not be of standardbred or part standardbred breeding.
If there is a dispute clubs may request a DNA report.

As at 1/08/2018 no colts or stallions are permitted in races.

No Pony is allowed to race in an official race unless that pony has completed the 3 day training course or attended 12 club nights. The pony must also trail on three satisfactory occasions in a race field situation, in front of a controlling body appointed person. Ponies that are deemed to be causing problems on a race day can be returned to trial by controlling bodies.

Equipment:

1. Sulky - to be of the two wheel type, not larger than a regular racing sulky The sulky shall contain:
 - (a) Two sulky wheels; with wheel diameter to be no more than 20 inches (51cm)
 - (b) Undercarriage
 - (c) Two shafts for attachment to the horse
 - (d) A driver's seat
 - (e) Driver's footrests
 - (f) Dust sheet

All components of the sulky shall be attached to one another in such a way that they remain attached during normal use and testing.

For a sulky to be used in any official Kidz Kartz activity it is to have a current approved registration and Kidz Kartz Sulky Warrant of Fitness as approved by the controlling body.

2. Harness - must be approved for use in Harness racing. All driving reins are to have grips of the looped variety (grips must be in the correct place and used at all times). All items are to be of a good and safe standard.
3. No whips are permitted. Excessive slapping of the ponies with the reins is NOT permitted and may result in disqualification of the race.
4. All gear will be checked in the marshalling enclosure. Ponies wearing unsafe gear will not be permitted to race until the steward's requirements are met.
5. No pony is to be left unattended once it has been harnessed to its sulky.



Attire:

6. All drivers on race day days MUST wear
 - (a) Suitable black boots
 - (b) Approved official safety harness helmet
 - (c) Approved equine standard safety vests as approved by Kidz Kartz
 - (d) White trousers
 - (e) Racing colours

Suitable footwear around the pony or stable area at all times. Open toe or high heeled footwear is not allowed.

All long hair must be tied back at all times and helmets must be securely fastened whilst seated in the sulky.

Driving:

7. All events are recognised as 'Trotting Events.'
8. No person shall be permitted on the track other than official starters and helpers.
9. Starts - all drivers must obey and comply with the instructions and requirements of the starter and race officials.
Starting Procedure – two blows of the whistle to line up and one whistle and the drop of a hand/flag to start.
No driver shall:-
 - (a) Delay the start
 - (b) Fail to obey the Starter's instructions
 - (c) Interfere with another pony and/or driver during the start
 - (d) No driver shall permit their pony to start on a mark in advance of its proper mark.
10. If a pony gallops for more than 30m in a race it will be disqualified. If a pony gallops for less than 30m and the driver has been seen to restrain that pony and has not made ground it is still deemed to be in the race. If a pony gallops less than 30m on multiple



occasions, then cumulatively more than 30m, it may be disqualified at the discretion of the controlling body.

11. Drivers must comply with HRNZ driving rules:
No driver in any race shall drive
 - (a) Incompetently
 - (b) Carelessly
 - (c) Recklessly
 - (d) Dangerously
 - (e) Improperly
 - (f) In a manner likely to cause interference, or is likely to interfere with his own pony and/or any other pony or its progress.
12. All drivers must:
 - (a) Keep a straight line in home straight
 - (b) Abide by the passing lane regulations -
leading pony is to keep passing lane clear for the trailing pony, the passing lane defined as the inside running line of the home straight.
13. Lapped on Rule - as per HRNZ rule.
Any pony which is not trotting (galloping) when its nose reaches the finishing line and which is lapped on (has other ponies finishing beside them within one pony length) by any other pony or ponies who are trotting shall be placed behind such pony or ponies.

A breach of these rules and penalty will be determined by the controlling body.

General:

14. All competitors agree to abide by the decision of the controlling body and the stewards decision is final.
15. Anything not covered under the Kidz Kartz rules will then be enforced by the HRNZ rules if required.
16. All Kidz Kartz members must complete a Stable Area Awareness Course.

Prohibited Substance Rule:

17. A pony must be presented for a race free of prohibited substances. A prohibited substance is as described in the HRNZ Prohibited Substance Regulations.
18. No person shall during that day of racing, in respect of the pony entered in a race, administer any prohibitive substance whatsoever.
19. All ponies entered into an event are subject to being swabbed at the discretion of the controlling body.

Any person who commits a breach these rules will be disqualified immediately from the event and will need to return any prizes received.

Conduct:

20. Bad language - any Kidz Kartz member using bad or abusive language towards other Kidz Kartz members or race organisers may be stood down from racing. The period to be determined by the controlling body.



21. Anyone that does anything that is detrimental or deemed to be dangerous to themselves or anyone else can be stood down by the controlling body.
22. All participants, competitors, volunteers, administrators and officials have the right to be treated with respect and dignity.
23. Cyber Bullying - Bullying and harassment in all forms are unacceptable in our sport. Bullying has the potential to cause great anxiety and distress to the person targeted by hurtful or derogatory comments or statements. Kidz Kartz will not tolerate abusive, discriminatory, intimidating or offensive statements being made online or any social media platform, or directed at any person(s).

Controlling Body: Persons appointed by the clubs.

Disputes: Any issues, suggestions or complaints regarding any race meeting should be put in writing to the organising club of the race meeting in question.

The National Council is a representative of all clubs throughout the country, members are as follows;

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