

Colorado Karting Tour Ready for 2017 Season

Eight race championship series to begin in April

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For The Colorado Karting Tour, the 2017 season will mark an exciting new chapter in the series' history. Following the most successful year as a series in 2016, the 2017 CKT racing season is shaping up to be an exciting prospect for Colorado kart racers. The series will begin the racing season with a non-points, "Run Your Rust Off" race at IMI Motorsports Park in Dacono, Colorado on April 9.

Since its inception, The Colorado Karting Tour's main mission has been to foster fun, competitive kart racing in the state of Colorado. The series was initially formed to provide a place to race for younger drivers aged 5 to 15. In the past decade, The Rocky Mountain area has been a silent hotbed for motorsport and the karting community. While the Colorado karting community has seen its fair share of ups and downs in recent years, the state has hosted several high profile events, and a number of prominent drivers in karting nationwide now call the Centennial State their home.

As a result of the changing climate within Colorado karting community, CKT took on a new role within the state in 2016, as a karting series for all ages and major classes. With this change came a dramatic increase in kart count and competitors within the season. CKT's staff and racers rose to the challenge of a growing series, putting on exciting and close racing throughout 2016. If the past season's success is any indication, CKT racers can look forward to taking part in the racing action in 2017.

13 classes featuring a wide variety of age groups and engine selections will compete at each event, following a one-day race schedule. As the International Karting Federation's racing series for Region 4a, CKT has racing classes for IKF karting classes as well as Rotax classes. The Kid Kart and Briggs & Stratton powered categories will be eligible to compete for a regional points championship with IKF in Region 4a. At the same time, the United States Rotax Max Challenge divisions will be able to accumulate the necessary 'punches' needed to compete at the US Rotax Grand Nationals during the summer of 2017. This mixture of racing categories and programs provides a place for nearly every type of kart within the state of Colorado to have a championship to compete for this season.

The 2017 Colorado Karting Tour presented by CJKC will be a traveling series. In total, CKT will visit 4 race tracks over the course of 8 racing events in 2017. The 2017 season will use a best-seven-of-eight format to determine the 2017 season champion in each racing class. This means that the best 7 races (out of 8 total) of the CKT championship will be used to determine the champions for the season. While the “Run Your Rust Off” race is non points, the season will begin in earnest on April 23, with the first trip of the season to Action Karting, in Morrison, CO. Subsequent races will be held at SBR Motorsports Park (Calhan, CO), IMI Motorsports Park (Dacono, CO), and Podium Karting (Centennial, CO). Altogether, the series will visit each of the four tracks slated for the 2017 season twice for a total of 8 races. Weekly trophies and medals will be awarded for all classes, with an end of year banquet to be held mid-October, featuring champion jackets and trophies for all classes.

2017 Colorado Karting Tour Schedule

February 18 – MEMBER SIGN-UP

April 9 ~ Run your Rust Off at IMI, Dacono, CO

April 23 ~ Action Karting, Morrison, CO

May 21 ~ SBR, Payton, CO

June 4 ~ IMI Motorsports Park, Dacono, CO

June 17 ~ Podium Karting (Night Race), Centennial, CO

July 9 ~ SBR Motorsports Park, Payton, CO

July 30 ~ IMI Motorsports Park, Dacono, CO

August 27 ~ Action Karting, Morrison, CO

September 9 ~ SEASON FINALE-Podium Karting, Centennial, CO

TBA END OF YEAR: ENDURO RACE at Podium Karting (non-points)

TBA Dirt Track Racing (non-points)

All Rotax categories will utilize the Max 1 tires per class regulation. Micro, Mini, and Junior Max will run Max 1 Blue, Masters/Seniors Max run on Max 1 Purple. All CKT (IKF rules) divisions compete on the Evinco compound, as well as the SKUSA shifters. 206 Light and Heavy will race on the Duro Tires.

2017 CKT Class Structure

Class	Age	Min. Weight (<i>with Driver</i>)
Kid Kart Honda	5-7	150
Cadet Briggs LO206	7-11	240
Junior I Briggs LO206	9-13	240
Junior II Briggs LO206	12-15	300
Rotax Micro Max	7-11	235
Rotax Mini Max	10-13	290
Rotax Junior	12-16	320
Rotax Senior	15+	364
Rotax Masters	32+	405
LO206 Light	14+	345
LO206 Heavy	15+	385
Open TaG	15+	360
Open Shifter	15+	385
Stock Honda Shifter (SKUSA)	15+	385

To register for the 2017 racing season, attend CKT's annual registration and sign up day on February 18, at 10am. This event will be located at Unser Karting and Events, 7300 Broadway, Denver, CO.

To register for the first racing event of the season, head to CKT's website, www.coloradokartingtour.com/registration.

Continue to check ColoradoKartingTour.com throughout the season for news and updates, and give The Facebook page, "Colorado Karting Tour-CKT" a like and follow on Facebook.

About CKT

The Colorado Junior Karting Club (CJKC), now known as The Colorado Karting Tour, was founded in 2007. CKT is at its essence a group of Colorado kart racing families and members with a mission to provide people of all ages 5 and above a fun, organized, safe,

and educational organization to participate in the exciting sport of karting. In 2014, Scott Williams and Tim Trostel (with the help of other board members) re-organized the club, merged with the Pikes Peak Kart Racing Club, and formed The Colorado Karting Tour, a registered 501c3 non-profit, run and managed by volunteers. In 2016, the club expanded, and changed the series name to reflect the new face of the series, by welcoming in the Rotax racers as well as new race day officials and series members.

If you have additional questions or constructive comments about the Colorado Karting Tour, please reach out to us at: cjkc.info@gmail.com