



# **2009 Endurance Race Series**

## **4 Hour Endurance Race**

### **Rules and Procedures**

## **Schedule Of Events**

- **8:30 AM**            **Driver Arrival, Registration & Weigh-In**
- **9:30 AM**            **Drivers Practice and Qualifying**
- **11:30 AM**          **Grand Line Up**
- **12:00 PM**          **Official Race Start**
- **4:00 PM**            **Official End of Race**
- **4:30 PM**            **Awards and Trophy Presentations**

## **General**

The F1 Boston and F1 Outdoors has a zero tolerance policy regarding the use of alcohol and/or drugs. Anyone who has consumed any alcohol or used any drugs in the eight hours prior to racing is prohibited from taking part in any racing activity for this event. Any person who fails or refuses to take a Breathalyzer test or appears to be under the influence will not be permitted to race and will not be entitled to a refund.

All drivers must 18 or over and possess a valid drivers license to participate.

Prior to racing everyone must have signed a full release and waiver of liability regarding possible injury. Please remember that this is not an amusement ride and in racing, accidents can happen. The likelihood of an accident happening increases greatly if drivers do not listen or adhere to instructions, do not pay attention to the flags, or drive in an aggressive manner or beyond their own ability. Accordingly, we will deal with any of these violations with anything from a warning, to a penalty, to removal from a race. Whether or not you agree with the decisions of the staff running the race, as in many other sports, their call is final. If you receive a warning, penalty or are removed from the race, please do not become aggressive or abusive (verbally or otherwise) as this will lead to your exclusion from the race. We will not tolerate abusive treatment of fellow racers or our staff.

The overriding concern of F1 Boston and F1 Outdoors is safety. Your safety, the safety of the other drivers on the track and the safety of the track staff are of the utmost importance.

Kart racing is a non-contact sport. This cannot be emphasized strongly enough. We will not tolerate any bumping at all. Furthermore, we will not tolerate any blocking of faster drivers, anyone bumping or blocking other drivers will first be warned and then sent for a penalty. Please remember that anyone behaving in a manner that represents a risk to the safety of other drivers, staff or the equipment will be penalized.

## **Kart Allocation and Starting Grid Positions**

Karts will be allocated by lottery. Once registration is complete, each team will assign one representative to pick a number in a drawing. This kart will be assigned to that team for the remainder of the racing event, unless a mechanical failure warrants a spare kart to be changed in its place.

Starting Grid Positions will be based on the results of the morning practice session. Drivers will be competing for pole position and grid position based on a fastest lap time. The morning practice session will be primarily to allow drivers to become comfortable with the race layout and the kart speeds. The practice session will be timed, however, please remember starting position in a 4-hour race is not what will ultimately win the race. The more familiarity with the track each driver can gain during practice, the better results you will have in the 4-hour of the race.

The starting grid will be single file. The first lap, and possibly additional laps, will be run under caution until the track officials are confident that all drivers are ready to start the race. The green flag will signal the official start of the race. No one may pass until the green flag is shown. Once the green flag is shown, the clock will run for a consistent (4) hours.

Finishing positions will be determined by the number of laps completed, with the team completing the most number of laps being declared the winner. The race will finish when the leading kart has crossed the start/finish line after the expiration of the (4) hours, the winning team will take a victory lap before reporting for the awards ceremony.

### **Pits Stops and Driver Changes**

All teams must make a minimum of 10 pit stops in the race. A two-lap penalty will be given for any team who has allowed a driver to drive for longer than 30 minutes. Any team who fails to complete all stops in the 4 hours will be disqualified.

All karts must enter pit lane at walking speed and come to a complete halt at the driver change area. Once the driver change takes place, drivers should proceed at walking pace to the end of the pit lane and wait for the green flag. Upon re-entering the track, drivers must keep to the right hand side and avoid blocking faster karts. Any kart re-entering the track while unsafe to do so, will be given an automatic 2-lap penalty.

Only one driver is allowed in the driver change area for each pit stop. Any team continuously being warned for too many people in the pit change area will receive a 2-lap penalty.

### **Weight Parity**

In order to provide the best competition possible in the race, all drivers from each team will be required to weigh in. This will be calculated by the total weight of the team divided by the number of drivers on the team to find the team average. The team average will be subtracted from heaviest team. The difference will be the total weight carried by each driver. All drivers will be weighed in before the morning practice sessions begin.

Each kart is equipped with a weight box, and weights are available for those who need to add weight to their kart. Any team found not in compliance with the minimum weight requirement will be disqualified from the winning positions of the race.

### **Fueling**

Karts will be fueled prior to the beginning of the practice, and again prior to the start of the race. All teams will make 1 mandatory fuel stops at their discretion. Karts will run approximately 2 hours on a tank of fuel. If your team feels that you will not make the 2-hour mark for fuel, it is expected that you will come in for refueling as needed. If your kart runs out of fuel during the race a new kart will be given, however you will receive a 2-lap deduction.

## **Mechanical Failure**

In the event of a mechanical failure, the driver must bring the kart into pit lane if possible and report the problem. If the mechanical issue cannot be resolved immediately in pit lane, the team will be given a new kart. If a kart is stranded out on the track the race will be either stopped or run under full caution while the track is made safe. As soon as the conditions are made safe the race will be restarted at the start/finish line. If you receive a black mechanical failure sign you must enter the pits immediately for our mechanics to determine whether a replacement kart is needed.

## **What you need to bring:**

- All race gear will be provided but you may bring your own. Helmets must have full-face shields and full race suits are mandatory. All drivers must wear rubber solid shoes.
- An extra T-shirt in the event the weather is warm; you may wish to have a change of clothes at the end of the race.
- Personal Identification
- Seat Pads and rib protectors if you choose. (No taping anything on the karts)
- An attitude to have a good time, after all, there is no Million Dollar prize at the end of the race; we're here for fun and great competition. (Okay, trophies for the top 3 teams)

## **What you CAN NOT bring:**

- Any pit tents or coverings that need to be staked in the ground
- Radios, boom boxes or radio communication devices.
- Grills or any heating devices
- Tools for the karts or duct-tape to adhere to the karts
- Outside Food and Beverages are restricted. We will have concessions available including water, Gatorade, and sodas throughout the race. Food is included in the fee for all drivers. Guests may purchase the buffet for \$8 each person. Should you have any special dietary restrictions that mandate you bringing your own food, please let us know ahead of time.
- Beer will be available through our concession beginning at 12:00 noon, for spectators and for the drivers after the conclusion of the race.
- Refrain from bringing trucks that take up more than one space.
- Not ATVs, motor scooters or terrain vehicles are allowed on the premises.

As you know, our facility and concept is new to the area. Our house rules are made in order for us to maintain an orderly operation and comply with the town of East Bridgewater. Please help us make this event a success so we can continue to bring you many additional events in the future!!