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- 2017 Season -



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Preamble

In order to develop the practice of leisure karting, **SODIKART** organizes the **SODI WORLD SERIES**, hereinafter referred to as **SWS**, in collaboration with the **SWS PARTNER TRACKS** (hereinafter referred to as **PT**) and the **SWS PRIVATE ORGANIZERS** (hereinafter referred to as **PO**).

This booklet contains the **only official rules of the SODI WORLD SERIES** which will apply worldwide from January 1st 2017.

While remaining faithful to the historical principles of SODI WORLD SERIES, the SWS regulation must be clear, comprehensive and adapted to the rapid growth of the SWS championship, while ensuring a championship whose fairness is irreproachable.

Any driver / team participating to a SWS race, any PT / PO organizing a SWS race, shall be deemed to be aware of and accept this Regulation and undertakes to comply without reserve with all its requirements.

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I. DEFINITIONS

1. Leisure Karting

Leisure Karting is an organized activity which offers services for the practice of karting as a leisure and which is carried out **under the sole responsibility of the service provider** and is managed by its own staff or by a staff acting under its responsibility.

2. Sodi World Series

The SWS is a program of Leisure Karting races organized by the PT and PO, open to all racing enthusiasts (hereinafter referred to as **drivers**) registered within the SWS, of all nationalities and aged 7 years old and more.

These races generate different rankings (by race, nation, international, as well as by age and sex). These rankings, as well as the organization of a **SWS World Finals**, organized under the responsibility of a PT chosen by SODIKART, form the core of the SWS concept.

SWS races may only be organized by SWS Partner Tracks or SWS Private Organizers previously approved by SODIKART. **All Leisure Karting races integrated in the SWS ranking are compulsory and exclusively made on gokart of the SODI RENTAL range. These gokarts are specially designed for the practice of Leisure Karting.**

3. SWS races

A SWS race is a race organized by a PT / PO affiliated to the SWS and which complies with the organizational conditions described in this document.

The CP / PO alone determines the timetable, price, organizational scheme and the individual rules of each of the SWS races they organize, within the limits set by the SWS Regulation.

SWS races are divided into 3 separate categories defined in detail in this Regulation: **SPRINT CUP, ENDURANCE CUP and JUNIOR CUP.**

II. MISCELLANEOUS

The management of the SWS program by the PT / PO, as well as the pilots, is carried out via the website www.sodiwseries.com, which contains all relevant information and important news about the SWS. Therefore, it is strongly advised to all drivers / teams in the SWS program to consult it regularly. The SWS website is the first worldwide community of leisure karting enthusiasts.

Any driver taking part in a SWS race shall be deemed to be aware of this SWS Regulation and undertakes to comply without reserve with all of its requirements.

Any driver who has started a SWS race will score points and will be included in the SWS ranking.

III. CATEGORIES

There are 3 categories of SWS races: JUNIOR CUP, SPRINT CUP and ENDURANCE CUP. To be SWS eligible, a race must meet the following conditions:

JUNIOR CUP



SPRINT CUP



ENDURANCE CUP



	JUNIOR CUP	SPRINT CUP	ENDURANCE CUP
Race type	Individual	Individual	Team races : from 2 to 8 drivers
Age limit	7 to 14 years old	From 15 years old*	From 15 years old*
Minimum duration (outside free practice & chrono)	8 minutes	10 minutes**	60 minutes (not splittable)
Minimum number of participants	6 SWS drivers	6 SWS drivers	6 SWS teams

*: in the year of his 15th birthday, a driver can choose to drive in JUNIOR CUP and/or SPRINT CUP throughout the whole year. He can also driver in ENDURANCE CUP from the 1st January of this year.

** : a tolerance is applied for tracks organizing races on electric gokart models: 8 minutes for the SPRINT CUP races.

The organization and price of the races are determined solely by the PT / PO. The racing format must comply with the restrictions mentioned above for each category. Within the limit of these restrictions, the PT / PO is free to choose a racing format which it considers the most suitable. The PT / PO is free to choose the gokart model of the range "SODI RENTAL" to be used, which must take into account and respect all the safety standards in force in the country or territory where the race will take place.

A driver is free to take part to as many races as he wants, in one or more categories.

IV. RACE ORGANIZATION

1. Conditions for organizing a SWS race

SWS races may be organized only by official SWS Partner Tracks or SWS Private Organizers, previously approved as such by SODIKART, SWS Organizer. As such, the official **PT / PO are the only guarantors of the proper running of the races, their organization, their execution, the respect of the safety standards in force in their country, and the sportiveness of the SWS events.**

Furthermore, SODIKART requires full transparency in the organization of SWS-approved events and is able to monitor the results of each SWS events at any time.

SWS racing dates must be published and updated directly by each PT / PO on the SWS website www.sodiworldseries.com **no later than 3 days before the said races.** PT / PO are required to provide maximum information on the format and timing of each race.

In order to register for a SWS race, **each driver must respect the participation conditions and the registration procedures of this SWS Regulation.**

During a SWS race, the only competent authority for the application of this SWS Regulation will be the PT / PO organizer of the event.

2. Minimum number of participants

In order to guarantee a minimum level of quality of SWS-approved competitions, the SODIKART organizer requires that a minimum number of participants take part in a race in order for it to be considered valid and for its result to be integrated into the SWS ranking. Also, in order to be considered valid, a SWS race must reach at least:

- - 6 SWS drivers in **JUNIOR CUP** category
- - 6 SWS drivers in the **SPRINT CUP** category
- - 6 SWS teams in the **ENDURANCE CUP** category (teams of 2 to 8 drivers)

V. PARTICIPATION CONDITIONS

A competitor wishing to take part in a SWS event must obtain his **Driver Identification Number**, hereinafter referred to as the **DIN**.

A competitor wishing to compete in a SWS-certified event must pre-register for the race of his / her choice through the SWS website.

These conditions are imperative to participate, on the one hand, and appear, on the other hand, in the various SWS rankings.

1. Assignment of a Driver Identification Number (DIN)

Any person with a DIN is considered a SWS driver. An SWS participant can be a SWS driver (JUNIOR CUP and SPRINT CUP) or an SWS team (ENDURANCE CUP).

To obtain his DIN, the driver must register online on www.sodiwseries.com. Once awarded, the DIN is valid for all SWS-certified races in all the categories proposed in accordance with the principles of this SWS Regulation. The DIN will allow the driver to be integrated into the SWS race results in which he is participating and thus to accumulate points in the various SWS rankings.

When creating a driver's account, **the driver email address must be valid** and match the same driver. Indeed, the registration of the driver will only be effective after verification and validation of his email address.

Similarly, each driver must provide correct and verifiable information at the time of registration (gender, date of birth, surname and given names). **Any false information may be the subject of a deletion of the driver's account by the organizer of the SWS.**

2. Particular rules of the SWS in ENDURANCE CUP category

In order to be able to create and / or integrate a SWS team, each driver must have an individual DIN. Each SWS driver has the possibility to create a SWS team, via his personal space on the SWS website, from which he will be appointed team leader. The team leader can then invite other drivers to join his team, as these drivers also have a DIN. The team leader is in charge of the administrative aspects (registration to the races, commitment, etc.).

The fact that the team leader does not participate in the races as a driver **does not** offer the possibility of adding an additional driver to the team.

Each SWS team will have to choose a name (changeable on request to the SWS organizer before 31st December for a modification on year N + 1). This team name must not, under any circumstances, be hurtful, vulgar, constitute an offense, violate in any way the rights of a third party, harm others or harm public order. SODIKART reserves the right to request the team leader to change the name of his team without delay if he is found to be in any of the above situations, failing which the team and the team drivers constituting it would be removed from the SWS without further notice and without discussion.

Each team consists of **2 to 8 drivers maximum**.

Under no circumstances can an ENDURANCE CUP race be run **individually**. An ENDURANCE CUP race **can not be split** into several results.

The same SWS team **can not claim to be ranked on two races** that take place on the same day.

A single driver **can not compete in the same SWS race in two different teams**.

A single driver **can not be a member of more than 5 different teams** simultaneously.

If one or more drivers racing within a team during a SWS race do not have a SWS profile, the team can never be scored in the SWS results of the race.

3. Equipements

The PT / PO may, depending on their availability, lend equipment to the drivers (helmets, suits, etc.). Each PT / PO is free to require drivers and teams to use safety equipment in accordance with PT / PO country-specific regulations.

It is the responsibility of the drivers and teams to respect these rules. Otherwise, they can not claim to participate in the SWS races concerned.

VI. REGISTRATION TO A RACE

1. Preregistration to a SWS-labeled race

Once the DIN is acquired, the driver or the SWS team can pre-register for the races in which he / she wishes to participate on the www.sodiwseries.com website (calendar page, and then on the specific race page).

Pre-registration of drivers / teams allows PR / PO to anticipate the organization of their SWS events. A non-pre-registered driver or team may be denied access to a SWS race by the organizer.

2. Registration fees

Registration fees must be paid directly to the PT / PO. Only the PT / PO organizer determines the price of the SWS races that it organizes.

SODIKART does not interfere in any way in the pricing of the SWS races organized by the PT / PO. Similarly, SODIKART does not take any benefit from SWS races organized by any PT / PO.

3. Validity of registration

Registration is definitive only once the administrative formalities have been completed. These formalities may depend on each PT / PO which are the only ones to determine the process of administrative registration for their races.

Participating drivers or teams may be required to communicate their DIN and provide an ID proof to the organizing PT / PO.

VII. THE SWS RANKING

1. Results uploads & ranking updates

Each PT / PO organizer of a SWS race commits himself to establish and upload the result of his race directly on the SWS website, **within a maximum period of 10 days after the race.**

The point ranking shall be determined in accordance with the methodology set out in **Appendix 1** of this SWS Regulation. All the calculations are then carried out automatically by the computer system and the rankings are put online daily on the SWS website, according to the new results uploaded by the tracks. If a track uploads the results on Day D, the results may then be actualized online only on Day D+1.

Note: *to be valid, it is not necessary that all drivers participating in the race have a SWS account. In the case of a race with non-SWS drivers, these drivers will simply be ignored from the SWS result.*

2. Methodology of SWS rankings

The various rankings are established by accumulating the points acquired by the drivers / teams from 1st January to 31st December 2017.

As of December 31st, the driver / team of each category having accumulated the highest number of points wins the international SWS ranking (the official classification being communicated after all the tracks have put online the results of their last races of the season).

In order to offer the most equitable championship possible, and not to favor the drivers having the opportunity to race very regularly, the SWS annual classification is based on the best results of the season, by category:

- **JUNIOR CUP:** the sum of the 8 best results of the driver
- **SPRINT CUP:** the sum of the 10 best results of the driver
- **ENDURANCE CUP:** the sum of the 8 best results of the team

In the event of a draw in a ranking, the winners are divided between the number of victories, then the number of second places, and so on until there is no longer a draw.

3. Specific rankings by category

Each of the 3 categories is subject to the following rankings and sub-rankings (which can be consulted at any time on the SWS website on the "Ranking" page:

JUNIOR CUP :

- Ranking by track
- Ranking by nation
- International ranking
 - o Women International ranking
 - o 7-10 years old International ranking
 - o 11-14 years old International ranking

SPRINT CUP :

- Ranking by track
- Ranking by nation
- International ranking
 - o Women International ranking
 - o 15-25 years old International ranking
 - o 26-39 years old International ranking
 - o +40 years old International ranking

ENDURANCE CUP :

- Ranking by track
- Ranking by nation
- International ranking

The national rankings are defined by the affiliated track of each driver or team.

Example: If a driver of French nationality is affiliated to a Belgian track, he will be ranked in the Belgium ranking.

NB: Each PT / PO is free to define specific age limits for the organization of its races. The dates of birth are used to integrate each driver into the appropriate age sub-rankings. In the case of the JUNIOR CUP, drivers must be between 7 and 14 years of age to participate in a race. In the year of his change of age (from 14 to 15 years), the driver can choose if he wishes to participate in the JUNIOR or SPRINT classification, or both.

VIII. SODI WORLD FINALS

1. Principle of the SODI WORLD FINALS

As part of the SWS whole concept, SODIKART plans to organize a SWS World Final once a year.

The SODI WORLD FINALS 2018 will bring together the best drivers (JUNIOR CUP, SPRINT CUP) and the best teams (ENDURANCE CUP) of the SWS ranking as it will be on December 31st 2017; according to a qualification process defined hereinafter.

The SODI WORLD FINALS 2018 will take place during the 2018 season on a track to be determined. This event, organized over several days, will enable the SWS organization to crown the SWS 2018 world champions in each category.

2. SODI WORLD FINALS: participation fees

For drivers and teams qualified to the SODI WORLD FINALS, a PARTICIPATION FEE will be required. This fee allows the organizer SODIKART to cover the expenses involved by such an event.

The participation fee is communicated to the drivers when the qualification is announced.

These costs may vary according to different parameters such as: host track of the event, driving time, gokart model used for the event, closing ceremony, etc.

3. Qualification to the SODI WORLD FINALS

For all SWS rankings, the rankings are fixed on December 31st 2017 at midnight (French time). The qualification process to the SODI WORLD FINALS is detailed in Appendix 2 of this SWS Regulation.

IX. OBLIGATIONS OF PARTICIPANTS

The SWS are leisure karting races, open to all, for which the PT / PO, the drivers and the teams undertake imperatively in their actions and their behavior to respect the values of loyalty, conviviality and sportsmanship.

As such, SODIKART and the PT / PO reserves the right, without justification, to refuse or exclude at any time any driver or team whose attitude could harm the spirit and / or image of the SWS.

Similarly, SODIKART reserves the right, without having to justify itself, to refuse or exclude at any time any PT / PO whose attitude could harm the spirit and the image of the SWS

X. IMAGE RIGHTS

All PT / PO, SWS drivers and SWS teams irrevocably undertake to **make available and authorize SODIKART and the SODI WORLD SERIES to use without constraint any images relating to the SODI WORLD SERIES events**, without any financial or material compensation is allocated to anyone and without any time limit.

This authorization is valid for all purposes, including commercial and advertising, by all means and methods of exploitation of the images, known or unknown to date, and on any support (including photo exhibitions, posters, leaflets, catalogs, totem, press kits, advertisements and articles in the print and online media, website, video broadcast, newspapers) in any format, in whole or in part, for the promotion of SODI WORLD SERIES, leisure karting in general, or a specific PT / PO or driver / team.

XI. MODIFICATION RIGHTS

In order to continuously improve the organization of the SWS, SODIKART reserves the right to change without notice these SWS REGULATION without the drivers, teams, PT or PO being able to contest the reason. The corrected SWS Regulation will then be immediately posted on the SWS website.

This version of the SWS Regulations is the version 2017v1 (last update on January 11, 2017).

ANNEXE 1 – Ranking system & race points scoring

From January 1st 2017 onwards, a **new scoring system** will be applied to all SWS races. The aim of this system is to promote a greater fairness between all drivers and teams participating to the SWS in the whole world. It has been developed according to a logarithmic rule taking into account :

- The position of the SWS driver / team in the race result
- The number of SWS participants of the race
- The duration of the SWS race (ENDURANCE CUP only)

The number of participants in a race is the number of SWS drivers / teams participating in the overall event.

A points simulator is available on the SWS website www.sodiworldseries.com to calculate your points yourself in the blink of an eye ("Race Points Simulator").

1. JUNIOR CUP scoring system

Race with 6 to 15 drivers :

- The winner will score 1.000 points + the number of participants (meaning 1.006 to 1.015 pts maximum)
- The last driver will score 0 points + the number of participants (meaning 6 to 15 pts maximum)

Above 15 participants, a system with scales will define the number of points scored by the winner and the last driver for each race:

- Scale 1 - from 16 to 25 drivers :
 - o 1.016 points (1.015pts + 1pt bonus) for the winner
 - o 16 points (15pts + 1pt bonus) for the last participant
- Scale 2 - 26 drivers or more :
 - o 1.017 points (1.015pts + 2pts bonus) for the winner
 - o 17 points (15pts + 2pts bonus) for the last participant

Depending on the number of participants, a logarithmic formula will then automatically distribute the points between the 1st and the last position of the race ranking.

2. SPRINT CUP scoring system

Race with 6 to 20 drivers :

- The winner will score 1.000 points + the number of participants (meaning 1.006 to 1.020 pts maximum)
- The last driver will score 0 points + the number of participants (meaning 6 to 20 pts maximum)

Above 20 participants, a system with scales will define the number of points scored by the winner and the last driver for each race:

- Scale 1 - from 21 to 30 drivers :
 - o 1.021 points (1.020pts + 1pt bonus) for the winner
 - o 21 points (20pts + 1pt bonus) for the last participant
- Scale 2 - 31 drivers or more :
 - o 1.022 points (1.020pts + 2pts bonus) for the winner

- 22 points (20pts + 2pts bonus) for the last participant

Depending on the number of participants, a logarithmic formula will then automatically distribute the points between the 1st and the last position of the race ranking.

3. ENDURANCE CUP scoring system

Race with 6 to 15 teams :

- The winning team will score 1.000 points + the number of participants (meaning 1.006 to 1.015 pts maximum)
- The last team will score 0 points + the number of participants (meaning 6 to 15 pts maximum)

Above 15 participating teams, a system with scales will define the number of points scored by the winner and the last team for each race:

- Scale 1 - from 16 to 25 teams :
 - 1.016 points (1.015pts + 1pt bonus) for the winner
 - 16 points (15pts + 1pt bonus) for the last participant
- Scale 2 - 26 teams or more :
 - 1.017 points (1.015pts + 2pts bonus) for the winner
 - 17 points (15pts + 2pts bonus) for the last participant

Depending on the number of participants, a logarithmic formula will then automatically distribute the points between the 1st and the last position of the race ranking.

Bonus related to the duration of the race :

In the ENDURANCE CUP category, an additional bonus is related to the duration of the races. For each 3 hours, each team will benefit of a bonus of points related to the duration of the race. These bonus points are defined as follows:

- 1 to 3 hours races : 0 pts
- 4 to 6 hours races : 20 pts
- 7 to 9 hours races : 40 pts
- 10 to 12 hours races : 60 pts
- 13 to 15 hours races : 80 pts
- 16 to 18 hours races : 100 pts
- 19 to 21 hours races : 120 pts
- 22 hours races and above : 140 pts

ANNEXE 2 – SODI WORLD FINALS : qualification process

1. Preamble

The SODI WORLD FINALS is the most prestigious leisure karting event in the world.

The details of the organization of the event are the subject of specific communications that can be found via the SWS website, on the page dedicated to the **SODI WORLD FINALS**.

The aim of this event is to bring together the best leisure karting drivers from around the world, in a single event organized with the help of a SWS partner track over several days, at the end of which will be sacred:

- The JUNIOR CUP SWS World Champion
- The SPRINT CUP SWS World Champion
- The ENDURANCE CUP SWS World Champion

The process of qualification is thus established in order to best represent the international context of the SWS championship.

The **qualification for SODI WORLD FINALS is based on the SWS annual rankings**, frozen on December 31st of the previous year (December 31st 2017 for the 2017 ranking which will define the qualified drivers & teams for the 2018 SODI WORLD FINALS).

2. Conditions of participation

To qualify for the SODI WORLD FINALS 2018, a SWS driver or SWS team must have taken part to **at least 3 valid SWS races on their affiliate track during the 2017 season**.

In ENDURANCE CUP category, at least 2 drivers of any team who have been racing the minimum 3 valid SWS races during the year of qualification must be representing the team during the SODI WORLD FINALS. All drivers coming to the SODI WORLD FINALS to represent a team must have been racing at least 1 race with the team.

A driver which is qualified to the SODI WORLD FINALS in several categories **will not be able to participate to the event in several categories**. He will then be free to choose the category in which he wishes to participate, and the place left vacant in the other category will then be awarded to the next driver in the ranking.

In the case of non-participation of a qualified SWS driver or SWS team to the SODI WORLD FINALS, the place will then automatically be given to the next driver in the ranking.

3. Number of qualified drivers & teams

For the 2018 SODI WORLD FINALS, the number of qualified drivers / teams will be:

- JUNIOR CUP: 40 drivers
- SPRINT CUP: 80 drivers
- ENDURANCE CUP: 40 teams (3 to 4 drivers per team)

The number of qualified drivers/teams for each category may be re-evaluated during the season.

For each category, a driver or team can qualify through the international ranking or national ranking.

A driver or a team qualified by both the international ranking and the national ranking will automatically take its qualification by the international ranking, and give another qualification to the next driver in the national ranking.

4. Specificity of the national rankings

A **national ranking** exists for a given category as soon as a **minimum of 3 races of this category are organized in the country** during the whole SWS season.

Each driver / team is included in the **national ranking corresponding to the country of his affiliation track**, and not of his own nationality.

5. Qualification for the JUNIOR CUP category

In the category JUNIOR CUP will be qualified a total of 40 drivers:

- International Ranking:
 - o **8 best drivers of the international ranking**
 - o **2 best female drivers of the international ranking**
- National Rankings:
 - o **30 best national drivers**; that is to say the best 1 driver of each national ranking, within the limit of 30 countries.
 - o If the maximum limit of 30 different countries is not reached, a qualification quota is set up. This quota allocates the remaining places via a pro-rata system which defines a fair distribution of qualifications: the more drivers and tracks in a country, the higher the quota.
 - o **The maximum quota for a single country will not exceed 5 places.**
 - o The national quota is independent of the nations already represented by the international ranking.
 - o This quota will be defined at the end of the season. An estimated quota can be communicated to the tracks, drivers and teams during the season.

In the JUNIOR CUP category, only drivers aged 11 to 14 in 2018 will qualify for SODI WORLD FINALS 2018, in order to ensure a homogeneity of the sizes and weights of the drivers involved.

The size and weight of each qualified driver will be requested by the organizer at the time of registration for the SODI WORLD FINALS. If the case that a driver's weight or size is considered dangerous or incompatible with the success of the event, his participation may be refused. In this case, the next driver in the overall classification will automatically qualify.

6. Qualification for the SPRINT CUP category

In the category SPRINT CUP will be qualified a total of 80 drivers:

- International Ranking:
 - o **10 best drivers of the international ranking**
 - o **3 best female drivers of the international ranking**
 - o **1 best drivers of the 15-25 yo ranking**
 - o **1 best drivers of the 26-39 yo ranking**
 - o **1 best drivers of the +40 yo ranking**

- National Rankings:
 - o **64 best national drivers**; that is to say the best 1 driver of each national ranking, within the limit of 64 countries.
 - o If the maximum limit of 64 different countries is not reached, a qualification quota is set up. This quota allocates the remaining places via a pro-rata system which defines a fair distribution of qualifications: the more drivers and tracks in a country, the higher the quota.
 - o **The maximum quota for a single country will not exceed 10 places.**
 - o The national quota is independent of the nations already represented by the international ranking.
 - o This quota will be defined at the end of the season. An estimated quota can be communicated to the tracks, drivers and teams during the season.

7. Qualification for the ENDURANCE CUP category

In the category ENDURANCE CUP will be qualified a total of 40 teams:

- International Ranking:
 - o **9 best teams of the international ranking**
 - o **1 best 100% female team of the international ranking**
- National Rankings:
 - o **30 best national teams**; that is to say the best 1 team of each national ranking, within the limit of 30 countries.
 - o If the maximum limit of 30 different countries is not reached, a qualification quota is set up. This quota allocates the remaining places via a pro-rata system which defines a fair distribution of qualifications: the more drivers and tracks in a country, the higher the quota.
 - o **The maximum quota for a single country will not exceed 5 places.**
 - o The national quota is independent of the nations already represented by the international ranking.
 - o This quota will be defined at the end of the season. An estimated quota can be communicated to the tracks, drivers and teams during the season.

8. WILD CARDS & alternative qualifications

No WILD CARD is foreseen in the qualification process for the SODI WORLD FINALS. However, the organizer SODIKART reserves the right, without obligation, to qualify one or several drivers / teams by the mean of a WILD CARD.

Should the situation arise, a WILD CARD may be distributed only in the case of a non-participation of a previously qualified driver (or team). A possible distribution of WILD CARD can only be done in the interests of the SODI WORLD SERIES.

Finally, in parallel with the qualification process by the international and national rankings detailed above; The organizer SODIKART reserves the right to propose to the drivers and / or SWS teams an alternative qualification process, which could take different forms.

In this case, a specific communication will be produced by SODIKART to the SWS partner tracks and to the SWS drivers and teams in due time.