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INTRODUCTION

In its role as a manufacturer and with the aim of developing the sport of Leisure Karting, SODIKART, in conjunction with the partner circuits is, for the second year, organizing the SODI W SERIES (hereinafter known as SWS).

1. DEFINITION

The **SWS** is a programme of international Leisure Karting races open to all amateur drivers, of all nationalities aged 10 or over.

These races result in a **SWS International Leisure Ranking** for all participants.

Only the results of 365 last days are included.

2. GENERAL

As long as they meet the conditions for participation laid down in Article 4 herein, all participants are free to take part in as many races as they wish:

- on the partner circuit(s) of their choice,
- in the category or categories of their choice,

All participants who take part in an SWS race are assumed to have read these regulations and agree to be bound unreservedly by all stipulations hereof.

2.1 Participants aged 15 and over

Participants are offered the choice of two types of race:

- ▶ **SPRINT** races which are individual races

And

- ▶ **ENDURANCE** races which are team races

For each type of race, there are two categories (according to the equipment available and the races organized by the partner circuits):

- ▶ The **STAR CUP** category

And

- ▶ The **MASTER CUP** category

For each **SPRINT** or **ENDURANCE** race held during the 365 last days, participants score points. For each participant, the points won are totalled and added up in order to form an SWS International Leisure Ranking for each category and for each type of race (i.e. four distinct rankings).

Participants in each of the two categories (**STAR CUP** & **MASTER CUP**) of the **SPRINT** and **ENDURANCE** races who have accumulated the highest number of points by 31 December 2010 will be selected for the **SWS INTERNATIONAL Final**.

2.2 Participants aged under 15

SPRINT races are open to 10-14 year-olds in the new KID CUP category.

This category gives rise to an independent ranking.

Under no circumstances may drivers under 15 years of age participate in an SWS race in a category other than the **KID CUP**.

The participant who has accumulated the most points on 31 December 2010 will be declared the International winner of the KID CUP category. A special prize will be awarded.

3. ORGANISATION

SWS races can only be organised by **SWS partner circuits**.

Partner circuits are responsible for safety and, as such, for ensuring compliance with the safety rules in force.

They will guarantee the smooth running of the races and will, in particular, ensure sporting equality.

Each organising partner circuit will determine the course format and the type of equipment to be used.

In order to be included in the SWS rankings, an SWS race must include at least 8 SWS registered drivers in the SPRINT category and at least 6 SWS registered teams in the ENDURANCE category. In the KID CUP category, an SWS race must include at least 4 drivers.

The dates of SWS races shall be available on the web site at www.sodiwseries.com at the latest 30 days before the said races. Participants wishing to enter races must comply with the conditions of participation (Article 5) and with the entry procedure (Article 6) set out herein.

During a race, the only authority with the power to enforce these regulations will be the organising partner circuit*.

*List of partner circuits available at www.sodiwseries.com.

4. CATEGORIES

4.1 STAR CUP category

Partner circuits will provide SODI karts fitted with a 2 or 4 stroke engine with a maximum horsepower of 18 hp.

4.2 MASTER CUP category

The equipment used by partner circuits must be a SODI RX 250 type kart, which shall remain strictly in its original configuration.

4.3 KID CUP category

The equipment used by partner circuits must be a SODI kart and shall comply with current regulations for the age group concerned (10 to 14 y.o.a.) in the country in which the race takes place.

5. CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

The **SWS** are open to all participants aged 10 and over on the day of the race. Any competitor wishing to participate in an SWS approved race must first of all obtain his SWS ID No. This is an essential pre-requisite for both participating in the race and figuring in the SWS International Leisure Ranking.

5.1 Allocation of an SWS ID no.

A "Competitor" is considered to be a "Participant" as soon as he has been allocated an SWS ID no. A "Participant" may be a Driver (SPRINT race) and/or a Team (ENDURANCE race). In the case of a Team, all competitors making up the team must obtain an individual SWS ID no. in advance.

To obtain a personal ID no., competitors must register either:

- ▶ at www.sodiwseries.com ('registration' section) up until the day before the race
- Or
- ▶ by completing an entry form available from the partner circuit of their choice and by submitting this BEFORE THE RACE.

Once allocated, the SWS personal ID no. is valid for all SWS approved races.

Thus for each of the SWS approved races in which a participant takes part, this ID no. will allow the participant to **accumulate points in the International Leisure Ranking**, depending on the type of race (**SPRINT** or **ENDURANCE**) and on the category (**STAR CUP**, **MASTER CUP** or **KID CUP**).

Furthermore, this ID no. will enable the participant to access personal sections on the website at any time (personal page). The participant's personal page can only be modified on the website www.sodiswseries.com.

6. ENTRIES

6.1 Entry into an SWS race

Once an SWS ID no. has been acquired, the participant (driver or team) may enter the race of his choice:

- ▶ at www.sodiwseries.com (section Competition / Schedule)
- Or
- ▶ at the partner circuit organising the race.

REMINDER: *To appear in the International Leisure Ranking, each participant must have an individual SWS "driver" ID number (cf. Article 5.1).*

6.2 Entry fees

Entry fees will be paid directly to the organiser (partner circuit) according to the methods specific to each of the races.

6.3 Validity of entry

Entry is only confirmed once the administrative formalities have been completed. These are carried out on the circuit on the race day.

NB:

The maximum number of participants per race is limited by the legal capacity (i.a.w. the law of the country concerned) of the partner circuit organizing the race.

6.4 Cancellation and refund

In the event of non-participation or withdrawal during the course of the race, the participant (driver or team) cannot claim any refund.

7. DRIVER OBLIGATIONS

The SWS are LEISURE KARTING races in which participants agree to conduct themselves according to the values of honesty, sportsmanship and friendliness. In this regard, SODIKART and the partner circuits reserve the right to refuse or exclude any competitor whose attitude may harm the spirit and image of the **SWS**.

8. IMAGE RIGHTS

Participants agree to assign to SODIKART, to the organising partner circuits, to the official sponsors and to the public and private partners of SWS all rights concerning the use of their image during their participation in an **SWS** event. Images may be used on all media, photographs, press, television, video, Internet, DVD, film, report on the event and without any financial or material consideration being granted to any person whatsoever.

I. GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. RECEPTION AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTRATION

The administrative registration of participants takes place on race day.

A driver or team is only considered to have a confirmed entry when the administrative registration has been completed.

For the purposes of administrative registration, participants must individually:

- ▶ Present proof of identity
- ▶ State their SWS ID no.
- ▶ Present proof that their kart is insured*

** only in the MASTER CUP category and where the kart is not covered by the circuit.*

2. RUNNING OF RACES

The partner circuit is free to organise the SWS race according to its usual procedures.

After each session (practice or race) and for all participants, karts may be parked in the servicing park under the responsibility of the organiser.

2.1 ENDURANCE races - Composition of teams

Each team is made up of between 2 and 6 drivers and a team manager who may be one of the drivers.

The team manager has administrative responsibility for the team (entry, registrations, etc.).

During the race, the composition of the team cannot be changed once entries have closed. Each team is free to take part in as many races as it wishes.

In two consecutive events, a team must have at least 2 of the same drivers.

No team may claim a ranking in two races run simultaneously at different venues.

Each team shall have a single, definitive name which shall follow the team, assuming it is qualified, through to the annual final. This team name shall not, therefore, under any circumstances be hurtful, vulgar, constitute an offence or violate in any way the rights of a third party, cause offence to others or compromise public order. SODIKART reserves the right to require the driver responsible to change his team's name immediately if it falls within the aforementioned situations definitions, failing which the team and all its drivers will be purely and simply struck off from SWS races.

3. EQUIPMENT

Any competitor not equipped with a full set of equipment complying with the safety requirements in force in the country in question will not be allowed to race (approved helmet, suit, gloves, etc.).

The organiser will be responsible for informing drivers about these national requirements in relation to equipment and for ensuring compliance with these requirements.

4. DATA ACQUISITION

In SWS approved races, it is prohibited to use any telemetry and/or data acquisition system: calculators, sensors, probes, beams, etc.... with the exception of a lap counter and/or stopwatch. The organizer's official time-keeping is final.

5. INTERNATIONAL LEISURE RANKING

The organising partner circuit is responsible for establishing the ranking for each race and for forwarding it within 48 hours to SODIKART, which will then establish the International Leisure Ranking by adding together the results.

The points scale is based on the formula specified in the annex. All participants in an SWS race (and therefore who must be in possession of an SWS ID N°) who start the race, score points.

A driver (**SPRINT**) or a team (**ENDURANCE**) may compete in the categories of their choice: **STAR CUP** and/or **MASTER CUP**.

The driver and team independently score points in the chosen category (**STAR CUP** and/or **MASTER CUP**).

A driver aged 10 to 14 must drive in the KID CUP category. He/she will only score points in the KID CUP ranking.

5.1 Points awarded for SPRINT races

For the **STAR CUP** & **MASTER CUP** categories, the International Leisure Ranking is drawn up by adding together the points scored by the driver during the 365 last days. Only the best 6 results will count.

By 31 December 2010 and for each of the 2 categories (**STAR CUP** & **MASTER CUP**), the driver who has scored the highest number of points will win the **Sprint** International Leisure Ranking in the respective category.

Sub-classifications based on COUNTRY, CIRCUIT, AGE and GENDER will enable other drivers to be honoured. Different age groups may compete together or separately. Only the year of birth is taken into account for allocating participants into age groups.

A "LADIES" classification is drawn up to reward the top female drivers.

In the event of a draw on 31 December 2010, the winner will be the driver with the most victories. In the event that there is still a draw, the winner will be the driver with the most second places and so on until there is no longer a draw.

5.2 Points awarded for ENDURANCE races

For the **STAR CUP** & **MASTER CUP** categories, the International Leisure Ranking is drawn up by adding together the points scored by the team during the 365 last days. Only the best 6 results will count.

By 31 December 2010 and for each of the 2 categories (**STAR CUP** & **MASTER CUP**), the team that has scored the highest number of points will win the **Endurance** International Leisure Ranking in the respective category.

In the event of a draw on 31 December 2010, the winners will be the team with the most victories. In the event that there is still a draw, the winner will be the team with the most second places and so on until there is no longer a draw.

5.3 Points awarded for KID CUP races

For the KID CUP category, the International Leisure Ranking is established by adding up the points scored during the 365 last days. Only the best 3 results will count.

On 31 December 2010, the driver with the most points will win the KID CUP international leisure ranking.

In the event of a draw on 31 December 2010, the winner will be the driver with the most victories. In the event that there is still a draw, the winner will be the driver with the most second places and so on until there is no longer a draw.

6. PENALTIES

Penalties are determined and validated by each race organiser (partner circuit). They may be specific to each type of race.

The penalties which may be imposed are as follows, in increasing order of severity:

- A warning,
- A Stop and Go (for Endurance races),
- A points penalty (for Sprint races),
- A time penalty expressed in minutes and/or seconds (for Sprint or Endurance races),
- A laps penalty (for Endurance races),
- Disqualification,
- Demotion,
- Exclusion from the race.

The driver is responsible for the actions and omissions of his assistants: in addition, each of the latter will also be responsible for any breach of these regulations.

7. PROTESTS

Any protests concerning a race event will be dealt with directly by the organiser.

All protests will be made within no more than 30 minutes of the finish of the race and must be submitted in writing accompanied by a protest fee determined by the organiser of a minimum amount of €100 (equivalent value in local currency) The protest fee will be immediately returned if the protest is upheld.

Each organiser will be responsible for dealing with the protest in an impartial manner and may, if it so wishes, form a decision-making panel.

Any participant implicated in the protest will have the opportunity to present his case to the organiser. The organiser will settle the dispute immediately and the organiser's decision will not be subject to appeal.

8. "INTERNATIONAL LEISURE RANKING" PRIZES

For all SWS approved races, the final International Leisure Ranking will be drawn up on 31 December 2010 at midnight (French time).

8.1 SPRINT races

For each of the two categories (*STAR CUP* and *MASTER CUP*), the International Leisure Ranking will allow the drivers who have accumulated the highest number of points as at 31 December 2010 to qualify for the **SWS INTERNATIONAL Final**.

The following competitors will qualify for the **SWS INTERNATIONAL Final**:

► **In the Sprint *STAR CUP* category:**

The first **30** in the International Leisure Ranking of the year in progress (*taking into account all nationalities and age groups*).

► **In the Sprint *MASTER CUP* category:**

The first **20** in the International Leisure Ranking of the year in progress (*taking into account all nationalities and age groups*).

If a driver is unable to participate in the SWS INTERNATIONAL Final, **the next driver** in the International Leisure Ranking in that category will be selected, up to a maximum of the next 10 drivers. Beyond that figure, SODIKART will increase its “Wild Card” quota (see article 8.3) by the number of available unallocated places.

8.2 ENDURANCE races

For each of the two categories (*STAR CUP* and *MASTER CUP*), the International Leisure Ranking will allow the teams that have accumulated the highest number of points between 1 January 2010 and 31 December 2010 to nominate, through their team manager, a minimum of two and a maximum of three drivers to represent their team in the SWS INTERNATIONAL Final. In order to be authorized to participate in the SWS International Final, the drivers nominated shall have participated in at least three SWS ENDURANCE races in the team concerned.

The following teams will be invited to choose their team representative for the **SWS INTERNATIONAL Final**:

► **In the Endurance *STAR CUP* category:**

The **top 10 teams** in the International Leisure Ranking

► **In the Endurance *MASTER CUP* category:**

The **top 10 teams** in the International Leisure Ranking

If a team is unable to participate in the SWS INTERNATIONAL Final, **the next team** in the International Leisure Ranking in that category will be selected, up to a maximum of the next 5 teams. Beyond that figure, SODIKART will increase its “Wild Card” quota (see article 8.3) by the number of available unallocated places.

8.3 Wild Cards

To enable a larger number of competitors to participate in the **SWS INTERNATIONAL FINAL, SODIKART** reserves the right to award 20 additional Wild Cards.

The names of the wild cards will be revealed on the website www.sodiwseries.com as from 1 February 2011.

8.4 Additional prizes

In addition, an invitation to the 2011 SWS International Final will be awarded to the:

- . 1st **SENIOR** in the *STAR CUP – Sprint category*
- . 1st **SENIOR over 35** in the *STAR CUP – Sprint category*
- . 1st **SENIOR over 50** in the *STAR CUP – Sprint category*
- . 1st **FEMALE** in the *STAR CUP – Sprint category*

- . 1st **SENIOR** in the *MASTER CUP – Sprint category*
- . 1st **SENIOR over 35** in the *MASTER CUP – Sprint category*
- . 1st **SENIOR over 50** in the *MASTER CUP – Sprint category*
- . 1st **FEMALE** in the *MASTER CUP – Sprint category*

If a driver wins one of the above sub-categories but is already qualified via the scratch general ranking, his place will be taken by increasing the “Wild Card” quota.

The first three drivers in the KID CUP category will be awarded a special prize by Sodikart but will not participate in the International Final.

II. SWS INTERNATIONAL FINAL

1. PRESENTATION:

The **SWS INTERNATIONAL FINAL** will bring together the best ranked drivers (SPRINT) and team representatives (ENDURANCE) as at 31 December 2010 in each category (STAR CUP – MASTER CUP).

In order to maintain equality, the Venue and Date will not be revealed until 2 months before the final on the website www.sodiwseries.com.

The programme will include:

SPRINT drivers: Free practice, Timed heats, Qualifying heats, Finals, Podium and Prize-Giving.

ENDURANCE teams: Free practice, Timed heats, Endurance Race (format to be determined), Podium and Prize-Giving

The karts used for the **SWS INTERNATIONAL FINAL** will be the SODI RX250 corresponding to those used in the MASTER CUP category.

Karts will be drawn by lots for all finalists and must remain strictly in their original configuration.

The organiser will provide the selected competitors with equipment (complete kart) and fuel at no cost to the latter.

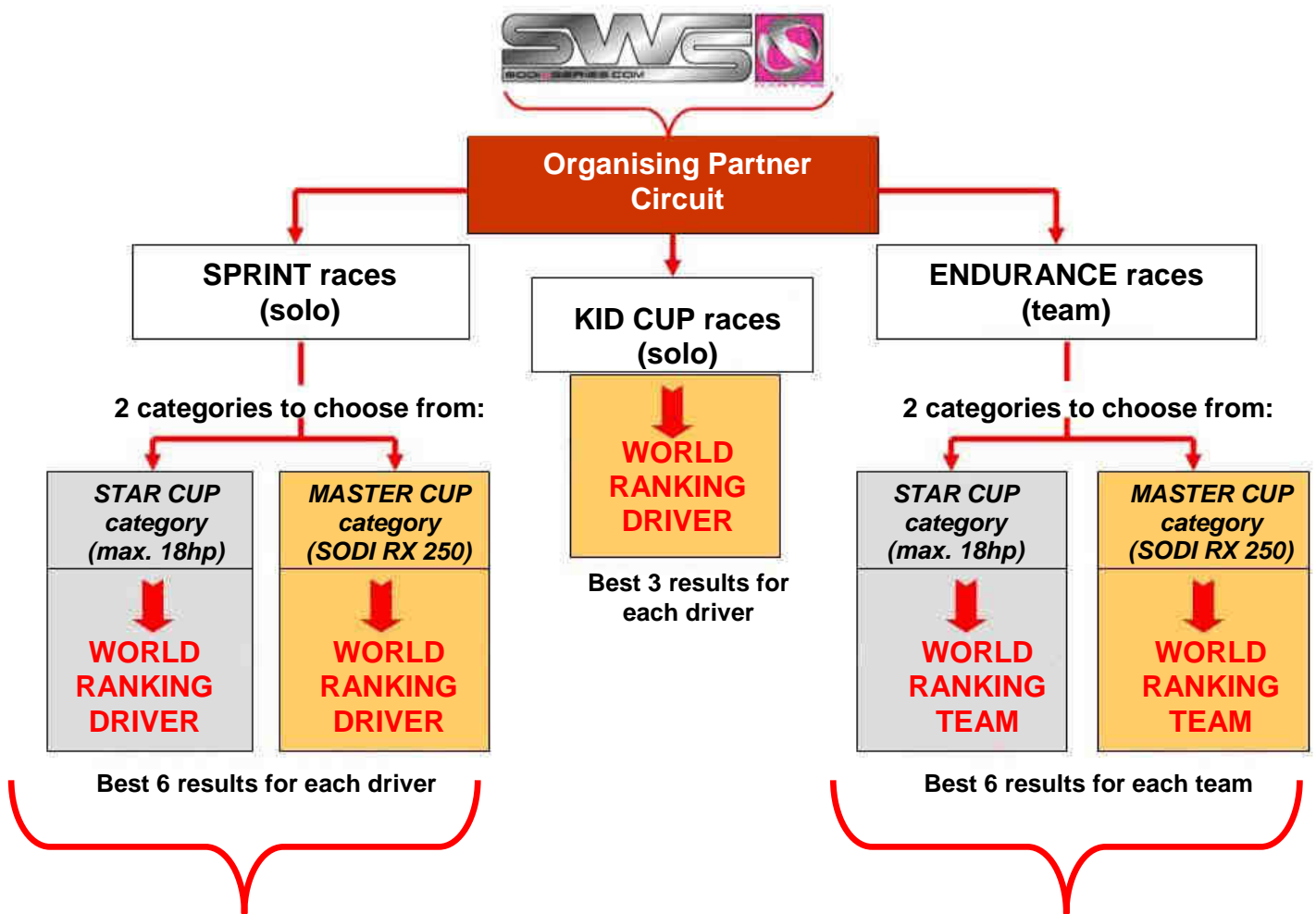
All other costs will be borne by competitors.

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ANNEX

1. SWS FLOW DIAGRAM



SWS INTERNATIONAL FINAL

2. POINTS SCALE

The points scale has been created according to a logarithmic rule which takes into account principally the classification in the race but also the number of participants (cf. below). The number of participants in a race is defined by the timed practice sessions.

The winner of each race (**SPRINT** or **ENDURANCE**) will automatically score 1000 points + the number of registered participants (e.g. Winner of a race with 30 registered participants = 1030 points and 1st position).

The last to finish in each race (**SPRINT** or **ENDURANCE**) will always the number of points equivalent to the number of registered participants (e.g. 30 registered for timed practice sessions = 30 points for the participant finishing last in the race).

Go to www.sodiwseries.com, "Points > Simulation" section, to calculate your own points quickly.

Example: Points scale
for 15 participants
(**Sprint** or **Endurance**)

Rank	No. of points
1	1015
2	759
3	609
4	503
5	421
6	353
7	296
8	247
9	204
10	165
11	130
12	97
13	68
14	40
15	15

Example: Points scale
for 30 participants
(**Sprint** or **Endurance**)

Rank	No. of points
1	1030
2	826
3	707
4	622
5	557
6	503
7	458
8	419
9	384
10	353
11	325
12	299
13	276
14	254
15	234
16	215
17	197
18	180
19	164
20	149
21	135
22	121
23	108
24	96
25	84
26	72
27	61
28	50
29	40
30	30

Points scored =

$$1000 + N - 1000 \left(\frac{\log(C)}{\log(N)} \right)$$

N = Number of participants

C = Classification

Only the whole value of points is taken into account