

THE FLAGS

Motorsport uses a number of different colour and patterned flags. This is how the track marshals and officials communicate with the drivers when they are out on track. Knowing all of the flags and what they all mean is very important. In indoor karting we use a limited number of flags to keep it nice and simple. The ones you will have to know are:

1.Red

The red flag means that a session has been stopped. Bring your kart to a controlled stop and wait for further instruction.

2.Yellow

The green flags means that there is an obstruction on track. Slow your kart to walking pace and do not overtake any other karts.

3.Green

The green flag means that the track is clear. You are able to drive as fast as you feel comfortable.

4. Black Flag

The black flag means that you need to return to the pits. This may be for a penalty but could be that the pit marshal has some advice for you.

5. Chequered Flag

The chequered flag means that the session has finished. Slow down and return to the pit lane.

These five flags are the main ones that you need to know. However, the more advanced you get, the more flags you may see. Once you are advanced and driving in the Race Academy League and BIKC, you may see the following flags, so it is worthwhile knowing these as well.

6. Blue

The blue flag means that unfortunately, you're not having a great race. You are about to be lapped by the leaders. In order to allow the leaders to race cleanly to the finish, the Race

Director may ask backmarkers to move aside. If you are shown the blue flag, safely allow the leading drivers to pass you, then carry on with your own race.

7. Black & White

The black and white flag is a driver warning flag. This means that you have been given a warning about your driving by the Race Director. You do not have to return to the pits, but be aware, your driving is on the radar, and you may have been given a penalty. It's a good idea to speak to the Race Director after your race to find out what the flag was for. This will help you to avoid it in the future.

8. Green flag with yellow chevron

You may see the green flag with a yellow chevron when a race you are participating in features a rolling start, such as the BIKC Regional and National finals. For these races, the pack will complete a formation lap and approach the start line at a slow pace. If the Race Director is happy, the lights will go green and the race is underway. However, if this flag is waved, it signals a false start. In this instance, the Race Director is not happy with how the drivers have started the race. Slow down and stay in formation. In most instances, the grid will need to complete an additional formation lap and have another go at starting the race.