

2024 Tire Rules for Florida Karting Series

Since its inception, the Vega Dirt State Series has worked toward two goals; to give the karter the best racing program possible and to help the racers reduce their costs.

So, this season again we have listened to a wide spread of racers. As everyone can imagine there are a range of opinions, and it is the series decision to blend all these ideas and opinions into a great system for all. Being the MDH compound has been used last season with great success we will continue along the similar path of 2022-23 seasons. This decision comes from talking to you the racer, committee members, and from our poll at the Awards ceremony. Not surprisingly, most everyone is very close to the same impression. As there may be a slight part one racer may like another racer may not. We have blended it all into this rule set for 2024 and have done our best for you the racer.

FKA drivers will use Vega MDH950/blue and any MCS/yellow tires thick or thins all with readable Barcodes.

--For all management classes: All tires may be **new or used** for check-in each race morning.

--Rookie class will use any MCS/yellow thick or thin & **MDH/950 tires**—No Bar-code management

--Spec Crate & Champ class will use any MCS or MDH Vega tire—No Bar-code management

Classes below will have **outside tires** managed only using bar coding. **Any combination of MDH and MCS tires.**

--Jr1, and Jr2 allowed up to 3 outside sets any combination, ***so 6 maximum tires only***

--Jr3 and Seniors allowed up to 4 outside sets any combination, ***so 8 maximum tires only***

--Drivers may Share tires. As an example, Sr Racer "A" has 4 sets/ 8 tires and are checked in. Sr Racer "B" has 1 set/2 tires. Racer "B" can check-in up to 6 tires of Racer "A" and share in this example. This will give each Racer 4 sets/8 tires to use for the event. All these tires will need to be checked in at once and at the same time. All tires will need to be present to be Bar-coded.

--The left side tires must be a Vega MDH or MCS compounds but will not be monitored using bar codes.

--Racers may do whatever they wish to these tires but must qualify and race only their scanned tires checked in to them.

Racers may practice scanned tires or any other Vega tires. No other tire brands allowed once practice starts.

--All tires to be checked in will start first thing early morning upon gates opening.

NEW: Scanning Procedures -- Tires must be scanned in before 10am or another time early in the schedule if having weather conditions, a change in this schedule will be announced. If your tires are "NOT" scanned in prior to the deadline of 10am, that driver will lose their (2) fastest qualifying laps in all classes entered for the day. If that driver's tires are not scanned in by 10:30am that driver loses their right to qualify and will start in the rear of all their classes for the day. It is suggested that each racer has a plan to check in tires prior to arriving to the event so they know what they are checking in and can be done during kart pre-tech.

--For qualifying and features the series may check tires to verify they are on the correct driver's kart. Once qualifying starts only **scanned**/checked in outside tires may be on the track for qualifying, heats, and features.

--Racers may interchange any of their own recorded tires between qualifying & races. Drivers may only use the tires that are recorded for them for that day or will receive zero points for that class.

--No uncommon tire modifications allowed such as tire sipping or grooving allowed.

Rule ###: Adverse Weather Tire for all scanned in classes:---(new for 2024)

In the event of adverse weather, the Race Director/FKS may allow one extra set of right-side tires to be checked in. The purpose of this rule is to allow racers to utilize an existing set of tires that previously has chemicals in them and to save "Good" tires already checked in. Although the spirit of the rule is to allow racers to utilize used tires already in their possession, new tires may be checked in as well. These "Adverse Weather Tires" will not count against the sets previously checked in. For the conclusion of the event, any of these tires may be used. There will be a time period announced that "Adverse Weather Tires" may be checked in.

Summary:

--You may use any Vega MDH/450-600-950 & MCS yellow tires, thick or thin. (no MDH 800 or MDH 850 allowed)

--Tires are to be checked in early in the morning.

--You may share tires between drivers if checked in under both driver's names. 2 drivers can team up on tires, but "one" set must be their own.

--Maximum of **6** outside tires for Jr 1 and Jr 2. Then **Jr3** and Sr **8** outside tires per driver.

--These rules are per event and restarts over for the next race event.

--These rules have been reviewed by racers and committee members to bring the cost down by limiting extra multiple sets of tires. This series can be raced on a minimum sets per year and has been asked to be kept under a Bar-Code system reducing the tire program to 3 to 4 sets of tires in most cases.

Jason Kimball 79 Memorial event for 2024 on May 4th at Cross Roads Motorplex:

Same as 2022-23 at this time of posting.

All tires for Qualifying, B-Mains and the Feature event must be on MDH/Blues

Tires for Qualifying and B-Mains must be from your scanned/checked in tires per FKS rules.

79 Lap Feature event tires DO NOT have to be scanned FKS tires and this to due to the length of the race.

(*) AGE: If you are 14 years old as of Daytona events 12/27-30 each year and will be 15 the next racing year, you can stay in Junior 3 and run Semi-Pro "or" can compete in all Adult Clone classes but CANNOT return to run Jr 3 anymore.