

Skills weekend for young karters

KART RACING

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While many of us have had to learn about karting the long and hard way, the Tiger Kart Club of Perth is conducting a junior development weekend on July 8 to 9 at the club's Cockburn circuit to enable our younger breed of drivers to learn the fundamentals of karting.

It will cater for licensed Midget, Rookie and Junior drivers aged from seven to 15. Although the weekend is conducted by the Tiger Club, drivers from all clubs are welcome.

Saturday's program on the weekend will focus on four main topics:

- What is my kart doing? How to

talk to my pit crew.

- The steward's room. How this side of karting operates and how to handle being involved.
 - Scrutineering. How to ensure your kart and apparel are prepared and compliant; hints and tips on kart maintenance.
 - Track study, driving lines and skills. Walking around the track with experienced drivers and discussing driving techniques.
- The Sunday program will then be a formal race meeting for the junior drivers, including Junior Clubman. In addition, there will be a motivational speaker, sausage sizzles and drinks and a T-shirt.

To top this off there will be prizes to the value of over \$1000 over all the classes, courtesy of most of Perth's major kart dealers.

Sounds good? Absolutely. And all this for only \$65 for the full weekend.

If you are a kart club member, then call the Tiger Kart Club secretary on 9314 1092 (between 10am and 4pm weekdays) for further details.

Entries close on June 30 and numbers are limited.

The only downside to all this will be the reality that in a couple of years these guys will be driving all around us adults, the ones who taught them how to do it in the first place.

The upside will be that these young drivers will be better prepared, more proficient and knowledgeable—making them better kart racers and, ultimately, better road drivers.

OPEN DAY A BIG SUCCESS

The Have-A-Go-Day at Wundowie by the Hurricane Kart Club two weekends ago was a big success with more than 45 people sampling the excitement of karting. The numbers



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were more than the club had anticipated so, unfortunately, quite a few missed out.

Based on this success, some other

clubs will be offering similar days later in the year so, as they say, "watch this space".

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