

Small Engine Rats Race Club

Basic FAQs

How does the club operate?

We are a non profit private club. We work like many private events and clubs work. We have two main owners and a small board of lead members. We have basic members, Racing members and Team owners. We have Staff members also.

Does the club carry insurance?

At this time we do not have insurance. As a private club we have a lengthy agreement you must agree to. We strive to be very safe and have many extra rules in place to keep everyone safe. Its up to each person to have there own personal insurance if wanted. We do not allow any non club members to enter. We do not give club memberships in a hurry. No can just walk in the day of a event. This is not a public company.

Does the club sell snacks or food?

The club will be offering drinks and snacks with a growing list of food over time. We do not sell the food but must charge a service fee. This service fee helps support the club, support those cooking and serving the drinks.

Do we pay for entry fee's?

We have a service and club fee to enter race events. These Fee's are used to grow the club,pay leaders and track helpers that make everything work. Much of our money goes to Event winners and club growth.

How are racers rewarded for winning?

We will have trophies, Prizes and Cash pots, We take about 60-80 percent of all money that came in from the previous event to pay winners of the upcoming event. Most races we Pay out to the top Three. We sometimes have other rewards based on other factors. We have drawings and other ways to reward our club members.

Where does money the club obtain go?

Were non profit. 100% of our money stays in the club and is managed by owners and board members. 60-80 percent of our money is gave back out as prizes and awards. The rest is used for upkeep,upgrades and to pay those who help make this club run. Its going to be a lot of work and we will need lots of upgrades and help as we start to grow.

How do I become a member?

You must fill out our application and our agreement. You may be asked for a in person interview. If you know somebody with a Race Team membership If they wish they can set up your membership under there team. You will still however be under club review for 30 days.

How do I become a racer?

If you signed up to be a racer and we give you your membership you must come out make a few laps and get your youth or rookie license. Only select people will be going into our upper classes.

How many memberships will be available?

Because our focus is non profit but safe fun lower cost small engine racing. We will choose a limit on memberships. This is not a set number but a number based on when our event's turn out on average have more people than we want. We allow teams and each driver to run in each class if they wish. When we start to limit members and which type we limit at that time in based on turn outs. As memberships fill up and events get bigger we will get picky about our members and only take certain member types that we need for that time.

Can I race in each class?

If you have proper Karts for each class than you can enter each class as long as they are not racing at the same time "rare event". You may not have much down time or rest though between races. Race Teams can have as many various karts and drivers as they need. Race teams can also swamp out drivers during rest races or heat races if needed.

What classes are there?

As of now 10/8/2020 we are focused on just two main classes. Our youth class and the Wild Rats 212 Class. Rules are still being tested. Both of these classes will be mild built engines. Allowing safe races for Rookies and pros.

Next in line is undecided. It will be much like Wild Rats 212 but with some different rules and more motor, power and speed options. Above that will be a Legends class. A class that will again have some of its own rules and most likely be a small engine open class. Meaning a wide range of small engines and mods to those engines will be allowed. Only select racers and teams will be able to join this class for Track racing.

When the time comes for Drag racing it will have its own system of classes and racing. We will take breaks from lap track racing and have drag racing days.

What type of karts are used?

Most classes will be filled with custom made Go karts. That are really closer to ½ scale hot rod's or cars. Some classes allow modified older model large single seat karts. Such as the older Mingo's, Dingo's and Murray's.

What types of motors are used?

We are using small 4 cycle work class motors only. Mostly the "honda" clone motors. Such as Predators, Lifan etc etc. With a certain allowed set of mods per class.

These motors are budget friendly, fun to play with and easy to replace. Were more worried about tight, safe competitive racing than being the biggest baddest show there is. This is a private racing club. Were not here to attract outsiders to watch.

You will find racing around a track 1 inch off the ground with these large karts or "half scale hot rods" at 25,35, or even faster in upper classes is a blast and more than some can handle. We use lots of simple old school parts that make these things harder to drive.

Even in Wild rats 212 our slower entry class coming into a corner at 25-30Mph with 15 other large Karts stacked around you with no spotter and usually no way to see who is beside you or behind you is a thing many can't even handle. As we grow our upper classes will be even more intense.

How often are events?

We scheduled based on our owners day job rotating schedule. Some months we may have three or four weekend events. Some we may have two events in one weekend. Such as a track day than a Drag race day. We will mostly run on Saturday or and Sundays mornings into the after noon. However we will work on adding some lighting and have evening early night events. We are in the country on private land however we have neighbors. Most of them are the type that will want to come watch. But we do not want to be out till 2Am every weekend making noise.

How long are race seasons?

Our seasons loop and never really end. All though we may slow down in the hottest weather and coldest weather, we will still race often rain, shine or snow. We have a set amount of events for points. We vote on this ever so often. There may be one championship per class per year or two or even three. We don't really stop racing.