

# APPENDIX 4

## SPRINT SODI W SERIES 2016-17

### SPORTING REGULATIONS

#### 1 GENERAL

The SPRINT SODI W SERIES 2016-17 (SSWS 2016-17) is a commercial leisure karting category of the Bahrain Karting Sprint Championship 2016-17 (BKSC 2016-17). It is Administered and Promoted by Bahrain International Karting Circuit (BIKC) in accordance with the rules & regulations of the Bahrain Motor Federation (BMF) incorporating the FIA International Sporting Code and its appendices, the FIA and CIK-FIA official Bulletins, the BMF National Code, The CIK-FIA Leisure Karting Guidelines, the Sodi W Series Regulations and these Sporting Regulations. The event will be organised by the Bahrain International Karting Circuit.

**ANYTHING WHICH IS NOT EXPRESSLY ALLOWED IS FORBIDDEN.**

#### 2 REGULATIONS

Headings in this document are for ease of reference only and do not form part of the regulations.

#### 3 GENERAL UNDERTAKING

All Competitors participating in the Championship undertake, on behalf of themselves, their employees and agents, to observe all the provisions of the International Sporting Code («the Code»), the Code of Driving Conduct on Karting Circuits, the Karting Technical Regulations («the Technical Regulations»), the General Prescriptions applicable to the CIK-FIA Karting international Competitions and Championships, Cups and Trophies («the General Prescriptions»), the Specific Prescriptions applicable to the CIK-FIA Karting Championships, Cups and Trophies («the Specific Prescriptions»), the Supplementary Regulations of the Competition concerned and these Sporting Regulations.

Only the BMF is entitled to grant waivers to these Sporting Regulations.

#### 4 THE SSWS 2016/17 CHAMPIONSHIP: PRINCIPLE AND RUNNING

The SSWS Championship is run over 8 Events. Any Event will comprise of Qualifying, Pre-Final and Final. The distance of Pre-Final will be equal to 11 laps or the time of 20 minutes has elapsed, whichever comes first. The distance of Final will be equal to 15 laps or the 30 minutes has elapsed, whichever comes first.

The chequered flag will be shown to the leading kart when it crosses the finishing line («the Line») at the end of the 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> lap or the time of 20 and 30 minutes have elapsed, whichever comes first. The Line consists in a single line across the track.

## 5 CLASSIFICATIONS

1. Results of Pre-Final and Final of any Event will count towards the overall score of the Competitor.
2. The worst two result obtained (Pre-Final or Final) will be dropped from the overall score of the Competitor at the end of the championship.
  - a. A blank result due to an exclusion from a race may not be dropped.
3. If a race is stopped and cannot be restarted and if less than 2 laps have been completed, no points will be awarded. If more than 2 laps but less than 75% of the scheduled distance have been covered, half the scheduled points will be awarded. Full points will be awarded if 75% or more of the scheduled distance have been covered.
4. In case of two or more Competitors finish the season with the same number of points, the higher place in the championship will be awarded to:
  - a. The holder of the greatest number of first places in the Races, if the number of first places is the same, the holder of the greatest number of second places in the Races and so on until a winner emerges.
  - b. If it is not possible to break a tie with results of the Races, the holder of the greatest number of first place in Qualifying, if the number of first places is the same, the holder of the greatest number of second places in Qualifying and so on until a winner emerges.
  - c. If this procedure fails to produce a result, the result of the last race of the last Event of the championship will be the final decider.
5. The title of the BSSWS 2016-17 Driver Championship will be awarded to the Driver who has scored the greatest number of points after all Events and dropped points.

### 5.1 POINTS ALOCATION

1. Points are awarded as follows:

#### Pre Final:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	20 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	17 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	15 points
4 <sup>th</sup> place	14 points
5 <sup>th</sup> place	13 points
6 <sup>th</sup> place	12 points
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17 <sup>th</sup> place	1 points
18 <sup>th</sup> place onwards	0 points

#### Final:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	25 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	20 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	17 points
4 <sup>th</sup> place	15 points
5 <sup>th</sup> place	13 points
6 <sup>th</sup> place	12 points
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17 <sup>th</sup> place	1 points
18 <sup>th</sup> place onwards	0 points

2. The final classification of each Event will be according to the total number of points awarded to each driver during Pre-Final and Final.
3. In case of Pre-Final or Final cancellation due to "Force Majeure", no points will be given for that particular Pre-Final or Final.
4. In the event of exclusion from the event through scrutinizing or Juridical Action, no points will be given.
5. Only MENA licensed Drivers will be awarded Championship Points.

### 5.2 NON-FINISH (DNF)

1. Drivers considered to be a DNF are those failing to cross the finish line and receive the chequered flag or failing to complete 75% of the race distance (rounded up).
2. A DNF driver scores zero points.

### 5.3 NON-STARTER (DNS)

1. DNS is used for a driver who fails to cross at least one time the start and finish line after the start has been given.
2. In case of several DNS competitors during an event, DNS competitors will be classified behind the last finisher but in front of disqualified drivers in the order of their original starting position.
3. They will score 0 points.

### 5.4 CLASSES

The category SSWS 2016-17 includes the following class:

- Sprint Cup

*The Organizer reserves the right to add a class/s to this category.*

### 5.5 RANKINGS

#### 5.5.1 SODI W SERIES INTERNATIONAL SCORING & RANKING

Independent of scoring point in the BKSC 2016-17, each driver will score points for each Race in each event as per the point scoring system defined by the Sodi W Series regulation and available on the website: [www.sodiwseries.com](http://www.sodiwseries.com)

#### 5.5.2 PODIUM / AWARDS

Awards will be presented for 1st, 2nd & 3rd position of the Final Race of each Event and Class.

Championship Awards will be presented for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> position of the Championship standings.

## 6 ELIGIBLE DRIVERS

### 6.1 LICENCE

Article 2.1 of the BKSC 2016-17 Sporting Regulations.

### 6.2 AGE LIMITS

For the Sprint Cup, participants have to be at least 15 years old or will turn 15 during the current year.

Every step of the entry procedure should be completed, if any of the above mentioned element is missing, the entry will be null and void.

Entries will be on first come first served basis and will be 100% valid only once entrant has received a confirmation email.

Bahrain International Karting Circuit also reserves the right to refuse any entry that would be against the leisure racing spirit of the SSWS category.

## 7 ELIGIBLE KARTS AND EQUIPMENT

### 7.1 GENERAL

The Karts will be Sodikart 390cc engines for the Sprint Cup supplied by Bahrain International Karting Circuit.

No modification, setup or mechanical intervention will be allowed on the karts.

Drivers will be allocated a different Kart for each session (Qualifying, Pre-Final, & Final) and will not be replaced if damaged are caused as a result of a contact between karts or as a result or the kart being misused by the driver. Replacement Kart can be provided only in case of obvious mechanical failure.

## 7.2 KARTS DECORATION

Driver/sponsor stickers are only allowed on the bodywork of the kart in the areas available and free of any other stickers already placed on the kart by the BIKC.

The sponsor decals provided by the BIKC must be retained in place at all times during the events.

Drivers may be required to remove decals/stickers and other advertising which may conflict with the championship sponsors.

## 7.3 FUEL

Only fuel supplied by the Organizers will be permitted to be used. No additives are allowed. All karts will start qualifying session with the same amount of fuel. Modifications to the quantity of fuel on the karts are forbidden.

## 8 EQUIPMENT SAFETY

Any competitor presenting equipment at the scrutineering not meeting the following criteria will fail Scrutineering and, consequently, will not be permitted to take part in the event.

### 8.1 CRASH HELMET

The Driver must wear a helmet with an efficient and unbreakable protection for the eyes. Helmets must comply with the following prescriptions (as per Appendix 4 of CIK-FIA attached):

For Drivers under 15 years old:

- Snell-FIA CMH (Snell-FIA CMS2007 and Snell-FIA CMR2007),

For Drivers over 15 years old:

- Snell Foundation K2005, SA2005, K2010, SA2010, SAH 2010 and SA 2015,
- FIA 8859-2015, 8860-2004 and FIA 8860-210,
- SFI Foundation Inc., Spec. SFI 31.1A and 31.2A,
- Snell-FIA CMH (Snell-FIA CMS2007 and Snell-FIA CMR2007).

Any modification to the above list will be published in the CIK Bulletin.

It must be noted that certain types of helmets must not be painted or carry adhesive material. In accordance with Appendix L to the International Sporting Code (Chapter III, Article 1.2), any addition of devices, whether aerodynamic or other, to helmets is forbidden if they have not been homologated with the helmet concerned.

Drivers can use clear, smoked, tinted or mirrored visors at all time during driving

Wearing a scarf, a muffler or any other loose clothes at the level of the neck, even inside an overall, is strictly forbidden. Furthermore, long hair must be contained entirely in the helmet.

### 8.2 RACE SUIT

Fabric overalls must have a «Level 2» homologation granted by the CIK-FIA bearing in a visible way the CIK-FIA homologation number. They must cover the whole body, legs and arms included. Overalls remain valid 5 years after their date of manufacturing and the homologation (i.e. the period during which they can be produced) is valid for 5 years.

Leather overalls complying with the standards defined by the FIM are authorised.

All suits should be in good condition and free from holes and burns marks.

### 8.3 GLOVES

Gloves for use in Motorsport and in good condition without holes and cover the wrist.

### 8.4 BOOTS

Boots for use in Motorsport and offer ankle protection.

### 8.5 OTHER ITEMS

Drivers may use Neck Braces and Rib Protectors should they wish to do so.

## 9 GENERAL SAFETY

Article 2.6 of the Appendix 5.

## 10 RUNNING OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

### 10.1 EVENT FORMAT

Each Event consists of:

- Signing on
- Scrutineering
- Drivers' briefing
- Kart Draw
- Qualifying
- Pre-Final
- Final
- Award presentation

**Detailed time table of each BKSC event and list of Officials will be included in each event Supplementary Regulation.**

#### 10.1.1 CLASS GROUPING

The category SSWS 2016-17 includes the following classes:

- Sprint Cup

*The Organizer reserves the right to add a class to this category.*

#### 10.1.2 SIGNING ON

Signing on will commence at the beginning of the event at the time stipulated in the event Supplementary Regulations. Drivers must present their valid and signed racing license to be verified and surrendered to the administration team before being allowed to sign on. Drivers who are unable to produce a valid license will not be permitted to take part in the race meeting and maybe referred to the Stewards.

#### 10.1.3 BRIEFING

Article 3.3 of the BKSC Sporting Regulations.

#### 10.1.4 KART DRAW

Participants will be allocated a different kart for each session (Qualifying, Pre-Final and Final).

These three karts will be allocated by ballot after the drivers' briefing on each Event day. It will not be permitted to swap karts under any circumstances.

If a participant doesn't attend the Kart Draw session; karts will be allocated to him/her by the Organisers.

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#### 10.1.5 SCRUTINEERING AND SPORTING CHECKS

Technical Scrutineering will take place in a predetermined area and at the time specified in the event Supplementary Regulations. Drivers must present themselves along with their race wear and kart to the Scrutineers at the allotted time for a basic safety and technical compliance inspection. Drivers who do not successfully pass Scrutineering will not be permitted to take part in the race meeting.

1. During the initial Scrutineering and Sporting Checks, which will take place on the dates and at the locations specified in the Supplementary Regulations of the Competition, each Driver must have all required documents and information available.
2. Unless a waiver is granted by the Stewards in particular circumstances, Drivers who do not keep to the time limits imposed will not be allowed to take part in the Competition.
3. The Clerk of the Course or the Chief Medical Officer may ask a Driver to undergo a medical examination at any time during a Competition.
4. Checks and Scrutineering shall be carried out by duly appointed officials who shall also be responsible for the organisation of the Servicing Parks and/or the Parc Fermé, and who alone are authorised to give instructions to the Drivers.
5. A Driver shall not be allowed to change his/her equipment after it has been identified at Scrutineering.

*Note: Post-race scrutineering will be conducted at the discretion of the Chief Scrutineer in conjunction with other Senior Race Officials. Drivers are solely responsible for the technical compliance of their kart weights and race wear at the time of inspection.*

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#### 10.1.6 QUALIFYING SESSION

The duration of this session will be stipulated in the event Supplementary Regulations.

The results of the qualifying session will determine the starting positions for Pre-Final in terms of best lap time classification. In the case of 2 drivers achieving identical best lap times, the organizers will revert to the second best lap time set by each individual in order to determine priority, and so on. In the case of several drivers failing to participate in the qualifying session, it will be the Officials' decision to allow them to race or not. If competitors are allowed to race, they will start behind all the other competitors that entered the Qualifying Session and as per their racing number.

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#### 10.1.7 PRE-FINAL

The length of this race (in laps) is specified in Article 4, and if there are changes then will be specified in the event Supplementary Regulations.

The winner of the Pre-Final is the driver completing the stipulated quantity of laps in the shortest time. All drivers behind him/her will be deemed to have finished the race regardless of the number of laps they have completed.

Drivers completing the same number of laps will be classified in the order in which they cross the finish line.

The results of the Pre-Final will determine the starting positions for the Final Race in reverse grid for the top 8 as below formation (GP2 Race 2 Grid Formation):

P1 will start P8

P2 will start P7

P3 will start P6

P4 will start P5

P5 will start P4

P6 will start P3

P7 will start P2

P8 will start P1

From P9 onwards, there will be no reverse grid formation.

#### 10.1.8 FINAL

The length of this race (in laps) is specified in Article 4, and if there are changes then will be specified in the event Supplementary Regulations.

The winner of the Final is the driver completing the stipulated quantity of laps in the shortest time. All drivers behind him/her will be deemed to have finished the race regardless of the number of laps they have completed.

Drivers completing the same number of laps will be classified in the order in which they cross the finish line.

#### 10.1.9 AWARD PRESENTATION

Awards will be presented to the top drivers in each class according to the provisional finishing positions in the Final Race right after the end of the last race and irrelevant of any ongoing technical or sporting investigation. Number of awards awarded will depend on the total number of class entrants according to the following:

- 1-3 competitors: 1st and 2nd place only
- 4+ competitors: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

Results do not become official until the 30 minutes "protest time" has elapsed without objection. In case of a driver awarded with a trophy but being demoted of his position by the Officials after the prize giving ceremony, the driver will have to return the award to the organizer.

**Prize winners are to ensure that race suits are worn and zipped up with collar closed.**

### 10.2 STARTING PROCEDURES

#### 10.2.1 PRE-GRID

Aside from Qualifying, karts shall be lined up on the Pre-Grid in a pre-determined order as detailed in section 10.1.6 and 10.1.7 of the present regulations. It is the driver's responsibility to ensure that both he/she and their kart are in position on time (10mns before each race).

#### 10.2.2 FORMATION LAP

Drivers should leave the Pre-Grid when directed by the Pre-Grid Marshal.

The field must stick together in 2 distinct lanes as per the positions on the Pre-Grid. It is the responsibility of the driver in Pole Position to set the pace which should be steady and controlled. The driver in 2<sup>nd</sup> position should stay alongside during this lap.

Drivers must then join their position on the starting grid and come to a stoppage.

Erratic weaving (zigzags) is prohibited during formation lap. Offending drivers will be penalized.

#### 10.2.3 RACE START

All starts will be a rolling start. Race will start (drivers can overtake) when starting signal is given (all lights are off or Green flag is waved).

At the end of the Formation Lap, Drivers will proceed forward at a reduced and constant speed towards the Starting Line, lined up in two lines of karts, and each line shall remain within the lanes marked on the track. Race leader will set the pace and will only be allowed to accelerate from the yellow line positioned 25m before the start line.

A Driver crossing the lanes is liable to be sanctioned by the Stewards, on the basis of a time penalty of 3 seconds for partly crossing the lanes and of 10 seconds for completely getting out of the corridor.

A Driver failing to respect the required speed or anticipating acceleration during the approach to the start Line is liable to be sanctioned by the Stewards with a maximum penalty of 10 seconds. When the karts approach, the red lights will be on.

Karts must maintain their position until the start signal is given.

Flashing orange lights will be activated to indicate a “start aborted”, meaning that an extra Formation Lap will take place. If the reason for a “start aborted” is due to a particular offender, Officials may decide to impose a penalty at their discretion.

In the case of start light failure, the Green flag will be used. The flag will be held out stationary on the approach and raised to indicate a start. If the flag is not raised, the race has not started.

#### 10.2.4 FALSE START

The clerk of the course can decide to delay the start for multiple reasons such as karts not being at their starting position or in close proximity before the start or the race signal is given.

In this case, red lights will stay on and orange flashing lights will be switched on. Should the lights fail, a yellow flag will be shown on the start and finish line. Drivers should continue to take another formation lap and follow start procedure.

#### 10.2.5 JUMP START

A jump start will be deemed to have occurred if a driver accelerates and/or overtakes before the red lights are off.

A penalty will be imposed at the discretion of the Senior Officials according to the individual circumstances.

### 10.3 RACE STOPPAGE

Should a race be stopped by the display of red flags, the following procedures shall apply:

1. If less than 50% of race distance has been completed by the leader, the race will either be re-run in its entirety or abandoned in which case the result becomes null and void.
2. If 50% race distance or more has been completed by the leader, the race will be deemed to have ended. The race result will be based on the order of crossing the finish line at one lap less than at the time of the first showing of the Red Flag. Only vehicles which are under their own power at the showing of the Red Flag will be classified.

### 10.4 RACE FINISHING PROCEDURES

After receiving the chequered flag all karts must proceed directly to the pit lane.

### 10.5 PARC FERMÉ

1. Only those Officials charged with the checks may enter the Parc Fermé. No intervention whatsoever may be carried out therein without the authorisation of these Officials.
2. When Parc Fermé is in use, Parc Fermé regulations will also apply in the area between the finishing line and the Parc Fermé entrance.
3. As soon as the chequered flag is displayed (Finish), the Parc Fermé regulations will apply for the area between the Finish Line and the entrance to the Parc Fermé.



## 10.6 MINIMUM WEIGHT

Driver's minimum weight must be 80kgs. All drivers below 80kgs will be provided with the appropriate weight of additional ballast to achieve the minimum weight of 80kgs. This additional ballast must be placed in the dedicated weight box located in the side pod of each kart.

This additional ballast will be provided by BIKC and participants will not be allowed to use any additional ballast. Drivers will also be responsible for adjusting their ballast when changing kart between sessions of each event.

\*Maximum of 30kg each driver is allowed to carry additional ballast.

## 10.7 NON COMPLIANCE OF WEIGHT LIMITS (STAR CUP AND SPRINT CUP)

Drivers failing to carry the allocated additional ballast and/or failing to comply with the minimum weight will be disqualified.

## 11 INCIDENTS

Article 3.4 of the BKSC 2016-17 Sporting Regulations.

### 11.1 PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Article 3.5 of the BKSC 2016-17 Sporting Regulations.

## 12 ENTRIES

### 12.1 MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER CLASS

A maximum of 34 Entries apply in all classes. Entry will be accepted in order of receipt of the entries.

### 12.2 FEES

Any entry not accompanied by the fee shall be null and void.

SSWS Sprint Cup Round entry fee: 60BD

There will be no Championship entry fee.

There will be no refund whatsoever unless the event is cancelled within 7 days from the date of the event.

### 12.3 ENTRIES PROCEDURE

- For Sprint Cup, Drivers will have to hold a valid Karting License.
- This license will have to be presented at the driver's briefing.
- Each driver should be registered and hold a valid SWS account number (free of charge). Create your own account number on: [www.sodiwseries.com](http://www.sodiwseries.com).
- Each driver should register to the races he wants to enter on the Sodi W Series website.
- The attached entry form should be completed.
- Payment of the event entry fee.

Drivers below 18yrs of age refer Article 2.1 of the BKSC 2016-17 Sporting Regulations.

For the Sprint Cup, participants have to be at least 15 years old or will turn 15 during the current year.

Every step of the entry procedure should be completed, if any of the above mentioned element is missing, the entry will be null and void.

Entries will be on first come first served basis and will be 100% valid only once entrant has received a confirmation email.

Bahrain International Karting Circuit also reserves the right to refuse any entry that would be against the leisure racing spirit of the SSWS category.

#### 12.4 ENTRIES REFUND

Should any entry be cancelled prior to one month before an event, there will be no penalty, 100% of the amount paid (minus 5 BD administration fee) will be refunded.

In case of any cancellation of entry within 1 month of the event, the BIKC will be entitled to retain 50% of payment.

Should, for whatever reason, the BIKC be forced to cancel an event then the event will be rescheduled and all entries received for it will automatically be transferred to the replacement event.

Entries will be 100% secured once entrants have received an email of confirmation.

#### 12.5 CALENDAR

Please refer to Appendix 6.

### 13 REGULATORY AMENDMENTS

The Organizer reserves the right to issue additional bulletins concerning the Rules and Regulations from time to time. All such bulletins will have to be previously approved by the BMF and will be issued to all registered competitors by way of Competitors' Bulletins at race meetings.

### 14 SUNDRY ITEMS

Any written instructions issued by the Organizers for any event and the instructions issued at the drivers briefing for each event will carry the same force as these regulations. Where there exists any contradiction between these instructions or briefings and the regulations then the written regulations will prevail unless the instructions are in the form of Bulletins issued and approved by the BMF.

If any participant is not clear about any particular element of the regulations or the operation of the events, they are encouraged to seek clarification from the Organizers in advance of the event or at the drivers briefing.

The Organizers reserve the right to modify these regulations (through bulletins) at any time at their discretion, in the interest of safe and fair competition. The modifications will need to be endorsed by the BMF.

The Organizers will publish a list of Officials for each event. These Officials will have the right to exercise the powers laid down in these regulations as they see fit, in the interest of safe and fair competition.

Any attempt to interfere with the timing equipment or opposing competitor karts will be penalized by the Organizers.

In all matters regarding the running of events and the Championship, the Organizers and Officials decision is final.

### 15 ADVERTISING/PROMOTIONS

Competitors may be obliged to carry official BIKC of BKSC 2016-17 sponsor logos on their karts, race suits and helmet. Any such advertising material will be provided by the BIKC along with instruction on positioning as necessary.

Competitors may be required to remove decals/stickers and other advertising which may conflict with the series sponsors.

Competitors must stick BIKC visor strips on their helmet visors throughout the race which will be provided by the organizers.

Competitors may be required to take part in further promotional activities at the rounds or the prize giving.

The prize winners have to wear sponsor caps if supplied by the BIKC during each prize giving ceremony.

All drivers agree that the BIKC of BKSC 2016-17 and its sponsors may use photographs of races (including names and photographs of drivers) for advertising, promotion or public relations.

Failure to comply with the Organizer's instructions could lead to exclusion from the results/event.