Australian Kart Championship Round 1

Round 1 of the Australian Kart Championship was conducted at Lincoln County Raceway Karting Facility in the rural town of Dubbo in Mid West New South Wales over the weekend of February 5, 6 and 7.

The racing was hot as were the temperatures with both days reaching maximum temperatures in excess of 30 degrees. There was a record breaking entry list for the Australian Karting Championship with in excess of 250 drivers entered for the first round.

The Vortex Rok engines represented 4 of the 9 classes.

- Cadet 9 Vortex Mini Rok
- Cadet 12 Vortex Mini Rok
- KA 2 Vortex DVS Junior
- KA 1 Vortex DVS Senior





For the first time Bridgestone YJL Kart tyres were used for both the Cadet 9 Vortex Mini Rok class and the Cadet 12 Vortex Mini Rok class. The Bridgestone tyres were received well across both classes.

Cadet 9 Vortex Mini-Rok

For the youngest competitors in Cadet 9 Vortex Mini-Rok Class, it was their first opportunity to compete at National level and all Drivers relished the opportunity.

Carter Mobbs travelled 1200 kilometres from Emerald in Queensland to compete in the first round of The AKC and certainly made the trip worthwhile dominating the Cadet 9 Vortex Mini-Rok Class over the weekend. Carter qualified on Pole won all 4 heats and went on to win the final to complete a perfect round. Carter will definitely be a force to be reckoned within the 2016 Cadet 9 Vortex Mini-Rok Class.

Ben Holiday and Toby Dvorak had a titanic battle for the second and third step on the podium with Ben coming out on top.

Congratulations to all of the Cadet 9 Vortex Mini-Rok Drivers on the successful start to their Australian Karting Championship campaign.

Result	Qualifying	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Heat 4	Final	Total points	
1st	Carter Mobbs	Carter Mobbs	Carter Mobbs	Carter Mobbs	Carter Mobbs	Carter Mobbs	**Carter Mobbs**	**75**
2nd	Ryan Tomsett	Ryan Tomsett	Ryan Tomsett	Ben Holiday	Ben Holiday	Ben Holiday	**Ben Holiday**	**49**
3rd	Fraser Carr	Fraser Carr	Toby Dvorak	Ryan Tomsett	Ryan Tomsett	Toby Dvorak	**Ryan Tomsett**	**36**
4th	Ben Holiday	Costa Toparis	Costa Toparis	Costa Toparis	Jett Cotter	Dominic Attard	**Costa Toparis**	**31**
5th	Costa Toparis	Leon Cordato	Leon Cordato	Marshall Crofts	Dominic Attard	Fraser Carr	**Toby Dvorak**	**31**



Cadet 12 Vortex Mini-Rok

The Cadet 12 Vortex Mini-Rok Class was one of the most hotly contested classes of the event with entries having to be closed early due to a full field.

The racing in this class was sensational, though it was the South Australian Driver from Mount Gambier Kai Allen that came out on top. Kai qualified on pole claimed second in the first heat behind Adrian Haak, won heat 2 and 3 and finished 3rd in heat 4 behind James Wharton and Rhys Smith. The final was a titanic battle between Kai and James Wharton with the lead changing many times over the 16 lap final. The race came down to the wire with Kai Allen crossing the line just 0.379 of a second ahead of James Wharton. Blake Purdie had a great drive to take the 3rd spot on the podium.

Result	Qualifying	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Heat 4	Final	Total points	
1st	Kai Allen	Adrian Haak	Kai Allen	Kai Allen	James Wharton	Kai Allen	**Kai Allen**	**69**
2nd	James Wharton	Kai Allen	Fletcher Harris	James Wharton	Rhys Smith	James Wharton	**James Wharton**	**52**
3rd	Adrian Haak	James Wharton	William Seal	William Seal	Kai Allen	Blake Purdie	**Blake Purdie**	**37**
4th	Fletcher Harris	William Seal	Blake Purdie	Rhys Smith	Kobi Williams	Rhys Smith	**Rhys Smith**	**34**
5th	Rhys Smith	Kobi Williams	Kobi Williams	Blake Purdie	Blake Purdie	Adrian Haak	**William Seal**	**32**



KA 2 Vortex DVS Junior Rok

The KA 2 class had a complete face lift this year with the introduction of the Vortex Rok Junior DVS engine. The new engine has proved to be a more than successful replacement for the older Vortex electric start version used in this class in 2015, with 22 of the 24 entered driving the new engine and by Sunday all 24 competitors were driving with the new Vortex Rok Junior DVS engine.

Qualifying was close with Lachlan Hughes taking pole ahead of Broc Feeney and Jack Doohan.

The racing was intense to say the least with Jack Doohan, Broc Feeney, Dylan Hollis and Harrison Hoey all taking heat wins.
Though it was Harrison Hoey who stood on the top step of the podium at the end of an eventful final. Hoey finished ahead of Lachlan Hughes who was later given a 10 second penalty for jumping the start. This lifted Jack Winter into second and Angelo Mouzouris into third.

Result	Qualifying	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Heat 4	Final	Total points	
1st	Lachlan Hughes	Jack Doohan	Broc Feeney	Dylan Hollis	Harrison Hoey	Harrison Hoey	**Harrison Hoey**	**59**
2nd	Broc Feeney	Lachlan Hughes	Lachlan Hughes	Harrison Hoey	Jack Doohan	Jack Winter	**Lachlan Hughes**	**42**
3rd	Jack Doohan	Cody Brewczynski	Dylan Hollis	Jack Doohan	Lachlan Hughes	Angelo Mouzouris	**Jack Doohan**	**37**
4th	Cody Brewczynski	Broc Feeney	Jack Doohan	Cody Brewczynski	Dylan Hollis	Broc Feeney	**Broc Feeney**	**35**
5th	Harrison Hoey	Harrison Hoey	Harrison Hoey	Lachlan Hughes	Zak Hudson	Cody Brewczynski	**Dylan Hollis**	**29**



KA 1 Vortex DVS Senior ROK

The KA1 Class also had a complete facelift for the 2016 season with the introduction of the Vortex Rok DVS Senior engine. Although competitors were eligible to run the same engines as 2015 every competitor in this class decided to compete with the all new Vortex DVS Rok Senior engine.

The new Vortex Rok DVS Senior engine certainly delivered exciting racing, though it was Reece Sidebottom (Reevu / Vortex / Penrite Race Team) that dominated the KA1 class over the weekend. Reece carried his championship winning form from the Junior Class in 2015 to have a clean sweep in the KA1 Senior class in the first round of the 2016 Championship.

Reece qualified on pole, won all 4 heats and won the final by 1.3 seconds from the flying Dutchman Marijn Kremers. Kremers was on fire all weekend and challenged Reece in every race. Also up front all weekend was Scott Sorensen, he had a fantastic drive in the final and challenged Kremers right to the wire for second place. The current Australian KA1 Senior Rok Champ Liam McLellan had a strong weekend to finish in fourth position in the final.

Result	Qualifying	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Heat 4	Final	Total points	
1st	Reece Sidebottom	Reece Sidebottom	Reece Sidebottom	Reece Sidebottom	Reece Sidebottom	Reece Sidebottom	**Reece Sidebottom**	**75**
2nd	Marc Tulloch	Marc Tulloch	Marijn Kremers	Marijn Kremers	Liam Mclellan	Marijn Kremers	**Marijn Kremers**	**55**
3rd	Marijn Kremers	Liam Mclellan	Thomas Steele	Thomas Steele	Marijn Kremers	Scott Sorenson	**Liam Mclellan**	**38**
4th	Thomas Steele	Marijn Kremers	Scott Sorenson	Scott Sorenson	Thomas Steele	Liam Mclellan	**Scott Sorenson**	**36**
5th	Liam Mclellan	Scott Sorenson	Liam Mclellan	Marc Tulloch	Marc Tulloch	Daniel Edmonds	**Marc Tulloch**	**36**



Round 2 of the Australian Kart Championship will be held at the Hume International Raceway Pukapunyal approximately 100Klm's north of Melbourne in Country Victoria from March 25 to 27, 2016.

Gallery



CARTER MOBBS WINNER OF CADET 9 VORTEX MINI-ROK FINAL



KAI ALLEN WINNER OF CADET 12 VORTEX MINI-ROK FINAL



HARRISON HOEY WINNER OF KA2 VORTEX DVS JUNIOR ROK FINAL



REECE SIDEBOTTOM WINNER OF KA1 VORTEX DVS SENIOR ROK FINAL