

4SKA-NSW – Class Guidelines

With the growth in field sizes and the variety of skills and experience in drivers attracted to 4 Stroke Karting Endurance events, the club has introduced a number of classes that teams can compete for. These classes are:

Class	Introduced	Qualifying Teams	Teams score points in
Pro Class	Since inception	All teams	Pro Class Championship only
Champ Class	2015	Teams that do not have a driver deemed a Pro driver	Champ Class Championship and Pro Class Championship
Masters Class	2022	Teams that meet specified age criteria	Pro, Champ and Masters Class Championships

An annual championship is run for each class. Whilst teams from all classes race together at each event, points are awarded for finishing positions within the class they have entered as. Non-Pro class teams also earn points in the Pro class championship for outright finishing positions and Masters class earn points for their finishing position amongst the Champ class results and points in the Pro class championship for outright finishing position.

Qualifying sessions for events may be separated based on classes to ensure fair and equitable race start positions.

The following sections will detail the intent and criteria for each class.

Pro Class

Intent of Pro Class

As the original class for our endurance racing, Pro class represents the outright championship.

Criteria for Pro Class

All teams qualify Pro class championship points, however realistically teams with professional/highly experienced/talented drivers compete for this championship. If a team (see definition of team below) meets any of the following criteria, they will be deemed a Pro team:

- They have one or more drivers that meet the Pro Driver Criteria (see Pro Driver Criteria below).
- They, as a team (see definition of team below), have won a 4SKANSW or other endurance karting club's outright championship in the last 10 years.
- They, as a team (see definition of team below), have won a 4SKANSW or other endurance karting club's round in the last 5 years. In the case of a non-pro class team winning an event outright, they immediately no longer qualify for the non-Pro classes and will only be eligible for Pro class points for the remainder of the season.

Champ Class

Intent of Champ Class

The 4SKA Champ class was introduced to provide a championship within the yearly 4SKANSW outright championship for mid-field and novice/developing teams to compete for.

Teams may qualify for one (1) or more rounds as a champ class team and in such cases, they will only receive champ class championship points for those rounds.

Champ Class Criteria

A team qualifies as a champ class team, if they are not deemed a Pro team (see Pro Class Criteria above) or if committee deems a team to be a Pro team based on consistent high results in outright championship, by majority vote.

Teams may qualify for champ class on a round by round basis, based on changes to driver line up only, in which case champ class championship points will only be awarded in the rounds that the team qualified.

Masters Class

Intent of Masters Class

The more mature drivers have a wealth of experience; however, they can start to feel that they are not competitive enough to race with or against the so called young guns in Pro or Champ classes. This class is intended to encourage those drivers to race against similar aged drivers and share their knowledge/experience with drivers who might otherwise qualify for Champ class.

Masters Class Criteria

To qualify for Masters class the average age for all drivers in the team must exceed 55 and all drivers must be over 45 years of age. For the purposes of this qualification, ages used will be at the date of the first event for the championship.

Masters class teams can have a single driver who may have previously been deemed a Pro class driver, but this driver must be over the average age of 55.

Additional rules for Master class teams

To ensure the senior driver(s), the over 55 drivers, have reasonable participation, teams who are competing for masters class points must have a senior driver complete the last 30 minutes of any race, i.e. senior driver must start their stint before the fuel bay closes. This ruling is exempt if the race is shortened by a red flag.

For the purposes of this rule, a senior driver must be one team member who is over the average age of 55 years old.

If at any event, a masters class team does not have the drivers to qualify for the masters class, they will not earn points in the masters class championship for that round.

Definitions

Pro Driver Criteria

If a driver meets any of the following criteria, they will be deemed a Pro driver:

- A professional driver in any form of motorsport in the last 10 years
- A member (see Team Member definition below) of a 4SKA outright championship winning team in the last 10 years.
- A member (see Team Member definition below) of team that has won an endurance championship hosted by any other karting club in the last 10 years.
 - The driver was a member for 2 or more rounds that earned championship points for that team.
- A member of a team (see Team Member definition below) that has won an endurance event, run by 4SKANSW or any other karting club in the last 5 years.
- A driver who has won any form of karting championship (sprint, speedway, etc.) in the last 10 years.

Team

As driver line ups can change for teams, for the purposes of these guidelines, if the team retains a core of 50% or more of the winning team line-up, then the team is considered to be the same team, regardless of team name changes.

Team Membership

A driver is a member of a team if they competed in 2 or more rounds in the championship that the team has been graded on.

Other Rules

Point Scoring

Points will be awarded as per the points scheme specified in each rounds supplementary regulations and based on finishing positions amongst the karts within that class. If it is determined that half points are awarded for the round, all classes will utilize the half points scheme.

If a team's classification is changed mid season, by committee for example, the points earned in the prior classification will remain in place. No retrospective adjustments will be made on scoring in a class championship.

Committee override

Committee reserves the right to re-assign a team to a class based on results and/or driver line-up in a given year, in which case the re-assignment will be determined by a majority vote of committee members. This will typically occur for new teams with unknown experience and should occur within the first 3 rounds of a season.