ALPEN CUP SPRINT REGULATIONS

2027 SEASON / SPEEDARENA RECHNITZ

Individual sprint racing. Event information, entry conditions and sporting regulations for drivers.



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01 GENERAL

Rental kart event / Sodi Sport Rental Kart SR4 with ballast weight equalization / modified 270cc Honda engine
https://www.sodikart.com/de-de/karts/rental/sr4-29.html

The event status is open to National / EU participants.
Minimum number of participants: 15 drivers. Maximum number of participants: 30 drivers.

Minimum height: 1.58 m
Minimum age: 15 years (born in 2012 or earlier)

02 DATES

Rd	Date	Format
1	Sat, 27.02.2027	3 × 12 min sprint races
2	Fri, 19.03.2027	3 × 12 min sprint races
3	Sat, 20.03.2027	3 × 12 min sprint races
4	Sat, 24.04.2027	3 × 12 min sprint races
5	Sat, 15.05.2027	3 × 12 min sprint races
6	Sat, 19.06.2027	3 × 12 min sprint races
7	Sat, 17.07.2027	3 × 12 min sprint races
8	Sat, 28.08.2027	3 × 12 min sprint races
9	Sat, 18.09.2027	3 × 12 min sprint races
10	Sun, 24.10.2027	3 × 12 min finale

The date listed above may be replaced by another date. The organizer reserves the right to cancel events without any claims for compensation.

In the event of a cancellation, any amount already paid will be refunded.

The race will take place in all weather conditions, including rain.

Exceptions apply in cases of severe storms or lockdowns.

03 ORGANIZER

Organizer: Alpen-Racing

Event organizer: Christian Neidhart

Event location: Speedarena, Gewerbepark 29, 7471 Rechnitz

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04 TRACK

The event will be held exclusively on the “Speedarena Rechnitz” circuit, which complies with the regulations of the AMF and CIK-FIA for 4-stroke go-kart racing, and for which a valid track homologation is in place.

05 PARTICIPATION CONDITIONS AND REGISTRATION

1 Send your entry by email

Email kartcup@alpen-racing.com with the driver’s details for Sprint, or the team and driver details for Endurance and Blitz Endu. Alpen-Racing will reply with further registration and payment instructions.

2 Pay and receive confirmation from Alpen-Racing

Your place is secured only once your payment has been received and Alpen-Racing has confirmed your entry. Sending an enquiry alone does not secure a place.

3 Complete the Sodi World Series pre registration

As the final step, pre-register for the relevant event directly on the Sodi World Series website. Alpen-Racing will send the event details and instructions by email.

06 ENTRY FEES

Each event consists of three sprint races: 3 min Q1 + 12 min R1, 3 min Q2 + 12 min R2 and 3 min Q3 + 12 min R3.

Entry	Regular fee	Early payment (approx. 5% discount)
Sprint event per driver	€95.00	€90.00

Early payment discount

The early payment price (approx. 5% discount) applies only if the full discounted entry fee shown in the table is paid by bank transfer and credited to the organiser’s account no later than 14 days before the respective race. A deposit or partial payment does not qualify. Otherwise, the regular entry fee applies.

Payment and cancellation conditions are set out in the separate Alpen Cup Season Agreement 2027. Submit it with your first registration of the season; it applies to Sprint, Endurance and Blitz Endu throughout 2027.

Included in the entry fee

Track rental; timekeeping; race control; driver briefing; track staff; kart changes and pit stops; new, softer tyres; medals, trophies and award ceremonies.

Medals are awarded for individual sprints; trophies are awarded for the season standings. See the scoring and awards section below.

07 SCORING AND AWARDS

Alpen Cup season standings

Points are awarded for places P1 to P30 in each individual sprint according to the table below. The season consists of 30 sprint races. Only each driver's best 24 race results count towards the overall season standings; the six lowest-scoring results are discarded. No additional points are awarded for fastest lap or pole position.

Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
P1	45	P11	20	P21	10
P2	40	P12	19	P22	9
P3	36	P13	18	P23	8
P4	33	P14	17	P24	7
P5	31	P15	16	P25	6
P6	29	P16	15	P26	5
P7	27	P17	14	P27	4
P8	25	P18	13	P28	3
P9	23	P19	12	P29	2
P10	21	P20	11	P30	1

Awards

Individual sprints: medals for the top three finishers in each sprint.

Overall season standings: trophies for the top three drivers.

National season standings: trophies for the top three eligible drivers in each qualifying nation.

National classification eligibility

A separate national classification is established for each nation represented by at least 10 different drivers who have competed in the Alpen Cup Sprint series during the season. To be included in their national classification, a driver must compete in at least 25% of the season's events. Round the required number of events up to the next whole event; for a season of 10 events, this means at least 3 events.

National classifications use the same points total as the overall season standings, after the six dropped results have been applied. Each driver's best 24 of the 30 sprint races count.

Sodi World Series

The sprints also count towards the Sodi World Series (SWS). Complete SWS pre-registration as the final step of the email registration procedure. SWS points and rankings are calculated and published separately by Sodi World Series.

08 RACE PROCEDURE

Weight Limit

There is one weight class: 250 kg minimum total weight for kart and driver, corresponding to an approximate driver weight of 85 kg.

Minimum driver weight: a maximum of 30 kg of ballast may be added. To reach the required total weight, a driver must therefore weigh approximately 59 kg or more (including equipment and a small reserve for fuel consumption). Lighter drivers cannot reach 250 kg even with full ballast.

Compliance is assessed by weighing the kart together with the driver, equipment and ballast. The approximate driver weights are reference values only. Fuel consumption reduces the kart's weight during a stint and must be allowed for when selecting ballast. A tolerance of 1 kg applies at the official weigh-in. Drivers are responsible for meeting the required total weight. There is no exemption for lighter drivers: if the measured total weight is too low – even with full ballast – the penalties in the penalty catalogue apply.

Important Safety Notice

Personal additional weights such as lead plates, weight vests, or similar aids are strictly prohibited.

Only the designated standard weights provided in the weight box may be used.

Practice & Qualifying

The 10-minute practice session serves as a warm-up and for checking and testing ballast weight and weigh-in compliance.
No penalties apply for being underweight during practice.
The kart used in practice is also the kart used for the 1st Sprint.
A different kart will be used in each sprint to ensure equal opportunities for all participants.

Starting Grid & Rules

Starting positions are determined by the One Shot Qualifying format, meaning one timed lap released by the green flag.

Starting Procedures

Standing Start
The karts are positioned either individually one behind another or in two rows within the marked starting boxes.
The race starts either by waving the start flag or by traffic light signal.

Rolling Start
The karts line up one behind another shortly before the final corner.
The race begins once the start flag is waved at the start/finish line.

Le Mans Start
The karts are positioned on the back straight opposite the start/finish line.
At the start signal by flag, the drivers must run back to their kart, get in, and set off as quickly as possible.

Procedure in the Pre-Start Area

Pre-start area on track
The pre-start area is located in the infield of the back straight and is marked with a blue “Formation Zone” banner.

After qualifying, all drivers must proceed there to be placed in the correct starting order by the track staff.

As soon as the starting grid procedure begins, the pit exit will be closed.

It will only reopen once the entire field has passed the pit exit during the formation lap. Drivers still in the pits at that time may join the back of the field, but they may not retake the starting position achieved in qualifying.

Discipline and Conduct

The flag signals of the marshals and race control must be strictly observed.

Failure to comply will result in penalties, and repeated violations may lead to exclusion from the race.

Driving outside the race track or on access roads that have not been officially opened is strictly prohibited.

09 GENERAL REGULATIONS

Anything that is not expressly permitted is considered prohibited.

Violations of the general regulations will be penalized by race control and, in the most serious cases, may lead to the driver's exclusion from the event.

10 PENALTY CATALOGUE

Unsporting Conduct

(e.g. forcing another kart off track, ramming, etc.)
→ Warning, 5–10 second time penalty, or disqualification depending on the severity of the offence.

Throwing out or losing ballast weights from the kart
→ Disqualification

Deliberately damaging a kart or similar serious misconduct
→ Disqualification

Underweight

For every kilogram or part of a kilogram below the minimum weight: 5-second time penalty per kg

More than 10 kg underweight: 2-lap deduction

Failure to appear for weighing: 2-lap deduction

11 KART ALLOCATION

The karts are drawn by lottery during the briefing before practice.

The first kart drawn will be used for practice and for Sprint 1.

For all following sprints, the karts are assigned according to the registration list. This list is ordered by the time of registration.

For each following sprint, every driver takes over the kart that the next driver on the list used in the previous sprint. The last driver on the list takes over the kart of the first driver.

Example: Driver A receives Driver B's kart, Driver B receives Driver C's kart, and the last driver receives Driver A's kart.

Driver	Practice and Sprint 1	Sprint 2	Sprint 3
Driver A	11	30	17
Driver B	30	17	.....
Driver C	17	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....
Driver X (last on the list)	9	11	30

12 DRIVER EQUIPMENT

Every driver is required to wear a full-face helmet.

Helmets and racing suits can also be rented directly at the track.

Closed shoes must be worn.

Gloves, racing suits, and rib protectors are recommended.

13 BALLAST AND ADDITIONAL WEIGHTS

Ballast may only be carried in the kart's designated weight box. It is strictly forbidden to carry additional weight on the body, in the seat shell, or in any other location.

Removing ballast during the race is also prohibited.

Any violation will result in immediate disqualification.

If a driver gets out of the kart, all weights must be returned to their original position.

14 FLAGS

Signal	Flag	Meaning
	Red–white–red	Start signal. Not used for a traffic light start.
	Red	Race stopped or track closed. Reduce speed immediately and proceed to the place indicated by race control. Do not overtake; be prepared to stop at once.
	Black and white diagonal	Shown with a race number: warning for unsporting behaviour.
	Black	Shown with a race number: report to the place indicated by race control the next time you pass the pit entry.
	Black with orange disc	Shown with a race number: technical defect. Return to your pit on the next lap.
	Yellow	Single waved: danger. No overtaking from the marshal post until green is shown. Double waved: serious danger outside the driver's view. Reduce speed. No overtaking from the marshal post until green is shown.
	Blue	Allow a faster driver to pass.
	Yellow with red stripes	Slippery track due to oil or water. Adjust your speed.
	Green	Danger has ended; the track is clear. Resume racing.
	Chequered	End of the race.

The full meaning of all flag signals can be found in Appendix H of the International Sporting Code and in the Karting Regulations.

VISUAL GUIDE TO KEY RULES

Use the designated ballast box



Standard ballast blocks are shown in front of the kart. Place ballast only in the kart's designated weight box. Never attach weights to your body or put them on the seat. Maximum additional ballast: 30 kg. Return unused blocks before leaving the pit lane.