

## Supplement 2008-1 Tire Regulations

The following will define the specific tire requirements for each Stars of Karting national class as well as the protocol and distribution for the 2008 season.

The following are the specified and only acceptable slick tires for use in the national classes for the Stars of Karting series:

**Intercontinental C** - Bridgestone YKB, sizes 4.50 x10 - 5 front and 7.10x11 - 5 rear.

**Intercontinental A** - Bridgestone YKB, sizes 4.50 x10 - 5 front and 7.10x11 - 5 rear.

**Intercontinental A/Junior** - Bridgestone YHC USA, sizes 4.50 x10 - 5 front and 6.00x11 - 5 rear.

**Cadet** - Bridgestone YHC USA, sizes 4.50 x10 - 5 front and rear.

**Stars TaG** - Bridgestone YHC USA, sizes 4.50 x10 - 5 front and 7.10x11 - 5 rear.

**TaG ICC** - Bridgestone YHC USA, sizes 4.50 x10 - 5 front and 7.10x11 - 5 rear.

Rain tire for all classes is the Bridgestone YKP; sizes 4.5 x 10.0-5 front and 6.0 x 11.0-5 rear for all classes except Cadet. Rear rain tire size for Cadet class: 4.5x10-5.

### Tire distribution and acceptability protocol:

The entrant must purchase all slick tires from the manufacturer/supplier onsite at each event. Procurement of rain tires from offsite sources is acceptable.

Race event slick tire protocol: ICC, ICA, JICA, Stars TaG and TaG ICC - two sets all weekend, manage at will. Cadet - one set all weekend. Maximum one set of each compound (slick or wet) to the grid at any one time. It is permissible to bring one full set of slick tires in addition to one full set of wet tires to the grid.

For the ICC, ICA, and JICA classes, prescribed number of new, plastic-wrapped slick tires must be accounted for and marked in a permanent manner with the kart number and class in *parc ferme* as per announced schedule.

Similarly, new rain tires must be checked into *parc ferme*, but the number of rain tires is not limited. Rain tires must be presented new as evidenced by molding nibs and unaltered. Rain tires checked into *parc ferme* may be used at will on either or both race days.

Only these tires are acceptable for any competitive element of the race event.

Presentation of tires will only be allowed during the allotted time. Penalty for missing *parc ferme* deadline is three position qualifying penalty in the next qualifying session after tires are submitted. It is not possible to check in rain tires

once qualifying begins for the class in question. Late check in of rain tires will only be accepted until class qualifying begins. Stars of Karting reserves the right to take consideration of unforeseen circumstances.

For the Cadet, Stars TaG and TaG ICC classes, the prescribed number of slick tires will be marked in a permanent manner with the kart number and class and distributed by series protocol as per event schedule.

New sticker tires are required for the Cadet, Stars TaG and TaG ICC qualifying session.

For the Cadet, Stars TaG and TaG ICC classes, should a change from one type of tire to the other (slick to rain or *vice versa*) be prescribed, first presentation of the newly-prescribed tires on pre-grid must be NEW tires only.

Cadet class is permitted one set of rain tires for the weekend. Stars TaG and TaG ICC classes are permitted two sets for the weekend, free to manage at will. Marking and identification process will be defined by series protocol on event schedule.

Stars Administration reserves the right to allow introduction of additional rain tires should safety conditions prescribe it.

Verification that the proper tires are used may be performed at any time during the race day. Failure to have the proper tires installed on the kart during any on-track, competitive element will result in disqualification.

Marked tires are not required for “free practice” sessions.

All forms of tire alteration are prohibited. This is to include, but is not limited to, chemical and thermal methods. Heated tire scraper use in the paddock is acceptable provided the tire is cooled to ambient temperatures prior to grid. Officials may use whatever means deemed necessary to verify that the tires used are unaltered from the homologated or approved compound.

Replacement policy for factory defects and/or accidental damage is as follows:

If a tire is found to have a defect or is damaged in mounting *when new* - direct, one-for-one replacement with a new tire will be allowed only with prior approval from the technical inspector.

If a tire is found to have a factory defect or is damaged *when used* - direct, one-for-one replacement with a used tire – at Stars discretion, from Stars used-tire inventory or as supplied by the competitor - will be allowed only with prior approval from the technical inspector. The condition of the replacement tire or depth of remaining tread is not open for negotiation and the competitor must use the tire that he is given. If competitor-supplied it must be made available for inspection to Stars officials prior to introduction.

Costs for replacement tires from Stars inventory fall on the competitor except in the case of factory defects found in new tires. New and used replacement tires are priced the same as the established, original price.