

Dear Head Teacher/Principal

## REQUEST FOR OCCASIONAL ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE

IPKC KARTING CHAMPIONSHIP.

The purpose of this letter is to let you know a little bit about the IPKC Karting Series, which runs a Kart Championship for junior's, at some of Britain's most popular kart circuits.

One of your pupils...... has secured a place in the championship and we are sure they are very excited about taking part.

Whilst we absolutely do not encourage pupils/competitors to miss out on valuable education, we also feel that participation in the championship also teaches them discipline and respect.

Any absence from school is required by IPKC to be properly authorised and request that authorisation be submitted to us via email on a headed document before we will allow the pupil/competitor to participate in any organised Friday practice sessions.

The IPKC series is a national karting championship that targets the "grass roots" aspects of the sport giving young competitors an entry point and helping them develop their racing experience/careers and helping them progress onto larger, more competitive stages. Having a strong interest in motorsport (and any sport in general) is good for a child's development, especially at a high skill national level. Just participating in the series improves their skills immensely, not just in driving but in tactics, preparation and life skills.

The championship takes place over seven weekends of the year, some of which might be in the school holidays. There is an optional practice day on the Friday before each round of the Series, but although optional many parents feel it disadvantages their child not to take part if they are unfamiliar with the circuit.

Friday test days for the 2024 championship are as follows: (Although some may fall on official school holidays)

Feb 23rd, April 12th, May 24th, June 14th, August 9th, Sept 20th, Oct 18th.

Yours faithfully Rory Rothon Championship Co-ordinator

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