



New to Karting?

If you are thinking about getting into the sport of karting, just do it!

Kart Racing is the primary means of driver development for aspiring drivers all over the world. Legendary driver, Ayrton Senna, said that karting is the purest form of motor racing. Drivers such as NASCAR's Tony Stewart, Indy Racing's Danica Patrick and Formula One World Champion Michael Schumacher all began their careers in Karting. Michael Schumacher once said that all he ever learned about racing, he learned while driving a kart!

The St. Louis Karting Association (SLKA) takes pride in its long history of sanctioning Go-Kart races in the St. Louis metropolitan area. SLKA offers competitive racing in a safe and family friendly environment. As a not for profit organization, SLKA is composed of members who share in the responsibility of promoting club level kart racing for drivers of all ages. Our focus is fostering the development of driving skills by offering significant practice opportunities both on race weekends and during scheduled time periods in select weeks.

At the SLKA track located in Pevely, MO, we race on a paved track specifically designed for kart racing. This sprint track is a .55 mile sprint track consisting of 9 turns and an 800 feet main straight away. The track features hairpin turns and a banked Monza corner. This track can be setup in different configurations and ran in both directions.

SLKA offers many types of karting classes to choose from. A kart class is defined by the driver's age, engine type and weight. A driver must be a minimum of 5 years of age. We have had drivers in their 70's still racing competitively. There are many different types of engines you can choose from. Currently, we have Kid Kart, TAG, Yamaha, Shifter and recently added LO206 Briggs and Stratton motor classes. There are pros and cons why each class may be best suited for you.

The best way to find out more information is to come down to the SLKA track on a Saturday. We are a very friendly group of people and are always willing to share our karting knowledge with others. We would be happy to show you our karts and safety gear, etc. Hopefully we can answer any questions you might have or point you in the right direction.

If you have any more questions, you can contact us several ways:

- Contact an SLKA Officer - see <http://www.slka.org> for links to email to the race director, tech director and the president.
- Post on the [slka.net](http://www.slka.net) forum section
- Send an email to info@slka.net
- Leave a message on the SLKA answering machine 314-438-6490
- Post on our Facebook page – St. Louis Karting Association

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