



RMC GOLDEN TROPHY

SPORTING REGULATIONS 2025

Status of the Series : National Series with Authorized Foreign Participation

1. GENERAL

The Series and its events shall be run in accordance with the

- FIA International Sporting Code "ISC" (The Code) and its appendices,
- the FIA and FIA Karting official Bulletins, the FIA Karting Technical Regulations,
- RACB National Sporting Code,
- Anti-Doping Regulations of the national and international Anti-Doping Agency (WADA/NADA Code) as well as the Anti-Doping Regulations of the FIA,
- Sporting and Technical Regulations of this Series and the RACB approved modifications and supplements (Bulletins),
- Supplementary Regulations of the Event including Bulletins,
- Other provisions issued by the FIA and/or by the RACB.

For the present regulations of the RMC Golden Trophy only the English text approved by the RACB is binding.

Responsibility, modification of the regulations, cancellation of the event

- (1) The participants (=entrants, drivers, passengers, vehicle proprietors and registered keepers) take part in the event at their own risks. They carry the exclusive responsibility under civil and criminal law for all the damages caused by them or the car used by them as far as no exclusion of liability has been concluded.
- (2) Modifications to these regulations may in principle be carried out only by the relevant authorities. After the beginning of the event, modifications should be carried out only by the Stewards of the event by means of bulletins, but only in case of necessity for safety reasons and/or reasons of force majeure, or by order of the authorities, or concerning the details given in the regulations about the length of the track, the duration of the races, the number of laps and the officials and marshals, or in case of an obvious mistake in the regulations.
- (3) The organizer reserves the right to cancel or postpone the entire event or a particular race for the aforementioned reasons, subject to the agreement of the respective ASN and of the FIA, and as far as the calendar is concerned, claim for damages or compensation or claim to performance are in this case excluded.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR DRIVERS

- 2.1. All participants must play within the rules and respect race officials and their decisions.
- 2.2. All participants must respect the rights, dignity and value of their fellow participants regardless of gender, ability, physical appearance, cultural background or religion.
- 2.3. All participants must encourage and take responsibility for their actions at all times.
- 2.4. All participants must ensure their equipment is safe and race worthy, prior to taking part in training, testing or race events. Only approved racewear (e.g.: helmet, gloves, race boots and suit) to be used by the driver, according to the regulations.
- 2.5. It is the participants own responsibility to identify and measure his/her own skill level against his/her competitors, and take responsibility for the risks associated with training, testing and or racing. It should be noted that a basic level of competence is required.
- 2.6. It is the participant's responsibility to declare, prior to any participation in training, testing or racing, of any medical condition or medication required that may be relevant in the event of an emergency.

2.7. All participants are required to display courtesy and etiquette to other members and participants in training, testing and race events. Any disputes or problems that may arise during an event must be addressed in a respectful manner, to the correct person (official) at the event.

2.8. The safety of children within the sport is a priority. Knowledge of the code of ethics surrounding care of children in sports will be promoted and encouraged. It is the participant's own responsibility to ensure the safety of children at training, testing or racing events.

2.9. When taking part in any event, it is the responsibility of the driver to take the time to read and fully understand the posted rules, regulations and conditions for said event prior to start time, thus eliminating unnecessary delays at the beginning of the event. Requests for clarification of these rules, regulations or conditions, should be asked in the drivers meeting held before each event.

2.10. All participants must have respect for the environment and the surrounding inhabitants. Responsibility must be taken to reduce excessive noise and keep all areas that are used as clean and pollution free as possible.

2.11. All participants must respect that drugs and alcohol are strictly prohibited at training, testing and races. It is an offence and will not be tolerated. Offenders will be excluded from the event and face further disciplinary action.

2.12. Any abusive comments on social media (Facebook, Twitter etc.) between teams, competitors, officials, organizers, or any person associated with the RMC Golden Trophy, will be held responsible and liable for their actions.

3. INFORMATION / DATES / ENTRIES / FREE PRACTICE

3.1 Promotor/Organization Office

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3.2 Dates & Place

07-08 December 2024 – Karting Genk, Home of Champions

3.3 Entries / Subscriptions

3.3.1 Entry must be made on the website : <http://www.rotax-ems.com/gft>
Driver Participant List: <http://www.rotax-ems.com/gft/entrylist.php>

3.3.2 Entry closing: 03 December 2024

The promotor reserves the right to refuse entries, following the Code.

3.4 Entry fee / Additional tires

3.4.1 Entry fee for all classes : 325,-€

1 set of Mojo C2 slicks and 1 set of Mojo CW wet parc fermé tires are mandatory to be purchased at the organization office (voucher system). Tires will be handed out and must be mounted in the Servicing Parc.



3.4.2 Entries are only accepted once full payment has been received on the following bank account:

Name: Limburg Karting
IBAN: BE07 4579 0650 0166
BIC: KREDBEBB
Bank: KBC
Communication: Golden Trophy + Name + Race Number

3.4.3 Should the driver fail to attend to the event. **THERE WILL BE NO REFUND OF THE ENTRY FEE.**

3.4.4 Late entry fee: 100€ (If entry is accepted).

3.4.5 Drivers are allowed to enter in one (1) class/category only.

3.5 Free Practice

On the Thursday and Friday before the Event Free Practice is allowed for registered drivers. The track fee for this Free Practice is not included in the entry fee. Track fee tickets can be purchased online : https://www.apex-timing.com/gokarts/sessions_booking.php?center=264&language=en

4. CATEGORIES / CLASSES / LICENSES

4.1 Rotax Max Mini Rookie

Maximum of 36 entries/drivers

License: National Karting Licence or higher issued by an ASN affiliated to the FIA + permission to drive abroad from the ASN of the country where the licence is issued.

Age: Drivers between 7 years old (reaching their 7th birthday during the calendar year) and 9 years of age (reaching their 9th birthday during the calendar year)

Weight: 115 kg

4.2 Rotax Max Mini

Maximum of 36 entries/drivers

License: National Karting Licence or higher issued by an ASN affiliated to the FIA + permission to drive abroad from the ASN of the country where the licence is issued.

Age: Drivers between 10 years old (reaching their 10th birthday during the calendar year) and 13 years of age (reaching their 13th birthday during the calendar year)

Weight: 115 kg

The organizer/promoter can combine the classes Mini Rookie and Mini, if the amount of entries in both classes is under or equal to 36.

4.3 Rotax Max Junior

Maximum of 72 entries/drivers

License: National Karting Licence or higher issued by an ASN affiliated to the FIA + permission to drive abroad from the ASN of the country where the licence is issued.

Age: Drivers between 12 years old (reaching their 12th birthday during the calendar year) and 15 years of age (reaching their 15th birthday during the calendar year)

Weight: 145 kg

4.4 Rotax Max Senior

Maximum of 72 entries/drivers

License: National Karting Licence or higher issued by an ASN affiliated to the FIA + permission to drive abroad from the ASN of the country where the license is issued.

Age: Drivers from the age of 14 years old (reaching their 14th birthday during the calendar year)

Weight: 162 kg

4.5 Rotax Max DD2

Maximum of 36 entries/drivers

License: National Karting Licence or higher issued by an ASN affiliated to the FIA + permission to drive abroad from the ASN of the country where the licence is issued.

Age: Drivers from the age of 15 years old (reaching their 15th birthday during the calendar year)

Weight: 175 kg

4.6 Rotax Max DD2-Masters

Maximum of 36 entries/drivers

License: National Karting Licence or higher issued by an ASN affiliated to the FIA + permission to drive abroad from the ASN of the country where the licence is issued.

Age: Drivers from the age of 32 years old (reaching their 32nd birthday during the calendar year)

Weight: 175 kg

The organizer/promoter can combine the classes DD2 and DD2-Masters, if the amount of entries in both classes is under or equal to 36.

4.7 Mandatory Entrant Licence

In order to participate in the RMC Golden Trophy, applicants must hold a valid national entrant licence and the necessary authorizations (visas) issued by their ASNs affiliated to the FIA, valid for Karting and for the current year, entrant's licences may not be delivered to persons who are minor.

4.8 Mandatory Visa

Entrants and drivers who wish to take part in the RMC Golden Trophy can only do so with the approval of their own ASN, which must be affiliated to the FIA. This authorization shall be given by the ASN concerned in such form, as they might deem convenient.

5 EVENT PRIZES

The official result from the Final will be the Event Result. Trophies will be awarded in all classes for the first 3 placed drivers of the Final.

6 EQUIPMENT

6.1 Amount of equipment

For all classes:

1 sealed chassis

2 sealed engines

Tires : see Art. 3.4.1.

6.2 Tires

Max Mini/Rookie

Dry MOJO C2 CIK

Wet MOJO CW CIK

Max Junior

Dry MOJO D2XX CIK option front

Wet MOJO W5 CIK front

Max Senior, MaxDD2/Masters

Dry MOJO D5 CIK Prime

Wet MOJO W5 CIK

Strictly no modifications or tire treatment are allowed. All tires will be barcode scanned and will be checked before each session (Free practice, non-qualifying practice, warm-up, qualifying heats, second chance heats and finals).

Tires must be mounted according to the sense of rotation defined on the tire at all time.

The running in of wet tires on a dry track is not allowed. Wet tires may only be used if the Clerk of the Course has declared Wet Race or Wet Practice.

6.3 Fuel / Oil

Only unleaded fuel 98 octane can be used. The commercial petrol station where the fuel has to be purchased will be published in the supplementary regulations (also fuel pump number and octane amount will be mentioned).

6.3.1 If a fuel mixture is provided by the organizer, the fuel will be mixed with XPS Castor Racing Oil 2T.

6.3.2 It is strictly forbidden to add any liquid and/or power-boosting chemicals in the petrol.

6.3.3 At any time the volume of the fuel in the tank must be over or equal to 1,5 liter. The scrutineer has the right to change/replace the fuel at any time. Petrol tests if necessary with independent approved testing company will be charged 4.500,-€ if the test is positive.

6.4 Transponders

6.4.1 Only MyLaps transponders are allowed, TranX2 Karting Transponder, TranX3 Karting Transponder and X2 Karting Transponder. These transponders are mandatory.

6.4.2 Transponders are mandatory as from the beginning of Session 4 on Saturday. The transponder has to be fixed on the lower part on the backside of the kart seat and must be mounted in the original holder.

6.4.3 It is the Entrant's / Driver's responsibility to ensure the transponder is fully functional and battery charged at all times even if the transponder is rented from the organizer.

6.5 Cameras

Cameras on the chassis or helmet are not allowed.

6.6 Helmets / Overalls / Gloves / Boots

Only helmets, overalls and gloves are allowed according to FIA Karting regulations.

6.7 Racing Numbers

Racing numbers shall comply with provisions of the FIA Karting Technical Regulations yellow background and black numbers.

6.8 Chassis

It is permitted to fit chassis protectors on the side and front of the chassis. The only material permitted is plastic and must be fitted so that they do not deform and becomes a danger to others and must satisfy the meetings scrutineers. No other material other than plastic is permitted.

6.9 Gear/Sprocket

Fixed:

Mini Max:

Engine sprocket : 13t

Rear sprocket : 80t

In all other classes, this is free

6.10 Exhaust/Isolation matting

Each Mini Max entrant has to buy a new isolation matting through the organisation during registration (voucher system). During scrutineering all mechanics has to come with a dismantled and disassembled, without isolation matting, exhaust to Scrutineering. The exhaust has to be clean. The exhaust must be fitted with the new isolation matting in the presence of a Scrutineer. Once the isolation matting is fitted, the exhaust will be sealed with a barcode seal. The race number of the driver will be marked on the exhaust. All exhausts will stay in Parc Fermé area during the event.

7 RUNNING OF THE EVENT

7.1 General Conditions

7.1.1 It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that all persons concerned by his entry observe all the provisions of the code, the Technical Regulations and the Sporting Regulations. If an entrant is unable to be present in person at the event he must nominate his representative in writing. The person having charge of an entered kart during any part of an event is responsible jointly with the entrant and/or separately for ensuring that the provisions are observed.

7.1.2 Entrants must ensure that their karts comply with the conditions of conformity and safety throughout the Event.

7.1.3 The presentation of a kart for scrutineering will be deemed an implicit statement of conformity.

7.1.4 Entrants, drivers, assistants and guests must at all times wear the appropriate identification credentials which have been handed to them.

7.1.5 A race class may be cancelled if karts of fewer than twelve drivers have passed scrutineering.

7.2 Sporting Checks and Scrutineering

7.2.1 During the initial scrutineering and sporting checks, which will take place on the dates and at the locations specified in the supplementary regulations of the event, each driver and each entrant must have all required documents and information available.

7.2.2 Unless a waiver is granted by the stewards in particular circumstances, drivers and entrants who do not keep to the time limits imposed will not be allowed to take part in the event.

7.2.3 An entrant, a driver or any other person responsible for a kart may not be required to sign a discharge or any other document which has not previously been approved by the RACB.

7.2.4 The clerk of the course or the chief medical officer may ask a driver to undergo a medical examination at any time during an event.

7.2.5 No kart may participate from the beginning of the non-qualifying practice in an event unless it has been checked by the scrutineers.

7.2.6 At any time during an event, the scrutineers may:

- check the eligibility of the kart or of the driver's equipment (including fuel tests).
- require a kart to be dismantled by the entrant to make sure that the conditions of eligibility and conformity are fully satisfied.
- require an entrant to supply them with such parts or samples as they may deem necessary.
- require an entrant to change/replace all parts belonging to the engine (parts will be provided by the organizer)

7.2.7 Any kart which, after being passed by the scrutineers, is dismantled or modified in a way that might affect its safety or call into question its eligibility, or which is involved in an accident with similar consequences, must be re-presented for scrutineering approval.

7.2.8 The clerk of the course may require that any kart involved in an accident be stopped and checked by the scrutineers.

7.2.9 Checks and scrutineering shall be carried out by duly appointed officials who shall also be responsible for the organization of the servicing parks and/or the Parc Fermé, and who alone are authorized to give instructions to the entrants.

7.2.10 The stewards will publish the findings of the scrutineers concerning all karts controlled and will place them at the disposal of other entrants on request. These findings will not include any specific figures except concerning fuel tests.

7.2.11 Submitting a kart to scrutineering shall be considered as an implicit statement of conformity.

7.2.12 Racing numbers and possible advertising signs shall be on the kart when the equipment is submitted to scrutineering.

7.2.13 A driver shall not be allowed to change his/her equipment after it has been identified at scrutineering.

7.2.14 At the Event, the event organizer and the stewards will control all licenses.

7.3 Briefings

7.3.1 Definition: The entrant's and driver's briefing is a meeting organized by the clerk of the course for all entrants and drivers entered in the event.

7.3.2 Aim of the briefing: to remind entrants and drivers of the specific points of the supplementary regulations concerning the organization of the event; to remind them of the safety notions, either general, or specific to the circuit used; to give any clarification concerning the interpretation of the regulations.

7.3.3 The time of the briefing is mentioned in the time schedule of the event. The time is considered as that of the beginning of the briefing and the entrance door and access to the briefing will be closed. The meeting shall always be held before qualifying practice or the first qualifying heat. Extra meetings may be organized if this is deemed necessary.

7.3.4 The presence of all concerned entrants and drivers is mandatory throughout the briefing. Two attendance sheets shall be signed, one by drivers and the other by entrants or entry control to be performed via electronic means. Any driver who is absent during the briefing will receive a fine of 125€ and has to follow the Stewards recommendations.

7.4 General Safety

7.4.1 It is strictly forbidden for drivers to drive their karts in a direction opposite that of the race, unless this is strictly necessary to remove the kart from a dangerous situation.

7.4.2 During non-qualifying practice, qualifying practice, the qualifying heats and the races of the final phase, drivers may use the track only and must at all times observe the dispositions of the code relating to driving on circuits.

7.4.3 During non-qualifying practice, qualifying practice, the qualifying heats and the races of the final phase, a kart that stops must be removed from the track as rapidly as possible in order for its presence not to constitute a danger or impede another driver. If the driver is unable to remove the kart from a dangerous position by driving it, it is the marshals' duty to help him; however, if the kart restarts as a result

of such help, it will be excluded from the classification of the qualifying practice or the race in which this help was provided. Except for medical or safety reasons, the driver must stay close to his kart until the end of non-qualifying practice, qualifying practice, the qualifying heat or the race(s) of the final phase.

7.4.4 Any repairs with tools are banned outside the repairs area. It is forbidden to take any tools and/or spare parts on board the kart. The driver can receive help only in the repairs area determined by the supplementary regulations or during the briefing.

7.4.5 Except in cases expressly provided for by the regulations or by the code, no one except the driver is authorized to touch a stopped kart unless it is in the repairs area.

7.4.6 When the track is closed by the clerk of course during and after practice and after the finish until all concerned karts, whether they are mobile or not, have arrived at the «Finish» servicing park or at the Parc Fermé, no one is allowed to access to the track, with the exception of marshals carrying out their duties and of drivers when they are driving.

7.4.7 During qualifying practice, the qualifying heats and the race(s) of the final phase, the kart may be restarted only by the driver himself, except if he restarts from the repairs area. The driver may not receive any outside help on the track during the running of an event, except in the repairs area, which he may reach only by his own means.

7.4.8 If a driver is faced with mechanical problems during practice, the qualifying heats or the race(s) of the final phase, he must evacuate the track as soon as possible for safety reasons.

7.4.9 If a driver is involved in a collision, he cannot leave the circuit without the stewards' agreement.

7.4.10 No driver may leave the repair area without having been invited to do so by the pre-grid official.

7.4.11 Official instructions will be transmitted to the drivers by means of the signals provided for in the code. Entrants must not use flags similar to these ones in any way whatever.

7.4.12 Any driver who intends to leave the track, to return to the servicing park or to stop in the repairs area shall demonstrate his intention in due time and shall ensure that he may do so safely.

7.4.13 During the event and at the order of the clerk of the course a driver who breaches the technical regulations, except during the final lap, must stop in the repairs area and remedy the breach before rejoining the track.

7.4.14 When they participate in non-qualifying or qualifying practice, in the qualifying heats or the races of the final phase, Drivers must at all times wear the full equipment defined in the FIA Karting Technical Regulations.

7.4.15 The organizer undertakes to have on the track all safety devices provided for meetings in appendix 2 to the International Karting Regulations, from the beginning of non-qualifying practice until the end of the event.

7.4.16 In the case of a «wet race / practice» (conditions signaled by means of a panel by the clerk of the course), the choice of tires will be left to the appreciation of the drivers, the clerk of the course reserving the right to use the black flag if he deems that a driver's kart is fitted with the wrong set of tires and that the driver is too slow and dangerous for other drivers.

7.5 Number of karts allowed on the track

The number of karts allowed on the track is – unless homologated differently – limited to 36 for final phase races, 36 for qualifying practice and the qualifying heats and 51 for non-qualifying practice / warm up.

7.6 Code of driving conduct on kart circuits

7.6.1 Observance of signals:

The instructions detailed in the FIA Karting General Prescriptions and in the FIA Karting Circuit Regulations are deemed to be part of this code of driving conduct. All drivers must be thoroughly acquainted with them.

7.6.2 Overtaking:

A) During a race, a kart alone on the track may use the full width of the said track. However, as soon as it is caught up by a kart which is either temporarily or constantly faster, the driver is not allowed to swing from one side to the other or make a move sideways in order to prevent a legal overtaking maneuver when the other competitor is already by his side. He shall give the other kart the right of way in order to allow for passing.

B) If the driver who has been caught does not seem to notice that another driver wants to overtake him, the flag marshal(s) will give a warning by waving the blue flag to indicate that another competitor wants to overtake. Any driver who does not take notice of the blue flag may be penalized by the stewards. Systematic or repeated offences may result in the disqualification of the offender from the race.

C) Curves, as well as the approach and exit zones thereof, may be negotiated by the drivers in any way they wish, within the limits of the track. Overtaking, according to the circumstances, may be done either on the right or on the left. However, maneuvers liable to hinder other drivers such as premature or dangerous changes of direction, more than one change of direction, deliberate crowding of karts towards the inside or the outside of the curve or any other dangerous change of direction, are strictly prohibited and shall be penalized, according to the importance and repetition of the offences, by penalties ranging from a fine to the disqualification from the race. The repetition of dangerous driving, even involuntary, may result in the disqualification from the race.

D) Any obstructive maneuver carried out by one or several drivers, either having common interests or not, is prohibited. The persistent driving abreast of several karts, as well as fan-shaped arrangement, is authorized only if there is not another kart trying to overtake, otherwise the blue flag will be waved.

E) The penalty inflicted for ignoring the blue flag will also be applied to the drivers who obstruct part of the track and shall be more severe in the case of systematic obstruction, thus ranging from a fine to the disqualification from the race. The same penalty shall be applied to drivers who swing from one side of the track to the other in order to prevent other competitors from overtaking.

F) The repetition of serious mistakes or the appearance of a lack of control over the kart (such as leaving the track) may entail the disqualification of the drivers concerned.

G) The race track alone shall be used by the drivers during the race.

H) Contacts / collisions (during the race, declaration lap included): sanctions may be imposed on a driver who pushes another driver.

7.6.3 Stopping of a kart during the race:

A) The driver of any kart leaving the race shall signal this intention in good time and is responsible for ensuring that the maneuver is carried out safely and as near as possible to the point of exit.

B) Should a driver be compelled to stop his/her kart, either involuntarily or for any other reason, the kart shall be moved off the track as soon as possible so that its presence does not constitute a danger or prevent the normal running of the race. If the driver is not able to move the kart out of the potentially dangerous position, it is the duty of the marshals or other officials to help.

C) Any replenishment carried out on the track itself is prohibited, and will entail immediate disqualification.

D) Apart from the driver – and, in exceptional cases, the competent officials – nobody is allowed to touch a stopped kart under penalty of its disqualification from the race.

E) Pushing a kart along the track or pushing it across the finish line is not allowed, and will entail immediate disqualification.

F) Any kart abandoned on the circuit by its driver, even temporarily, shall be considered as withdrawn from the race. A kart left temporarily by its driver whilst a race is suspended will not be considered abandoned.

7.6.4 Entrance to the pits (or repairs area or servicing parks):

A) The so-called «deceleration zone» is a part of the pits area.

B) During the practice sessions and the race, access to the pits or to the repairs area is allowed only through the deceleration zone. The penalty for a breach of this rule shall be disqualification from the race.

C) Any driver intending to leave the track or to enter the pits or the servicing park or the repairs area shall signal his intention in good time and make sure that it is safe to do so.

D) Except in cases of force majeure (accepted as such by the stewards of the meeting), the crossing, in any direction, of the line separating the deceleration zone and the track is prohibited.

E) Except in cases of force majeure (accepted as such by the stewards of the meeting), any line painted on the track at the pit exit or the repairs area for the purpose of separating karts leaving the pits or the repair area from those on the track must not be crossed by any part of a kart leaving the pits.

7.7 Running of the Event

The event will comprise non-qualifying practice, qualifying practice, qualifying heats, final heats as a minimum.

A) Super Pole (only Max Senior category)

Eligible drivers for the Super Pole : the top 10 after merging the 2 qualifying groups.

Drivers who are not eligible to participate will be classified from position 11 onwards in the same order than the classification of the merged qualifying results.

The top 5 of each group will have to stay in Parc Fermé. It is not allowed to work on the kart except to refuel (fuel will be provided) and to measure tire pressure.

The top 10 drivers will be placed on the pre-grid to start the Super Pole in reverse order of the merged qualifying results. The next driver is allowed to start his outlap as soon as the previous driver finished his second flying lap.

Each driver gets an out lap, followed by 2 flying laps and one inlap.

The final classification of the Super Pole will be drawn up according to the best times and will serve to determine the first 10 places for the grid for the heats.

B) Qualifying Practice

The duration of the Qualifying Practice is 5 minutes.

The session is reserved for drivers having passed the sporting checks and scrutineering.

All karts must have left the pre grid within the first minute of the session.

In case a driver has not left the pre grid within the first minute of the session he is not allowed to take part in the session.

If the number of drivers is less than 36 it will be done in one group, otherwise it will be divided in 2 groups, drawn electronically. The use of transponders is mandatory.

Any driver having crossed the line drawn at the exit of the start area will be considered as being a starter and his lap time will be taken into account, whatever the circumstances. Any lap fully covered is timed. The time retained is the best lap covered during the session. Any ties will be decided by the 2nd best time set by each driver, and so on in the case of further ties.

The final classification of qualifying practice will be drawn up as follows:

If there is only one group

The grid will be drawn up in the order of the fastest time achieved by each driver.

If there are two groups

- the classification will be determined like below **(no combined qualifying)**:

- 1st place goes to the fastest time of the 1st group (fastest time overall, faster group)
- 2nd place goes to the fastest time of the 2nd group (slower group)
- 3rd place goes to the 2nd fastest of the 1st group (faster group)
- 4th place goes to the 2nd fastest time of the 2nd group (slower group)
- 5th place goes to the 3rd fastest time of the 1st group (faster group)
- 6th place goes to the 3rd fastest time of the 2nd group (slower group)
- and so on.

If no time is taken into account for a driver, he/she will take the start at the end of the grid. If several drivers are in this situation, their starting position will be decided by drawing lots. Pushers are not allowed to help drivers once they have crossed the line drawn at the exit of the start area.

DNS competitors will be placed in front of DSQ competitors.

If a driver stops in the repair area or in the servicing park, it will be final. He/she shall not be allowed to start again.

C) Qualifying heats

Case A: 36 starters or less, two qualifying heats will be run with all the drivers. The starting grids of each of the heats will be established on the basis of the results of qualifying practice.

Case B: More than 36 entered drivers, at the end of qualifying practice, drivers will be separated into groups for the qualifying heats. The number of drivers per group will be 18 maximum. Each group must compete versus all the other groups.

- As an example for **(Case B 3 groups)**, in the case of a separation of drivers into 3 groups, the driver classified 1st in qualifying practice will be in group A, the 2nd in group B, the 3rd in group C, the 4th in group A, the 5th in group B, the 6th in group C, and so on.

- As an example for **(Case B 4 groups)**, in the case of a separation of drivers into 4 groups, the driver classified 1st in qualifying practice will be in group A, the 2nd in group B, the 3rd in group C, the 4th in group D, the 5th in group A, the 6th in group B, the 7th in group C, the 8th in group D, and so on.

- Each of the three or four above-mentioned groups will compete against the other groups . Each qualifying heat will have a duration of 10 minutes + 1 lap

For the qualifying heats, points will be awarded as follows:

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
50	44	41	38	36	34	32	30	28	27
11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th
26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17

Etc.

If a driver does not take the start (not present in the pre grid with kart) in a qualifying heat, he will receive a number of points equal to the lowest number that the last ranked driver receives minus 1.

If a driver has been black-flagged or disqualified, he will receive a number of points equal to the number of participants minus 5.

Any driver who has not covered all the laps scheduled, even if he has not finished the qualifying heat, will be classified according to the number of laps he has actually completed.

D) Ranking after heats

At the end of the qualifying heats will be done "A RANKING AFTER HEATS".

The ranking is the sum of the qualifying heats points and sorted on most points, in case of an ex-aequo the better position from the qualifying practice will be decisive.

E) Final

36 Drivers are qualified from the Ranking After Heats

Duration of Final for Micro Max & Mini Max: 10 minutes + 1 lap

Duration of Final for Junior Max, Senior Max, DD2, DD2 Master: 12 minutes + 1 lap

Any driver who has not covered all the laps scheduled, even if he has not finished the Final, will be classified according to the number of laps he has actually completed.

8 COMPETITION

FIA Karting International Sporting Code, FIA Karting General Prescriptions Article 2.19

A) At the end of the final qualifying practice session, the list of qualified drivers as well as the starting grids will be officially published.

B) Only these drivers will be allowed to take the start of the qualifying heats, Super heats and of the final phase.

C) Any entrant whose kart(s) is (are) unable to take the start for any reason whatsoever or who has good reasons to believe that his/her kart(s) will not be ready to take the start must inform the official in charge of the assembly area, who will advise the clerk of the course as soon as he has the opportunity.

D) The grids will be drawn up in accordance with the fastest time achieved by each driver, taking into account the qualifying practice session. Should one or several drivers achieve the same time, the tie will be settled on the basis of their second best time, and so on.

E) The pole position driver of each grid will have the choice of the pole position (on the left or right side of the track), providing that he advises the clerk of the course as soon as he reaches the assembly area. This choice will only modify the first row, to the exclusion of the others. Failing this, the pole position driver of each grid will take the start of the race from the grid position which was the pole position the previous year or, if it is a new circuit, on that which was designated as such by FIA Karting, or designated in the supplementary regulations of the event.

F) Access to the assembly area from the servicing park will end as stated in the official time table. Any kart which has not taken its position on the pre-grid at that moment shall not be allowed to do so, except under exceptional circumstances left to the appreciation of the clerk of the course.

The karts placed on the pre-grid must be ready to race; it is strictly forbidden to carry out any work, adjustment and/or setup on the kart on the pre-grid (**see point 8.9 for more information**), with the exception of tire pressures, which can be adjusted by the driver or his/her mechanic and by using his/her own means (tire pressure gauge), tire pressure adjustment must stop without delay when the "3 minutes" board is shown and an audible warning is given, at this time the mechanic must leave the assembly area immediately.

G) Karts on the assembly area are prohibited to return to servicing park, except under exceptional circumstances left to the appreciation of the clerk of the course. It is prohibited to bring a second set of tires to the assembly area.

Definition of assembly area:

- The area between the track and start servicing park.
- The area/walk way to starting line.
- Starting line if used.

H) The mechanics will have to clear the assembly area three minutes before the time scheduled for the start of the race. If a driver is unable to start from the assembly area after the display of the green flag and/or light and if he requests the intervention of a mechanic, he will be authorized to leave the assembly area only on the orders of a marshal and he will take the start from the back of the formation when the start at the start/finish line is given, respective of the number of formation laps. No additional time will be allowed to a driver who has not respected these instructions.

I) Any driver who is present, with his/her kart, on the pre-grid within the time limit will be considered as a starter.

8.1 Starting grid procedure on the track

In certain circumstances, the karts will have to be placed on the grid on the track, it is the specific procedure below which is applied.

A) Access to the assembly area from the servicing park will end as stated in the official time table. Any kart which is not on the pre-grid at that moment shall not be allowed to do so, except under exceptional circumstances left to the appreciation of the clerk of the course. The karts (on the trolley) placed in the pre-grid must be ready to race; it is strictly forbidden to carry out any work, adjustment and/or set-up on the kart, (**see point 8.9 for more information**) with the exception of tire pressures, which can be adjusted by the driver or his/her mechanic and by using his/her own means (tire pressure gauge).

B) Once the gate are closed (servicing park to assembly area) each driver with his kart placed on a trolley and pushed by his "A" mechanic will leave the assembly area to take up their positions on the starting grid for the race. From this point, karts must be ready to race; any further work, adjustment and/or set up on the kart (with the exception of tire pressures) are strictly forbidden (**see point 8.9 for more information**). Tire pressure adjustment must stop without delay after the "3 minutes"-board followed by the audible warning, at this time the mechanic must leave the assembly area immediately.

C) When the "3 minutes"-signal is shown, along with a "CLEAR THE TRACK" board, all karts must be ready and laid down on the track. At this time, the mechanics will leave the grid to go to the assembly area with the trolleys of the karts. Interviews may no longer take place once the "3 minutes"-board has been shown. Everybody except Drivers and Officials must leave the grid.

D) "30-seconds"-signal/light: 30 seconds after this signal, the green flag and/or light will be shown at the front of the grid to indicate that the karts must begin a formation lap, keeping to the order of the starting grid and in conformity with the FIA Karting general prescriptions.

E) Should a driver require assistance after the "30-seconds"-signal, he or she must indicate this to the marshals and, once the other karts have left the grid, it will be pushed to the assembly area, and the

mechanic may assist on the kart. In this case, marshals with yellow flags will stand beside the kart (or karts) concerned to warn the drivers on the formation lap.

Marshals will be instructed to push any kart remaining on the grid after the start of the formation lap to the assembly area immediately.

If a driver starts from the assembly area after the intervention of a mechanic, he will be authorized to do so only on the orders of a marshal, and he will take the start from the back of the formation, irrespective of the number of formation laps and his/hers position **(see point 8.9 for more information)**.

10.2 Start delayed

If the clerk of the course considers of safety reasons that the start must be delayed, the following procedure will take place.

A) A time will be given where change can be made.

B) Entrants/drivers outside this time will not be able to enter the race.

C) By tire change:

- The width of the rear and front wheel may be adjusted but must conform to FIA Karting Technical Regulations

- No other modifications and/or changes are permitted.

8.3 Starting procedure

A) The start signal shall be given by means of lights.

B) The start will be of the «rolling» type. The regulations for "Rolling start for karts with clutches and without gearbox" of the FIA Karting general regulations apply. The grid being constituted of two lines of karts.

C) The Organizer following a decision of the Stewards has the right to change starting procedure from "Rolling Start" to "Standing Start" or "One Line Rolling Start" with Slow Boards. (SC in car racing)

D) Two 2-meter wide lanes bordered by white lines will be painted over the 110 meters leading to the start line. A yellow line shall be painted 25 m ahead of the start line.

E) As soon as the clerk of the course indicates with the green flag that the karts may take the start, the drivers are «at the orders of the clerk of the course» and may no longer receive any outside help. Any driver who has not placed himself at the orders of the clerk of the course in time with his kart in working order will be allowed to leave the assembly area only at the orders of the clerk of the course or of the officer in charge of the assembly area.

F) Karts will cover one warm up lap and one formation lap (total 2 laps) before the start may be given. It is forbidden to overtake another driver under pain of a penalty inflicted by the stewards (10 seconds or disqualification from the heat). If a driver stops for any reason during the formation lap, he will not be allowed to try and start again before he has been passed by the whole field. He shall start again from the back of the formation. Should he try to start ahead of the field in the hope that the leading drivers overtake him, he would be shown the black flag and be disqualified from that race.

G) Driver who is delayed will have the possibility of regaining his grid position only if this maneuver does not impede other drivers and in all cases before having reached the red line which will be materialized on the track, equipped with a time keeping loop and indicated by the race director or the clerk of the course at the briefing.

It is forbidden to use any course other than the track used during the race to regain his start position.

H) If the clerk of the course considers that a driver has been immobilized as a result of another driver's mistake, the clerk of the course may stop the formation lap and start again the starting procedure on the basis of the original grid or allow the impeded driver to regain his position.

I) The Clerk of the Course will give the start as soon as he is satisfied with the formation.

J) At the end of the formation lap, drivers will go at slow speed towards the start line assembled in two lines of karts. During the approach stage, the red light will be on. No karts may accelerate before the red lights have been switched off. Karts must maintain their position until the start signal is given. If the clerk of the course is satisfied with the formation he will give the start by switching off the red lights. If he is not satisfied with the procedure, he will switch on the orange light, which means that an extra formation lap must be covered. Should the engine of a driver stop during formation lap, an official or mechanic nominated to carry out that task may restart him as soon as he/she has been passed by the entire field. He may then rejoin at the back of the formation and must not try to regain his grid position. If the kart cannot be started, then it must be removed from the track to a place of safety. Similarly should a driver fall behind the entire field without stopping, he must remain at the rear for the start and must not attempt to regain his position.

K) In the case of repeated false starts or incidents during the formation lap(s), the clerk of the course, acting as a judge of fact, may stop the starting procedure by means of the red flag and inform the stewards, who will be entitled to inflict on the offending drivers a penalty according to the FIA Karting General Prescriptions. A new procedure will begin either immediately or within 30 minutes, according to the circumstances. The starting grid will be the same as for the initial procedure. All the drivers present in the starting area or in repair area before the procedure was stopped will be allowed to take the start of the new formation lap.

L) Any attempts to jump the start or delay it and any karts leaving the lane before the lights are switched off shall be sanctioned according to the FIA Karting General Prescriptions.

M) A jump start will be deemed to have occurred when a driver crosses the start line ahead of his prescribed grid position at the start of the race. This is recorded by the timing system, and the official timekeepers who act as judges of fact and will determine if a jump start has been committed. The penalty refers to the FIA Karting General Prescription.

N) As soon as the start has been given, racing conditions are applied and, irrelevant of the position of a kart on the track, it is forbidden to give it any assistance, except for parking it to a safe location.

O) The stewards may use any video or electronic system likely to help them to take a decision. The steward's decisions may supersede those taken by judges of fact. Any infringement to the provisions of the code or of these sporting regulations relating to the starting procedure may entail the disqualification of the kart and of the driver concerned from the event.

8.4 Stopping a race

A) Should it become necessary to stop the race or practice because the circuit is blocked by an accident or because weather or other conditions make it dangerous to continue, the clerk of the course shall order a red flag to be shown on the line. Simultaneously, red flags will be shown at marshal's posts provided with these flags. The decision to stop the race or practice may be taken only by the clerk of the course (or, if he had to leave, by his deputy). If the signal to stop racing is given:

Case A: during practice, all karts shall immediately reduce speed and go back slowly to the «Finish» servicing park, and all karts abandoned on the track shall be removed.

Case B: during the qualifying heats, all karts will immediately reduce their speed and go to the «Finish» servicing park entrance or stop on the track at the place designated during the briefing, considering that:

- the classification of the race will be the classification at the end of the lap prior to that during which the signal to stop was given
- karts or rescue vehicles may be on the track
- the circuit may be totally blocked because of an accident
- the weather conditions may have made it impossible to drive at high speed on the circuit.

The procedure to be followed varies according to the number of laps completed by the race leader before the signal to stop was given:

- less than 75% of the distance scheduled for the race (rounded up to the nearest higher whole number of laps). If the race can be restarted, the article of the FIA Karting General Prescriptions will apply.
- 75% or more of the distance scheduled for the race (rounded up to the nearest higher whole number of laps). The karts will be directly led to the Park Fermé, and the race will be considered as having stopped when the leading kart crossed the line at the end of the lap prior to that during which the signal to stop was given.

Case C: during a race of the final phase, all karts will immediately reduce their speed and go to the «Finish» servicing park entrance or stop on the track at the place designated during the briefing, considering that:

- the classification of the race will be the classification at the end of the lap prior to that during which the signal to stop the race was given
- karts or rescue vehicles may be on the track
- the circuit may be totally blocked because of an accident
- the weather conditions may have made it impossible to drive on the circuit at racing speed.

The procedure to be followed varies according to the number of laps completed by the race leader before the signal to stop the race was given:

A) Less than 2 laps. No points will be awarded. If the race can be restarted, the article of FIA Karting General Prescriptions will apply.

B) More than 2 laps but less than 75% of the distance scheduled for the race (rounded up to the nearest whole number of laps). If the race can be restarted, the article of FIA Karting General Prescriptions will apply. Should this not be possible, half the points will be awarded.

C) 75% or more of the race distance (rounded up to the nearest whole higher number of laps). The karts shall be sent directly to the Park Fermé and the race will be deemed to have finished when the leading kart crossed the line at the end of the lap prior to that during which the race was stopped. Full points will be awarded.

8.5 Restarting a race (Qualifying heats or final races)

A) Working on karts will be allowed only in the Repair Area; the only persons allowed to intervene on a kart are the Driver himself and his appointed Mechanic, holder of the appropriate pass. Refueling will not be allowed. All karts must be ready at the 3 minutes board.

B) After a suspending situation, the delay will be kept as short as possible and as soon as resuming time is known, Drivers will be informed. In all cases at least a 10 minutes warning will be given. Boards will be presented 10 minutes, 5 minutes, 3 minutes, 1 minute and 30 seconds before the resumption. Each signal will be accompanied by an audible warning.

C) The Race or Heat will be resumed with the "SLOW" process and Article 2.20 (FIA Karting General Prescription). The length of the new race will be equal to the difference between the scheduled number of laps and the number of laps covered. The Drivers who have crossed the Finish Line at the end of the lap prior to that on which the race was stopped and those who were in the Repair Area when the red flag was shown will be allowed to take the new start.

D) Resuming start positions will be determined by the finishing order at the end of the lap before the one on which the race was suspended.

8.6 Neutralization of a Qualifying heats or race

A) The clerk of the course or the race director may decide to neutralize a qualifying heat or a race. This procedure will be used only if the track is obstructed, or if the drivers or officials are in immediate physical danger, but the circumstances are not sufficient to justify stopping the qualifying heat or race.

B) When the order is given to neutralizes the qualifying heat or race, all observer's posts will display waved yellow flags and a "SLOW" board (yellow board with the word "SLOW" written in black), which shall be maintained until the neutralization is over. Flashing orange lights will be switched on at the line.

C) All the competing karts must then line up behind the leading kart, and overtaking is strictly forbidden. Overtaking will be permitted only if a kart slows down because of a serious problem.

D) During the neutralization laps, the leading kart will dictate the pace, at a moderate speed, and all the other karts must remain in as tight a formation as possible.

E) The karts may enter the repair zone during the neutralization, but they may rejoin the track only when authorized to do so by a marshal. A kart rejoining the track shall proceed at a moderate speed until it reaches the end of the line of karts behind the leading kart. Overtaking is strictly prohibited.

F) When the race director or the clerk of the course decides to end the neutralization, he will have the flashing orange lights switched off; this will be the signal to the drivers that the race is to resume next time the line is crossed. In the last neutralization lap, the "SLOW" boards will be maintained and the yellow flags will be show immobile.

G) At that moment, the leading kart will continue to set the pace, at a moderate speed. The race director or the clerk of the course will signal the resumption of the race by means of a waved green flag at the line. Overtaking will remain prohibited until the karts have crossed the line at the end of the neutralization of the qualifying heat or race. On approaching the line, where a green flag will be waved by the race director or the clerk of the course, the drivers may accelerate only after crossing the yellow line preceding the line. The yellow flags and the "SLOW" boards at the observers' posts will then be withdrawn and replaced with waved green flags. These flags will be displayed for a maximum of one lap.

H) Each lap completed during the neutralization will be counted as a racing lap.

I) If the race finishes during the neutralization, the karts will take the checkered flag as usual, without being allowed to overtake. Overtaking will be permitted only if a kart slows down because of a serious problem.

8.7 Safety

A) General Safety. FIA Karting International Regulation, General Prescription Article 2.14 and the Code (ISC)

B) Kart Safety. FIA Karting International Regulation, Technical Regulations Article 3 and the Code (ISC)

C) Equipment Safety. FIA Karting International Regulation, Technical Regulations Article 3 and 3.2 and the Code (ISC)

D) Provisional information of the meeting adapted to each race circuit / track licence agreement / conditions. Additional information will be available in the Supplementary Regulations.

E) It is forbidden to use motorbikes, scooters or any other motorized vehicles in the Paddock, except where the Clerk of the Course have given special permission.

F) The starting up, running in, warming up or testing of kart engines in the Paddock as well as in the Reserved Areas (see Article 20 of the International Sporting Code) is strictly prohibited. Offenders will be penalized by a fine of minimum 250€. In the event of repeated breach, the stewards may disqualify the

driver concerned of the competition. In application of Article 12.2.3 of the Code, appeals against the stewards' decisions have no suspensive effect when in the course of the same Competition, a further breach is committed justifying the disqualification of the same Competitor.

8.8 Paddock

- A)** Entrant, Drivers, Mechanic and Guest passes will be issued at the sporting check. All passes must be presented at any time and no one will be readmitted without a pass.
- B)** Only vehicles with authorized passes are allowed in the Paddock.
- C)** Each Paddock space (8x6meter) shall be equipped with at least one 5 Kg fire extinguisher.
- D)** It is strictly forbidden to smoke or to use any device risking provoking fire in the Paddock area, it is forbidden to cook in the Paddock, except with a special authorization from the Organizer.
- E)** No Catering awnings are allowed in the Paddock, a separate area next to camping will be allocated, if space allows.
- F)** Ground sheets are compulsory to be used during the whole race week.
- G)** Refueling is only allowed in your allocated paddock space, and only with the use of ground sheet.

8.9 Servicing Park Area/Pre Grid

- A)** Only one (1) driver per kart and one (1) mechanic is allowed in "Servicing Park Area/Pre Grid" and only with proven pass and/or proven identification.
- B)** Open and closing times for "Servicing Park Area/Pre Grid" will be announced in the time schedule.
- C)** Drivers who miss the "Pregrid Gate Closing Time" are allowed to start, but only from the "repair area zone" when the start is given. He is not allowed to follow the formation before.

Case 1: repair area zone is after start/finish line, the whole field has to pass him when the start was given.

Case 2: repair area zone is before start/finish line, the whole field has to pass him when the start will be given, he is allowed to follow the field and take his start.

- D)** Mechanical help with or without tools in the pregrid area, drivers are allowed to start from the "repair area zone" when the start is given. He is not allowed to follow the formation before.

Case 1: repair area zone is after start/finish line, the whole field has to pass him when the start was given.

Case 2: repair area zone is before start/finish line, the whole field has to pass him when the start will be given, he is allowed to follow the field and take his start.

8.10 Jurisdictions

Limburg Karting reserves the right to issue additional statements following the agreement of the ASN presenting the Series and/or FIA Karting. Concerning the Rules and Regulations (previously approved by the ASN proposing the series) from time to time, and all such statements will be issued to all registered competitors by way of Competitor's Bulletins at the race event, or published on the official website.

The jurisdiction of a court is excluded for decisions of the FIA, the RACB, their jurisdictions, the stewards, the series organizer.

No claim for compensation of whatever kind may be derived from actions and decisions of the RACB or its jurisdiction as well as of RACB representatives or the series organizer, except in the case of a damage caused on purpose or by gross negligence.

8.11 Protests and appeals

The FIA International Sporting Code and RACB National Sporting Code is applicable for protests and appeals

Protest Fee : 500€

National Appeal Fee : 1.000€

International Appeal Fee : 6.000€

9 SERIES RULES AND PENALTIES

9.1 Front Fairing

The front fairing must be in the correct position at all times during a competition according to the FIA Karting technical regulations.

If the judge of fact reports that the front fairing on one or more karts was no longer in the correct position when the "black and white checkered flag" was waved and the kart(s) concerned crossed the finish line, in all situations a time penalty of **5 seconds (for heats and races)** or **a drop down of three positions in qualifying practice sessions** will be imposed automatically on the driver(s) concerned. This time penalty is not susceptible to appeal (in application of Art. 12.3.4 ISC).

When the Scrutineers/Judges of Fact send the reports regarding the incorrect position of the front fairing, the Stewards will automatically apply the decisions. The stewards can also do a collected decision for the involved drivers in a session. The Entrants concerned shall not be invited to sign the decision documents.

Should a Driver or a third party be found/proved to have intentionally replaced a front fairing which is not installed correctly during the last lap or after the "black and white checkered flag" was waved this will lead to a disqualification from the involved session, or from the event.

9.2 Leaving corridor

If a driver leaves the corridor (lines) before the start was given the following penalties will count:

Case A: 1 to 2 tires out of corridor	time penalty 3 seconds
Case B: more than 2 tires out of corridor	time penalty 5 seconds

9.3 Time penalty 5 seconds

In addition to the FIA Karting General Prescriptions the Clerk of the Course can decide a 5 seconds penalty. The penalty will be shown with the black and white flag in connection with the start number and a board 5 seconds at the start/finish line.

During the 2 last laps no flags will be shown, the clerk of the Course informs during the briefing on the procedure for the imposition and notification of these penalties.

If there are more offences of the same driver in the same session, the clerk of the course will report that to the stewards for possible further punishment.

It is not possible to appeal these decisions (in application of Art. 12.3.4 ISC).

In case a driver has 2 penalties, "front fairing" and "5 seconds clerk of course decision" in the same session, both penalties should be added to the results.

5 seconds penalties can be given for the following:

- Unfair driving behavior,
- Jump start,

- Dangerous driving behavior,
- Ignoring the yellow flag,
- Blocking a other driver to avoid overtaking,
- Not following the instructions of the stewards of the meeting or the clerk of the course,
- Leaving the corridor before the start,
 - 2 tires – 3 seconds
 - More than 2 tires – 5 seconds
- Causing a false start,
- Not following the specific instructions mentioned during the briefing.

For any incident that is not mentioned, but deemed incorrect by the clerk of the course, a sanction can be proposed by the stewards of the meeting.

The above mentioned incidents can also remain unpunished, or a more severe punishment can be applied, if the clerk of the course thinks it is appropriate.

9.4 Tires mounted with wrong driving direction

If a driver is detected in the “pre grid area” with tires mounted with wrong driving direction, he will be moved to the repair area/zone, there he should mount his tires correctly. Afterwards he can take the start of the session, first when the start was given at the start/finish line, **he is not allowed to follow the formation before.**

9.5 Impeding

9.5.1 Impeding in Qualifying practice:

Drivers who impede/block other drivers during Qualifying practice will be penalized with a drop down of 5 positions.

9.5.2 Impeding in Heats and Races

Drivers who impede/block other drivers repeatedly during Heats and/or Races will first get a warning board, after that a 5 second time penalty will be handed out. Continued behavior can be reported to the stewards.

10 OTHER

The final text of these sporting regulations shall be the English version, which will be used, should any dispute arise as to their interpretation headings in this document are for ease of reference only and do not form part of these sporting regulations.

ANYTHING WHICH IS NOT EXPRESSLY ALLOWED IN THE SPORTING REGULATIONS IS FORBIDDEN