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Event: 2026 DUBAI 'O' PLATE

Bulletin: #2

Subject: \* FORMAT - Max Category / \* PENALTIES - Article # 13 & 15 E / \* Article # 20

Dear Competitors &amp; Entrants,

Due to the large number of subscriptions for the 2026 Dubai O Plate in the **Max Category**, the Dubai O Plate organisers will adopt the below format:

**Official Practice & Qualifying:**

- Drivers will be divided into two groups; **Group A & Group B**.
- **Group A** will be – **ODD** numbered kart numbers
- **Group B** will be – **EVEN** numbered kart numbers

**Qualifying:** Only drivers who have completed and passed scrutineering can take part in Qualifying. Each group will have **7 minutes** to post a qualifying time.

All drivers must leave the pre grid at the time of the Green Flag and complete a minimum of **1 flying lap**. Classification will be done as per each driver's fastest lap. In the event of two drivers achieving the identical best lap, then classification will be done as per 2<sup>nd</sup> best lap time and so on.

**Qualifying classification:**

Once both Groups A & B have completed their qualifying sessions, all qualifying times will be combined and placed into the one table.

- (1) The group which had the **Fastest Overall Lap Time** from the two groups combined will be known as **Series 1**.
- (2) **Series 2** – will be for the qualifying group which didn't have the driver set the Overall fastest time.
- (3) From here, the below table will be used to determine the Overall qualifying order for the drivers and two groups; **A & B**, will be created:

	Overall Qualifying ranking table	Group
1 <sup>st</sup>	Fastest Driver Overall from Group A & B qualifying (known as <b>Series 1</b> )	<b>A</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fastest driver from second qualifying group - <b>Series 2</b>	<b>B</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> fastest driver from Series 1	<b>A</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> fastest driver from Series 2	<b>B</b>
5 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> fastest driver from Series 1	<b>A</b>
6 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> fastest driver from Series 2	<b>B</b>
7 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> fastest driver from Series 1	<b>A</b>
8 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> fastest driver from Series 2	<b>B</b>
9 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> fastest driver from Series 1	<b>A</b>
10 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> fastest driver from Series 2	<b>B</b>

Etc...

**Heats:** There will be a total of **six** heats with each competitor taking part in **three** of them:

- A vs B - Heat 1, C vs D - Heat 2, A vs C - Heat 3,**  
**B vs D - Heat 4, A vs D - Heat 5, B vs C - Heat 6**

**Drivers will receive points for each of their three heats.**

Starting grid for each of the six heats will be based on the overall qualifying ranking table. Eg For the **Heat A vs B**, the starting grid will have the highest placed driver on the ranking table start from **Pole position** and so on.

**Super heats:** Upon overall ranking of all Drivers at the conclusion of the four heats, drivers will be placed into: **Super Heat 1 & 2** respectively as per table below:

Overall ranking after the four heats	Super Heat	Starting Position
1 <sup>st</sup>	Super Heat 1	Super Heat 1 - Pole
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Super Heat 2	Super Heat 2 - Pole
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Super Heat 1	Super Heat 1 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
4 <sup>th</sup>	Super Heat 2	Super Heat 2 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
5 <sup>th</sup>	Super Heat 1	Super Heat 1 – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
6 <sup>th</sup>	Super Heat 2	Super Heat 2 – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
7 <sup>th</sup>	Super Heat 1	Super Heat 1 – 4 <sup>th</sup>
8 <sup>th</sup>	Super Heat 2	Super Heat 2 – 4 <sup>th</sup>
9 <sup>th</sup>	Super Heat 1	Super Heat 1 – 5 <sup>th</sup>
10 <sup>th</sup>	Super Heat 2	Super Heat 2 – 5 <sup>th</sup>

Etc...

**Final B + Grand Final:** At the completion of both **Super Heats 1 & 2**, the total points of all Heats and Super Heats will be tallied. The top ranked **30 drivers** (ranked P1 to P30) will automatically qualify for the **Grand Final** and gridded as per the overall ranked positions, eg 1<sup>st</sup> in overall points ranking will be Pole, 2<sup>nd</sup> in overall points P2 and so on.

Drivers ranked **31<sup>st</sup> to 66<sup>th</sup>** – will head into a **B Final**. Grid positions for the B final will be as per overall heat points ranking. Eg **Pole position for B Final will be the driver ranked 31<sup>st</sup>** overall at the completion of our four heats and super heats, 32<sup>nd</sup> diver overall will be P2 for B final, 33<sup>rd</sup> overall will be P3 for B final etc.

Incase 2 or more drivers finish all the heats with the same number of points; the higher ranking will be awarded to the driver with the greatest number of 1<sup>st</sup> places in the heats. If the number of 1<sup>st</sup> places is equal then the greatest number of 2<sup>nd</sup> places will be used, and so on. If two drivers still cannot be separated, Qualifying results will be used to determine priority (starting with the overall fastest classified lap and reverting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest lap in-case of identical Qualifying times).

**Top 6 drivers from the B Final will qualify for the Grand Final as follows:**

B Final Classification:	Grand Final Starting Position
Winner	31 <sup>st</sup>
Runner up	32 <sup>nd</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	33 <sup>rd</sup>
4 <sup>th</sup> place	34 <sup>th</sup>
5 <sup>th</sup> place	35 <sup>th</sup>
6 <sup>th</sup> place	36 <sup>th</sup>

**Amendment to Regulation 5.1 :** Due to the format change for the Senior Max Category, the points table detailed in **Regulation 5.1** of the **2026 Dubai O Plate Sporting & Technical regulations** – the additional 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> heat and the **second Super Heat**, will be awarded the same number of points as the regular heats and super heat.

\* **AWARDS & PRIZES - 2026 SPORTING & TECHNICAL REGULATIONS – v1 (article 2.4.7 – STARTERS):** Please be advised that Organizer of the Dubai 'O' Plate will give awards and trophies out to categories as per regulation based on minimum numbers per class.

**13 – PENALTIES:** For clarification international breach of rules should be read as \*intentional breach of rules\*

**15 E – PENALTIES:** Exceeding Track limits in Qualifying – Deletion of the Fastest Lap or Laps

**20 – ADVERTISING ON KARTS, OVERALLS AND HELMETS:** All competitors are hereby reminded that the official visor strip supplied for this event forms part of the championship sponsorship and branding requirements. The official visor strip must be used as supplied and must not be altered in any way. Competitors found in breach of this regulation may be subject to scrutineering refusal, exclusion, or further sporting penalties, at the discretion of the organisers and officials. It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure their helmet always complies with this requirement while on circuit.

Best Regards,

  
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Time: 20:00