

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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#### KNSW AND KARTING AUSTRALIA SETTLE FIRST LEGAL CASE

Karting (New South Wales) Inc (KNSW) and the Australian Karting Association Limited (Karting Australia) have come to an agreement to settle one of the many matters currently before the courts.

Newly appointed Chair of KNSW, Ms Alsters said "It has been past practise not to make public comment on matters currently before the courts, but it makes sense to keep our members and karting community informed that KNSW has agreed to settle this small matter, so that our legal team can focus their attention on the more substantive matters before the courts."

The KNSW Board confirmed that last year, it had issued cross-claims against Karting Australia in two sets of proceedings initiated by Karting Australia. The first cross-claim deals with the proper financial administration of the AKA Track Development Fund. The other cross-claim challenges a claim to ownership of copyright in a number of documents, including the national karting manual as well as the validity of the Karting Australia trademark. Proceedings for both matters are ongoing.

Ms Alsters commented that "the focus for the KNSW Board has always been, and continues to be, to provide its member clubs and licence holders a fun, cost-effective, competitive and safe karting competition. Obviously, dealing with legal proceedings is always an unnecessary distraction, but despite the unprecedented number of karting matters before the courts over the last 12 months, KNSW continues to deliver a competitive alternative karting competition."

"KNSW's philosophy is simple; karting is more than just a business. It is a community of officials, volunteers and karters that have spent many thousands of hours giving their time, effort and advice for the benefit, betterment and enjoyment of the sport. We have been delivering on that for 33 years and look forward to delivering on that for many more years to come."

#### END.

### **About Karting (New South Wales) Inc:**

Established in 1987, Karting (New South Wales) Inc is a not-for-profit sporting organisation. It is the recognised State governing body (SSO) for the sport of karting in New South Wales, Australia.