Oil Spill Response & Track Surface Contamination Policy

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Purpose

Auskart Racing Inc. is committed to providing a safe racing environment for participants, officials, volunteers, spectators and facility users. This policy establishes the process for identifying, reporting, controlling, containing, cleaning and recording oil, fuel, coolant, hydraulic fluid and other contaminant spills on the racing surface and throughout the racetrack facility.

Scope

This policy applies at all Auskart Racing Inc. events and activities and covers the race circuit, out-grid, in-grid, pit lane, paddock, scrutineering area, access roads, car parks, storage areas and other areas used or controlled by the Club during an event. Venue-specific requirements take precedence where they impose a higher standard.

Definitions

Contamination incident - Any release of oil, fuel, coolant, brake fluid, hydraulic fluid, grease or another substance that may create a slip, fire, environmental or track-surface hazard.

Minor spill - A small, contained spill that can be safely managed using the available spill kit without specialist assistance.

Major spill - A spill that is extensive, continuing, near a drain or waterway, presents a fire or inhalation risk, cannot be safely managed with available resources, or requires emergency services, the venue operator or an environmental authority.

Spill Response Team - Officials, volunteers or venue personnel designated or directed by the Clerk of Course to undertake spill control and clean-up.

Spill response equipment - Hydrocarbon absorbent granules, pads, socks or booms, brooms, shovels, disposal bags or containers, personal protective equipment and related equipment.

Track Official - An authorised official, including the Clerk of Course, Race Director, Steward or a person delegated by them.

Policy Statement

Fluid contamination can cause sudden loss of traction and may create fire, health, and environmental risks. Every suspected spill must be reported immediately. Race activity must not continue through an affected area until the Clerk of Course, or delegated Track Official, has assessed the area and authorised activity to resume. Safety takes priority over the event schedule.

Authority and Responsibilities

Clerk of Course or Race Director

- Control the initial response and decide whether racing or practice must be stopped.
- Appoint and direct the Spill Response Team.
- Arrange additional venue or emergency assistance where required.
- Inspect the affected area and authorise reopening only when satisfied it is safe.

Track Officials and Flag Marshals

- Immediately notify Race Control of any suspected spill or kart leaking fluid.
- Display or communicate the required warning and keep competitors away from the affected area.
- Do not enter a live track unless authorised and track activity is controlled.

Spill Response Team

- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment and follow the directions of the Clerk of Course.
- Use suitable absorbent materials to prevent the spill spreading or entering drains.
- Collect contaminated material and place it in labelled, suitable waste containers or bags.

Drivers, Entrants and Team Members

- Stop using any kart suspected of leaking fluid and notify an Official immediately.
- Use a drip tray or absorbent mat while repairing a leaking kart in the paddock.
- Clean spills in their allocated pit area when directed and where it is safe to do so.
- Assist Officials if requested, but do not enter the racing surface without authorisation.

Executive Management Committee

- Ensure suitable spill response equipment is available, maintained, clearly located and checked before events.
- Provide instruction or familiarization for Officials and volunteers.
- Review significant incidents and implement corrective actions.

Spill Response Procedure

1. Report and control the area

Any person who sees a spill or suspects a kart is leaking must immediately notify the nearest Official or Race Control. The Clerk of Course must stop, neutralise or otherwise control track activity as needed. No clean-up person is to enter the racing surface until authorised.

2. Assess hazards

From a safe position, identify the substance if possible, estimate the affected area, check for fire or vapour risk, locate nearby drains and determine whether specialist or emergency assistance is required. Approach from upwind where fumes may be present.

3. Stop the source when safe

Switch off the kart or equipment, upright a container, close a valve or use a drip tray only when this can be done without placing a person at risk. Eliminate ignition sources where fuel may be involved.

4. Contain the spill

Prevent the spill spreading and protect drains using absorbent socks, booms, pads or other suitable barriers. Do not hose the contaminant into drains, soil or waterways.

5. Absorb and remove

For pooled liquid, use absorbent pads or pillows first. Apply a thin, even layer of suitable hydrocarbon absorbent granules to remaining contamination. Work the absorbent through the affected area with a stiff broom, allow time for absorption, then sweep and shovel it into a suitable waste container. Repeat until no free liquid remains.

6. Inspect and restore the surface

Remove loose absorbent that could reduce grip. The Clerk of Course or delegated Track Official must inspect the full contaminated path, including the racing line and run-off area. If there is doubt about grip, apply further treatment, allow additional time, or keep the area closed.

7. Authorise recommencement

Only the Clerk of Course, Race Director or delegated Track Official may authorise practice or racing to restart. Drivers should be warned of any residual surface condition, and the first laps may be controlled as considered appropriate.

8. Dispose and record

Seal, label and store used absorbent and contaminated debris for disposal in accordance with venue and local requirements. Restock the spill kit. Significant spills, recurring kart leaks, injuries, fire risks, environmental impacts or event delays must be recorded in the event documentation and escalated to the Executive Management Committee.

Important: Sand should only be used when no suitable absorbent is available. It can retain less oil and may release contamination when wet. Degreasers or water must not be used if they could spread contamination or allow it to enter drains or the environment.

Escalation and Emergency Response

The Clerk of Course must escalate the incident to the venue operator and call emergency services on 000 when the spill involves fire, injury, dangerous fumes, an uncontrolled fuel release or any other immediate threat. For a major spill, or if contamination reaches soil, a drain or a waterway, the area must be isolated and managed in accordance with the venue emergency plan and applicable environmental reporting requirements. Club volunteers must not attempt work beyond their training or available protective equipment.

Minimum Spill Response Equipment

- Hydrocarbon absorbent granules suitable for sealed surfaces
- Stiff brooms, hand brushes, shovel and dustpan
- Heavy-duty disposal bags or sealable waste container
- Nitrile or chemical-resistant gloves and safety glasses
- High-visibility vests and suitable covered footwear
- Cones or barriers for area isolation
- Incident report form and spill kit inspection checklist

The Event Organiser should check the spill kit before the commencement of track activity and after each use. Equipment must be readily accessible and its location communicated to Officials and key volunteers.

Pit and Paddock Requirements

- Competitors must take reasonable precautions to prevent fluid reaching the ground, including using drip trays or absorbent mats during repairs where leakage is possible.
- A leaking kart must not return to the track until the source has been rectified and an Official is satisfied the kart is safe.
- The Club may direct immediate clean-up, recover reasonable clean-up or disposal costs where appropriate, and take disciplinary action for negligent, deliberate or repeated non-compliance.

- Competitors are encouraged to keep a small personal spill kit within their pit area.

Training and Briefing

Officials and volunteers likely to undertake spill response should receive a pre-event briefing covering the location and contents of the spill kit, track access controls, personal protective equipment, containment of drains, waste handling and the authority of the Clerk of Course. Junior members must not be assigned to spill clean-up duties.

Enforcement

This policy applies to members, competitors, team members, Officials, volunteers, contractors and other persons participating in or supporting an Auskart Racing Inc. activity. Failure to comply may result in removal from the affected area, exclusion from track activity, recovery of reasonable costs, or disciplinary action under the Constitution, Club rules or event regulations.

Updates to Policy

This policy may be updated to reflect changes in legislation, venue requirements, Karting Australia guidance, Club procedures or lessons learned from incidents. Members will be notified of material changes.

Acknowledgement

By participating in an Auskart Racing Inc. activity, participants acknowledge and agree to comply with this Oil Spill Response & Track Surface Contamination Policy and all lawful directions given by Officials and venue personnel.

Reference Guidance

- Karting Australia - Circuits & Safety Resources
- Karting Australia - By-Laws & Policies
- Global Spill Control - Cleaning oil spills on roads and hard surfaces

Note: These references informed the general safety approach. This Auskart policy remains subject to the requirements of each host venue, event officials and applicable law.