

2026 Tire Rules for Florida Karting Series for all classes

Since its inception, the Florida State Series has worked toward two goals; to give the karter the best racing program possible and to help the racers reduce their costs.

So, this season again we have listened to a widespread of racers. As everyone can imagine there area range of opinions, and it is the series decision to blend all these ideas and opinions into a great system for all. But each year our FKS racers are agreeing more to what tires rules we used in 2025. For that reason, we will not be changing much. We understand for those who wish to use the long lasting Blues and also those racers who wish to work less on their tires and even buy off the trailer on raceday. Using both tires appeals to both racers. Both tires have won on the same weekends in the 2025 season. This decision comes from talking to you the racer, committee members, and from our poll at the Awards ceremony. We have blended it all into this rule set for 2026 and have done our best for you the racer.

--For 2026: Pro Vega Hy will be called "Pro Vega Blue" using (4) MDH tires only and will have NO Bar-code management Qualifying and Main same as 2025

--For 2026: We are adding "Pro Vega Yellow" using (4) MCS tires only and will have NO Bar-code management in Qualifying and Main. So, yes there will be TWO 375 Pro Heavy classes

FKS drivers will use Vega MDH950/blue and any MCS/yellow tires thick or thins in specific classes listed below.

--For all management classes using the "bar-code system": All tires may be new or used for check-in each race morning. These classes are: Jr1-ProJr1, Jr2-ProJr2, Jr3-ProJr3, Medium-ProMedium, Stock Heavy, SuperHy-ProSuperHy, Masters, Legends and Semi-Pro.

--Classes having "No" bar-code management are: Rookie, Ducar 212 and Champ classes and will use any MCS/yellow thick or thin & MDH/Blue tires. With the (2) spec Pro Hy Yellow only and Blue only classes.

Bar-coded classes below will have outside tires managed with listed allowed tires.

--Jr1, and Jr2 allowed up to 3 outside sets any combination of MCS and MDH, so 6 maximum tires only

--Jr3 and Seniors allowed up to 4 outside sets any combination of MCS and MDH, so 8 maximum tires only

--Drivers may Share tires. As an example, Sr Racer "A" has 4 sets/ 8 tires and are checked in. Sr Racer "B" **MUST have 1 set/2 tires on their own.** Then, racer "B" can check-in up to 6 tires of Racer "A" and share in this example. This will give each Racer 4 sets/8 tires to use for the event. All these tires will need to be checked in at once and at the sametime. All tires will need to be present to be Bar-coded.

--The left side tires must be a Vega MDH or MCS compounds but will not be monitored using barcodes.

--Racers may do whatever they wish to these tires but must qualify and race only their scanned tires checked into them. Racers may practice scanned tires or any other Vega tires. No other tire brands allowed once practice starts.

--All tires to be checked in will start first thing early morning upon gates opening.

2025/2026: Scanning Procedures -- Tires must be scanned in before 10am or another time early in the schedule if having weather conditions, if this happens a change in this schedule will be announced. If your tires are "NOT" scanned in prior to the deadline of 10am, that driver will lose their (2) fastest qualifying laps in all classes entered for the day. If that driver's tires are not scanned in by 10:30am that driver loses their right to qualify and will start in the rear of all their classes for the day. It is suggested that each racer has a plan to check in tires prior to arriving to the event so they know what they are checking in and can be done during kart pre-tech. Bring ONLY tires having all readable Barcodes to be scanned.

--For qualifying and features the series may check tires to verify they are on the correct driver's kart. Once qualifying starts only **scanned**/checked in outside tires may be on the track for qualifying, heats, and features for bar-code classes.

--Racers may interchange any of their own recorded tires between qualifying & races. Drivers may only use the tires that are recorded for them for that day or will receive zero points for that class. --No uncommon tire modifications allowed such as tire sipping or grooving allowed.

Rule ###: Adverse Weather Tire for all scanned in classes:---(new for 2024)

In the event of adverse weather, the Race Director/FKS may allow one extra set of right-side tires to be checked in. The purpose of this rule is to allow racers to utilize an existing set of tires that previously has chemicals in them and to save "Good" tires already checked in. Although the spirit of the rule is to allow racers to utilize used tires already in their possession, new tires maybe checked in as well. These "Adverse Weather Tires" will not count against the sets previously checked in. For the conclusion of the event, any of these tires may be used. There will be a time period announced that "Adverse Weather Tires" maybe checked in.

Summary: For 2026:

**** "Pro Vega Hy Blue" will use (4) MDH only & will have NO Bar-code management Qualifying and Main.**

**** New-"Pro Vega Hy Yellow" will use (4) MCS only & will have NO Bar-code management Qualifying and Main.**

--You may use any Vega MDH/450-600-950 & MCS yellow tires, thick or thin. (no MDH 800 or MDH 850 allowed) --Tires are to be checked in early in the morning.

--You may share tires between drivers if checked in under both driver's names. 2 drivers can team upon tires, but **"one"** set must be their own.

--Maximum of **6** outside tires for Jr 1 and Jr 2. Then **Jr 3** and Sr **8** outside tires per driver. --

These rules are per event and restarts over for the next race event.

--These rules have been reviewed by racers and committee members to bring the cost down by limiting extra multiple sets of tires. This series can be raced on a minimum sets per year and has been asked to be kept under a Bar-Code system reducing the tire program to 3 to 4 sets of tires in most cases.

**Tire Rule for the 5th Annual Jason Kimball Memorial 79 on March 27th and 28th,
2026 at Crossroads Motorplex.**

Buy at Track!

Each entry is required to purchase a 6.00 Left Rear and 2-8.50 Right Sides. These tires will be Thin Rubber MCS "Yellow" Vegas. This "3 Legged Dog" set will be the only tires you are allowed to run in JK79 Qualifying, Alphabet Soup Races (D, C, B, etc.), and the 79 lap A-Main. The left front does not have to be purchased at the track, but MUST be MCS "Yellow" Vega.

Originally it was discussed just to be one set to be purchased but, we are allowing for a 2nd "3 Legged Dog" set be purchased as an OPTION. Each time you are on track for JK79 Qualifying, Alphabet Soup, and 79 lap race you MUST be on these tires.

(The mandatory set and option set can be mixed and matched as you wish.)

You can also run these tires in other FKS classes. But these are the ONLY tires you can run in ALL JK79 track activities.

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JK79 tires can be picked up beginning at 7:15A.M. on Saturday March 28th. These tires will be barcoded and scanned to the JK79 event.

Using JK79 tires in FKS classes:

FKS allows for up to 4 sets of Right Side Tires to be scanned in between the hours of 7:15A.M. and 10:00A.M. For this event, racers can scan up to 4 sets of Right side tires from the "House" for FKS races as normal. JK79 racers can then ADD the purchased at track JK79 tires (one or two 3-Legged dogs) to their 4 sets. So, FKS racers can have up to 6 sets of scanned in Right Side Tires, assuming they are Racing the JK79. The purpose of "adding" JK79 tires to "regular" FKS classes is to not take away from one of the FKS sets and to allow racers to use the JK79 tires as they please for testing/scuffing/preparation purposes. For those not racing JK79, "they" are only allowed up to 4 sets of right side tires to be checked/scanned in as normal.

(*) AGE: If you are 14 years old as of Daytona events 12/27-30 each year and will be 15 the next racing year, you can stay in Junior 3 and run Semi-Pro "or" can compete in all Adult Clone classes but CANNOT return to run Jr 3 anymore.

TIRES for Open UAS

Open UAS class for the 2026 season, tires will go back to any Vega tires only for Race 1, 4, and 5.

Race 2 at Callahan and Race 3 at Jasper will be a "UAS ¼ Point" National Qualifying event using OPEN tires.

