



So our track is shaped like a triangle and the goal of the racers should be to maintain the most speed by running a consistent smooth line.

**1: When racers are side by side** they should give room and follow the inside green/outside yellow lanes of the first picture. Race hard, but clean with no intentional contact.

**2. Only when alone** as leader/unchallenged racers can run the line in the second picture. When alone a racer could choose to just run the outside lane or inside lane. Some leaders will “run the bottom or protect the bottom” to force other karts to challenge on the outside only. It’s pretty obvious when that happens and the racer trying to pass should get the idea pretty quick. If they get under that kart the result will likely not be good for both racers.

**3. Passing is an art!** On our track (as most) it is much easier to pass on the inside than the outside, so I will focus there. Trying to “get a tire/fender on” or sneak inside on corner entry (red hexagon) as the kart in front is arcing the corner slightly wider is what I would call a dirty pass. There are no mirrors here and no racer can see their rear bumper or rear wheel. If the kart trying to pass can’t get side by side to let the other kart know they are there they should back off until that opportunity is possible. If they do sneak in and cause a caution they should accept responsibility for the mistake and allow that kart they spun to get their spot back.

When I race I watch or get to know other racers driving styles/habits. For example some drivers enter hard and low and push up the track on exit leaving an opportunity to pass inside on all or certain turn exits. Others maybe let off a little early and exit low which opens up an outside pass. Every driver is different and every driver has a little different idea of where the “line” they like to drive is. But if in traffic racers should be respectful, give the competitor room, give it their all by racing clean and if it just wasn’t enough, well, you might just have that edge yourself the next race.