

## **Goodwood Kartways Brings Back 'The Goodwood 500' Endurance Race For Immediate Release: February 2nd, 2024**

It's making a comeback! Following the previous successes in 2018, 2019 and the 2022 season, Goodwood Kartways is thrilled to announce the 2024 Canadian karting season kickoff with the 4th edition of the 'Goodwood 500.' This endurance race spans over Five-Hundred-Minutes, challenging both 'Pro' and 'Semi-Pro' (amateur) racers to navigate the track in unpredictable conditions. Sunny skies, steady rainfall or maybe even snow! What will 2024 bring this time around?

Featuring a brand NEW fleet of IPK GK Arrive-and-Drive karts, the race ensures equal equipment for all participants, offering a complete arrive-and-drive experience. Teams of 4 to 8 drivers will engage in Five-Hundred-Minutes of competitive racing on the full Goodwood Kartways circuit, featuring numerous pit stops, wheel-to-wheel action, and the opportunity to win cash prizes.

Reflecting on the 2022 event, assembling the right driver team proved crucial, especially considering the unpredictable April conditions. Maintaining control of the kart in ever-changing weather became a decisive factor, with frequent lead changes in the race's first half and challenges in seamless driver transitions on a track significantly different from the previous session.

The event will take place on Saturday, April 6th with all action taking place at Goodwood Kartways. The day will kick-off with a drivers briefing, kart raffle, official weigh-in, ballasting and pit spot allocation.

New kart break-in will be completed by each team and Open Practice will run for 30-minutes; with a hot pit for teams to allow each driver to get on track. Qualifying will feature two groups hitting the track for 10-minute sessions each to set the starting grid.

A Le Mans formation will be utilized to get the race started and begin the Five-Hundred-Minutes of grueling action.

At the 250-minute mark, a full-course caution will be shown. It will require a mandatory trip down pit lane, allowing for refueling and driver changes. Following the pit stops, the grid will form up for a restart to resume the second half of the race.

At the completion, a podium ceremony will celebrate the top-three teams in the Pro and Semi-Pro (amateur) categories.

*"As the organizer of countless karting events over the years, I can tell you that very few events have got my blood pumping as did the 'Goodwood 500' back in 2022'. Watching the race unfold brought out my competitive spirits and I couldn't help but want to be out there competing with the others. The strategy, the twists and turns, pit stops and driver changes, the unbelievable reliability from our new fleet, the parity between drivers and equipment, winning and losing as a TEAM. These are all components that made this type of event so special. Bottom line, with the previous editions being so successful and the demand still very high, we couldn't wait to do it again?" - Daniel Di Leo, Goodwood Kartways*

With a Rules Package in place, the basic concept is that teams will follow a strict 'karts must maintain original set-up' at all time. Rules on team weight, fueling procedures, driver change process, inspection and on-track officiating will be provided to all participants within the Official Registration Package.

For more information on the 'Goodwood 500' including information on how to enter please visit our Event Page: <https://goodwoodkartways.com/goodwood500/> or email [daniel@goodwoodkartways.com](mailto:daniel@goodwoodkartways.com).

## **Additional Goodwood 500 details**

- NEW IPK GK Arrive-and-Drive karts fitted with NEW engines and NEW tires are provided.
- Registration opens February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 10am.
- Registration closes March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6pm.
- The event will be capped at 18 teams.
- Teams will be made up of 4-8 drivers per team.
- Two classes which follow an identical rules package will be racing simultaneously.
  - PRO Division – Club License / ASN Affiliated Club License Holders
  - SEMI-PRO Division – Arrive and Drive License Holders and visitors
  - Based on Entries; CASH Prizes for both Divisions will be announced.
- Everything is provided. Including but not limited to:
  - Racing Kart with adjustable seat.
  - Vega Tires used for the entire event.
  - 10ft x 10ft Sheltered and Lit paddock space per team.
  - Fuel, weight ballast etc.
  - Training and approved Racing Equipment available for those in need.
  - Simply show up with your gear and your team!

## **Goodwood 500 Event Schedule:**

Saturday, April 6, 2024

- 7:00 AM – Gates Open / Driver Check-in
- 7:30 AM – Mandatory Driver's Briefing
- 8:00 AM – Kart Raffle, Pit Assignment, Driver weigh-in.
- 9:00 AM – Break-in Session and Kart Shake-down. (30min)
- 10:00 AM – Open practice. Hot Pit Format. (30min)
- 10:30 AM – Qualifying (2 Group Format. 10min per group)
- 11:45 AM – Opening ceremonies.
- 12:10 PM – Race Start (500 Minute Endurance Race)
- 8:30 PM – Race Finish
- 8:45 PM – Podium Presentation / Awards