

2011 Volta Grand Prix Championship Rules

The 2011 Volta Grand Prix (VGP) Championship consists of a total of 14 events. The first seven events count toward the Spring Championship, and the final seven events count toward the Fall Championship. The overall Championship consists of all 14 events.

1. Schedule

Round	Date	Venue	Drivers' Mtg	Starts	
1	Feb 26	AGP	3:30 PM	4:00 PM	Spring Series
2	Mar 19	AGP	2:30 PM	3:00 PM	
3	Apr 16	AIK	11:00 AM	11:30 AM	
4	Apr 30	SPK	11:30 AM	12:00 PM	
5	May 14	AIK	11:00 AM	11:30 AM	
6	May 21	AGP	2:30 PM	3:00 PM	
7	Jun 4	SPK (night race)	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	
8	Jun 25	AGP	2:30 PM	3:00 PM	Fall Series
9	Jul 16	SPK	11:30 AM	12:00 PM	
10	Jul 30	AIK	11:00 AM	11:30 AM	
11	Aug 13	SPK (night race)	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	
12	Sep 17	AGP	2:30 PM	3:00 PM	
13	Oct 1	SPK	11:30 AM	12:00 PM	
14	Oct 15	AGP	2:30 PM	3:00 PM	

AGP – Allsports Grand Prix, Sterling, VA

AIK – American Indoor Karting, Fredericksburg, VA

SPK – Summit Point Kart, Summit Point, WV

June 5th – Spring Championship awards presentation on-site at SPK after event.

October 15th – Fall and Overall Championship awards dinner on-site at AGP after event.

2. Event Eligibility

Any one age 16 and over on the day of the Event with a valid driver's license, who meets the criteria required by the Event venue, is physically able, and registers with VGP in advance will be eligible to compete.

All Drivers are to attend the Drivers' meeting for each Event in which they compete. Drivers who do not attend the meeting will be required to start from the back of the grid for their first Race of that Event in the order they arrive, regardless of qualifying time (if any). Roll call will be taken.

3. Championship Eligibility

Drivers registered for the Championship are eligible to score championship points in each Event, and to receive awards.

4. Classes

Each Driver will be assigned to one distinct Class based on race weight (driver + helmet + gear) at their first Event.

Drivers will then remain in their Class for the duration of that year's Championships. Periodic weight checks may result in Drivers being reassigned to lighter Classes. In such cases their points scored shall remain the same. Drivers who gain weight will not be moved to heavier Classes.

Classes are run simultaneously and all Drivers will race for points and position. However, points standings will be ranked by Class. Drivers who do not meet the minimum GT1 weight will be required to use ballast. Weights for each Class are as follows:

- GT1 (160 lbs to 175 lbs)
- GT2 (176 lbs to 200 lbs)
- GT3 (above 200 lbs)

5. Run Groups

Run Groups for each Race are assigned by qualifying speed: A, B and so forth, depending on the number of Drivers and how many karts can be on-track at one time. Groups can be made up of Drivers from multiple Classes.

6. Kart Assignments

For each Race, karts are assigned to grid positions ahead of time for purposes of randomization (e.g. specific karts will be drawn and assigned to each grid position, such as kart 14 gets assigned to P3 for Race 2).

In the event of technical problems, efforts will be made to provide a replacement kart for that Driver during the session, at the discretion of track staff. Organizers are not liable for any lost track time.

7. Track Sessions

Each Event consists of four track sessions: Qualifying followed by three Races.

Each Driver's fastest lap time during Qualifying determines his starting position for Race 1. Likewise, each Driver's fastest lap time during Race 1 determines his starting position for Race 2, and so forth.

7.1 Qualifying

Qualifying sessions are used to determine the starting grid of each Race. The starting order for Qualifying is based on Class and Championship standings. Classes will be arranged from lightest (GT1) to heaviest (GT3). The order within each Class will be arranged by points in descending order, meaning the points leader in each Class goes first. New VoltaGP Drivers of any Class will be placed after all Drivers who have previously raced in the current year's Championship.

For the first event of the season, the order will be based on Class, then weight (lightest to heaviest). Last season's points will be used as a tiebreaker.

If two or more Drivers post identical Qualifying lap times, the second fastest times of those Drivers in that session are used as tiebreakers, and so forth.

7.2 Races

(a) Starting Grid

Each Driver will be directed to his appropriate position on the starting grid. The race is underway once the starter waves the green flag.

The starting grid for each Race is based on the order of fastest Qualifying times, with the fastest Driver starting first. If you spin or do not get to the proper grid position within a reasonable amount of time, you may lose your starting position and have to start from further back. Don't do anything foolish, **especially** on the formation lap.

(b) Racing & Passing Guidelines

There should be no contact between karts. It is the responsibility of all Drivers to be aware of others around them. It is the responsibility of the overtaking Driver to pass cleanly, and that of the overtaken Driver not to block or collide with the other kart. Both Drivers are responsible for not making contact. Always.

Each Driver must yield a minimum of one kart width to the edge of the track when another kart has pulled alongside by half a kart length (50% overlap). A pass is defined as complete when one kart pulls ahead of another by more than a half a kart length. At that point the leading kart has the racing line and the following kart should yield the line.

When approaching a corner, overlap is judged at the leading Driver's turn-in point, not the corner's apex, as by then he has already committed to the line.

Blocking is defined as moving off the racing line more than once and is not permitted, except for avoiding contact or attempting a pass of a leading kart. For example moving left to right is one move. Weaving left to right and back is blocking.

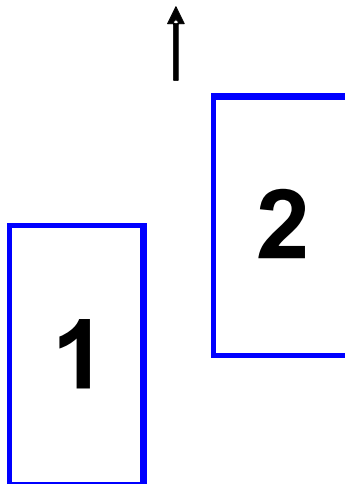


Figure 1

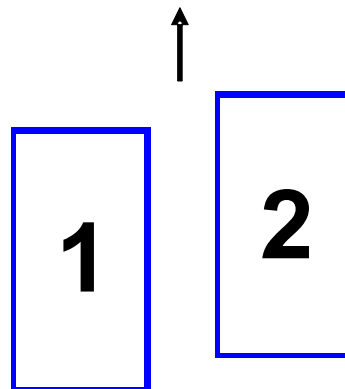


Figure 2

Driver 2 has the racing line over Driver 1 (**Fig. 1**) if he is ahead by half a kart length or more at the turn in point for a corner. Driver 1 is responsible for making a clean pass.

No Driver has the racing line (**Fig. 2**) if neither kart is ahead of the other by more than half a kart length. Each must yield the other a minimum of one kart width because there is overlap.

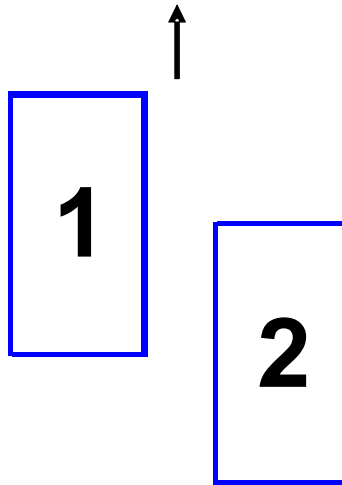


Figure 3

Driver 1 has the racing line (**Fig. 3**). It is now up to Driver 2 to retake the position cleanly (reverse of Fig. 1).

(c) Contact

If contact is made during a pass, the overtaking Driver should, in the spirit of fairness, yield the position back to the overtaken Driver even at the risk of losing additional positions. This is to encourage clean passing. **Intentional or repeated contact is not permitted** and could result in penalties being assessed.

(d) Lapped Traffic

Drivers who are being lapped are encouraged to point overtaking Drivers by. Point which side the overtaking Driver should pass on, generally the inside line for the upcoming turn. This slows each Driver the least.

(e) Finish

Each Race ends when the race leader completes the full race distance (number of laps) or when the race duration has reached the time limit, whichever occurs first. If the race reaches the time limit the final lap counted is the first one completed by the race leader after the time limit is reached. Slow down once past the checkered flag.

In the event two or more Drivers complete a race in the exact elapsed time, the Driver with the faster Qualifying time for that race is classified as finishing ahead.

Results of all races are unofficial pending any penalties issued or protests lodged with the organizer within 15 minutes of the end of the final track session of the Event.

8. Track Configurations

For any given event, VGP may elect to run an alternate track configuration without prior notice.

9. Championship Points

Points are awarded in each Race among all competitors based on finishing position as follows:

Position:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Points:	40	39	38	37	36	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23

Position:	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
Points:	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5

Each Driver will score points provided he starts the Race. One point is also awarded to the Driver in each Class with the fastest race lap of the entire Event. Fastest race lap is determined upon available data provided by the Event venue (i.e. track). If multiple Drivers in the same Class post the identical fast lap time in an Event, each of those Drivers will receive one point for fast lap.

A Driver has the option to declare prior to participation in a given Event that he not be awarded points for Race results from that Event.

10. Championship Standings

Championship rankings are in descending order of highest to lowest scores for each Class.

For the overall Championship, each Driver is classified based on his 30 highest points finishes throughout the season.

Drivers with equal points at season's end will be classified according to their number of wins, then number of second place finishes, then number of third place finishes, and so forth from Events entered that season.

In the event that those Drivers' standings cannot be distinguished in this manner, they will be shown as tied for position in the final standings.

Disqualification/Suspension

Any Event or Race from which a Driver is disqualified or suspended, will count as zero points scored and may not be dropped from that Driver's final Championship standings.

11. Prizes

- Trophy for top 3 Drivers in each class for the overall 2011 Championship.
- Trophy for top Driver in each Class for the Spring Championship.
- Trophy for top Driver in each Class for the Fall Championship.

12. Sportsmanship

12.1 Driver Issues

You are racing your friends and are expected to behave on and off the track as such. Be clean, have fun.

Drivers may be suspended from competition if blackflagged by a course worker or a complaint is lodged with VGP by another Driver competing in the same session.

Any penalties that may be issued are at the discretion of VGP and organizers of the MeetUp Karting group, and may include disqualification or suspension from one or more sessions of an Event. VGP reserves the right to ban or suspend drivers at any time, at its discretion, for dangerous or unsporting behavior.

By participating in an Event, each Driver agrees to abide by the VGP Code of Conduct.

12.2 Kart Issues

While you may not like a particular kart it does not mean someone else won't. Don't prejudice the opinions of others. See tenets 1 and 4 in the VGP Code of Conduct. If every gripe becomes a priority then there is no prioritization.

Over the course of a season some races will be better than others. The best drivers will come out on top because they will be able to adapt better.

If you have a valid safety concern, see the appropriate track point of contact (POC).

13. Waiver & Code of Conduct

Motorsport is a dangerous activity. By participating in VGP events members, drivers, and competitors acknowledge they have read, understand, and agree to abide by all rules stated herein, and will abide by all the rules of each race track, per management.

As a condition of competing in these Events, all Drivers agree to hold Volta Grand Prix, LLC harmless from any loss or injury that may occur, and to agree to abide by the VGP Code of Conduct.

14. Penalties

In the vast majority of events there should be no problems, and everyone should have fun. For when there is a problem here is the range of penalties:

Black Flag – On-track time penalty assessed or revocation of racing privilege by marshals.

Disqualification – Immediate loss of track privileges for the duration of the Race (DQ, Race) or the Event (DQ, Event), and loss of points from final Race completed at that Event.

Suspension – Driver is not allowed to participate for some number of Events. Can carry over between racing seasons. Suspended Events cannot be dropped from Driver's Championship points total.

Yellow Card Warnings – Issued when a Driver violates the Code of Conduct and is considered probation. Each card is in effect for the duration of 3 Events. A Driver who has two yellow cards on record at any point will be suspended for 3 Races, effective immediately upon receiving the second card. After serving his 3 race ban, his record will be cleared of the yellow cards and reset. Races from which a Driver is suspended cannot be dropped from his Championship standings and will count as zero points.

Points Deduction/Demotion – Drivers may lose points as a result of egregious on-track activity resulting in positions being gained unfairly, or for avoidable and/or repeated contact.

15. Miscellaneous

Registration refunds will be given up to two days before an Event. No refunds shall be issued after that time unless the Event is canceled, in which case Drivers will be fully refunded. Events may be postponed (due to weather, etc). VGP reserves the right to use Driver names, images and likeness for promotional purposes without compensation.

VGP reserves the right to change or modify rules for safety reasons at any time during an event, and may change the rules for other reasons in between events.