

WKA announces 2011 safety apparel changes

10.05.2010 – The last 2010 WKA national event has concluded, and it's time to look ahead to changes for the 2011 Competition Year. The biggest change in safety apparel for 2011 is updated helmet specifications. Snell SA 2000 and M 2000 helmets are no longer legal. The specification has been updated to SA 2010 in go-karts and champ karts and M 2010 in flat karts only. Following are the specifications that will be published in the 2011 Technical Manual:

Snell Foundation Specifications	Legal Until
SA and M 2005	12/20/2015
K 2005	12/20/2015
CMS 2007 (youth helmet)	12/20/2015
CMR 2007 (youth helmet)	12/20/2015
M 2010 (Go-karts only. Not approved for Champ Karts)	12/20/2020
SA 2010 Go-karts and Champ Karts	12/20/2020
SFI Specifications	
24.1 (youth helmet)	12/20/2012
31.2a	12/20/2013
41.2a	12/20/2013
24.1/2005 (youth helmet)	12/20/2015
31.1/2005	12/20/2015
41.1/2005	12/20/2015
24.1/2010 (youth helmet)	12/20/2020
31.1/2010 Go-karts and Champ Karts	12/20/2020
41.1/2010 Go-karts only. Not approved for Champ Karts	12/20/2020
British Standards Institution	
BSI A-type and A/FR-type BS6658-85	BSI helmets must have been manufactured in 2001 or later. Standard expires 12/20/2013

We have had inquiries about the ECE 22-05 Standard. This standard is being implemented in Europe and Great Britain for on-road motorcycle use. It is not being approved by many motorsports sanctioning bodies and will not be legal in WKA sanctioned events.

Although the “youth helmet” standards do not specify a precise age range, the helmets are intended for children and particularly for young, pre-pubertal children. They are not appropriate for adult drivers.

New for 2011 is a provision for helmet cameras. Helmet cameras are allowed as long as the attachment method does not render the helmet uncertifiable. Tape and Velcro are allowed. Holes for fasteners may not be drilled in the Snell or SFI test area. However, video (and photographs) will not be considered as evidence in protests and appeals.

Also new for 2011 is a requirement that all champ kart drivers in all series wear full fire resistant driving suits, driving shoes and racing gloves that have an SFI rating of 3.2 A1 or better. And remember, Impact Racing Products fire resistant suits manufactured prior to 2009 are not approved. If you have an Impact suit, check the labels. The date label must be punched from the factory with the date of manufacture. If the label in your suit does not have a date punched from the factory, return it directly to Impact Racing Products for recertification or replacement.
