

# The Ohio Valley Karting Association



## **Job Title: Race Director**

**Organization:** Ohio Valley Karting Association (OVKA)

**Location:** G&J Kartway, Camden, Ohio

**Employment Type:** Full Race Day for all 2025 OVKA Events (up to 14 races)

**Compensation:** Contact to discuss Pay Structure & Rate

## **About OVKA:**

Founded in 1964, the Ohio Valley Karting Association (OVKA) is a volunteer-run karting club dedicated to promoting the sport of karting in a family-friendly environment. Our home track, G&J Kartway, has been a cornerstone of the karting community since 1962, hosting numerous National and Regional events. OVKA Club races are typically single-day events and usually attract 90-120 entries for popular 2-cycle & 4-cycle classes in all age divisions.

## **Position Overview:**

OVKA is seeking a full-time Race Director for the 2025 season. The Race Director will be responsible for management of all on-track events, ensuring fair and consistent officiating, and satisfactory safety protocols of on-track sessions. This role requires a strong background in kart racing, excellent decision-making skills, fast response, and the ability to maintain impartiality in high-stress environments.

## **Key Responsibilities:**

- **Event Leadership:** Lead and manage all on-track events during race days, ensuring smooth operations and adherence to schedule.
- **Scheduling:** Develop the schedule for classes and run groups, including determining lap counts for each race day, depending on track configuration.
- **Officiating:** Oversee all on-track action, enforce rules as written in the OVKA Rulebook and issue warnings and penalties as necessary. Review and adjudicate protests after races.
- **Team Management:** Organize and manage a team of corner workers and other essential race personnel to ensure safety and efficiency.
- **Driver Relations:** Conduct the pre-race drivers meeting to communicate rules, expectations, and safety guidelines at each event.
- **Impartiality:** Maintain objectivity and fairness by maintaining professional distance from club members and participants to avoid conflicts of interest.
- **Rules Committee:** Participate in the beginning-of-season rules committee to help shape the regulations and policies for the upcoming racing season.

## **Qualifications:**

- **Experience:** Kart racing experience is encouraged; experience in officiating is highly preferred.
- **Leadership:** Demonstrated ability to lead, make quick and fair decisions, and manage a team in a high-pressure environment.
- **Communication:** Strong communication skills, with the ability to be direct and clear when issuing instructions or making decisions.
- **Availability:** Must be able to commit to attending and overseeing all OVKA on-track events throughout the season.

## **How to Apply:**

Interested candidates should submit their resume and a cover letter detailing their experience and qualifications for the position to Aaron Banfield (Aaron@gofullthrottle.com) and Elliot Bokeno (bokenoet@gmail.com)

***The Race Director role is a critical position within OVKA, playing a vital part in the success of our racing events and the integrity of our sport. If you have a passion for karting and the skills to lead our races, we encourage you to apply.***