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2019 IKF SPRINT GRANDNATIONALS SET FOR PAT'S ACRES RACING COMPLEX

Iconic Duffy trophy up for grabs in Oregon during September 20-22 weekend

TEMECULA, CA (August 15, 2019) – One of the most prestigious trophies in North American karting is the International Kart Federation's 'Duffy'. Originally known as the 'Joe Karter' award, the 12-inch solid bronze statuette was re-named to honor Frank Duffy Livingstone – one of the original pioneers of karting. Each year after 1981, those drivers who were able to claim victory at the esteemed GrandNationals were awarded their own Duffy trophy. The iconic trophy is still a core goal for all members of the IKF, the first kart racing organization and sanctioning body in the United States. Those competing in the sprint karting program will have their next chance to claim a Duffy at the upcoming 2019 IKF Sprint GrandNationals at the Pat's Acres Racing Complex in Canby, Oregon on September 20-22.

"We are excited to put the focus back into grassroots karting with the IKF," stated Tom Kutscher, International Kart Federation President. "The IKF is the longest standing organization in our sport, having been created right in our backyard back in 1956. The combination of IKF, the Duffy and racing at the historic Pat's Acres facility makes the Sprint GrandNationals a unique event for the 2019 season."

The IKF Sprint GrandNationals has aligned itself with the core sector of the sport, focusing on the IAME KA100 and Briggs & Stratton 206 powerplants. In total, 10 classes will be offered during the weekend with KA100 Junior, KA100 Senior, LO206 Cadet, LO206 Junior, LO206 Senior and LO206 Master set as the primary categories. TaG Light and TaG Heavy, along with World Formula Master and Kid Kart, will join the class list to round out the 2019 IKF Sprint GrandNationals class structure. Details regarding the categories can be found on the IKF Sprint GrandNationals page.

The weekend format for the 2019 IKF Sprint GrandNationals includes three days of action. Friday will host official practice and end with the qualifying sessions for all classes. Those results will set the grid for the first of three heat races on Saturday, with each heat grid based on the previous finishing positions. The third heat race sets the line-up for the Finals that will run on Sunday, and 10 Duffy trophies will be awarded to those who earn the top step of the podium in each category.

Registration is currently open and the entry fee is \$275 for the three days of on-track action and competition. The purchase of one set of Evinco Tires is mandatory with entry, set at \$200. The KA100, Briggs 206, World Formula and Kid Kart divisions will run on the Evinco Blue tires and drivers are required to use one set for the duration of the event. TaG Light and TaG Heavy, utilizing the Evinco Red, have the option of a second set that can be purchased during pre-registration for \$200 or on-site at retail price for \$222. Head to the MotorsportReg.com IKF site to submit your entry today.

"Competitors at this year's IKF Sprint GrandNationals will have no reason to complain about the cost per lap," added Kutscher. "Three full days of on-track action, all for less than \$100 per day –and the chance to win a Duffy – is a package that can't be beat. Add in our experienced race staff who will make racers feel welcomed, and a fair, safe and fun environment, and you don't want to miss this weekend of racing."

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