

**Date:** April 2007

**To:** TAG Engine Importers

**Subject:** TAG engines, parts, and specifications for 2008-2010 IKF TAG competition

The enclosed letter from the TAG Work Group describes the general approval process for TAG engines and parts. This letter provides information specific to IKF.

### **Time Line**

All applications for approval and samples of parts, engines and necessary fees must be received at LAD Specialties, 9010 S. Beloit --Suite F, Bridgeview, IL 60455 by May 15, 2007.

### **Fees**

The IKF approval fee for a new TAG engine will be \$1,750. For components of existing engines, the IKF fee will be \$500. Please include a check for the fees when submitting the engine or parts. Make the check payable to "IKF."

TAG engines already approved in 2005 for the 2005 to 2007 seasons will continue to be approved for 2008 to 2010 with no sample(s) required (unless a change is requested). They do require a \$125.00 renewal fee and submission of documents to verify conformance with the published requirements.

### **Approval Period**

New engines and components approved by June 30 will be eligible for competition in all IKF Series for the 2008 to 2010 seasons.

For additional information, please contact John Motley at [taginfo@ikfkarting.com](mailto:taginfo@ikfkarting.com) or at 805.238.7060

Sincerely,

John Motley  
Chairman, IKF TAG Committee

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This year, several members of the TAG Work Group will consider new TAG engines and engine components for competition in their respective series. At the suggestion of one importer, several of the TAG Work Group members have agreed to work together on the review and approval process. Importers can submit TAG engines, parts, and specifications to a single location where representatives of each sanctioning body will meet to examine the engines and set specifications.

As of the date of this letter, IKF, SKUSA, and WKA will participate in this approval process. The specifications developed in this process will be published and provided to K.A.R.T., Stars of Karting, and TAG USA. It will be up to each sanctioning body to decide which engines and parts will be acceptable in their respective TAG classes. Some of the engines being considered by IKF, SKUSA, and WKA have already been approved by other members of the TAG Work Group. It will be up to each sanctioning body to determine what approval fees will be assessed and when they are due.

Manufacturers, distributors, and importers wishing to submit a new or modified engine must meet the following requirements:

1. The engine manufacturer must certify the name of the US importer or distributor in writing.
2. The importer or distributor must:
  - Have a US business location and have been in business for at least 2 years.
  - Send a complete engine package including engine, carburetor, air box, header, and pipe to arrive at the inspection location (see below) on or before May 15.
  - Include the importer's federal taxpayer and sales tax ID numbers.
  - Include complete engine package specifications, drawings, pictures and any other related data.

The TAG Work Group representatives will inspect the engine package. By July 1 each sanctioning body will advise the submitting organization as to whether its engine has been accepted or rejected for its use. If accepted for use by any sanctioning body, the distributor or importer must then demonstrate that there are at least 25 engines in the United States by August 15. If accepted by a sanctioning body, the engine will be legal for use at the beginning in the next competition year.

Please be aware that none of the new CIK KF series engines will be considered for approval in the TAG class.

## **TAG Engine Parts Approval**

IKF, SKUSA and WKA will also be reviewing and approving new parts for existing TAG engines. Manufacturers, distributors, and importers wishing to submit a new or modified engine part to an approved engine must submit the part by May 15. The representatives of the TAG Work Group will inspect the part and advise the submitting organization as to its acceptance or rejection by July 1. The Work Group will establish a minimum quantity of the part and will complete a count of the available parts by August 15. If accepted, the part will be legal for competition at the beginning of the next competition year.

## **Approval Date and Location**

TAG Work Group representatives will examine the engines and parts on Wednesday, May 23 at LAD Specialties, 9010 S. Beloit -- Suite F, Bridgeview, IL 60455. Please include the information and specifications requested above and ship them to LAD Specialties to arrive by May 15, 2007.

## **Intent to Submit an Engine or Parts**

Please return the enclosed post card indicating your intention to participate in the approval process.

## **Request for Reed Thickness Specification**

One of the technical specifications for the TAG engines is reed thickness. We do not have this specification for some of the currently approved TAG engines. Please provide the reed thickness for your engine(s) on the enclosed post card.

If you have any questions on the approval process, please contact Dan Stowell at [dan@dmstowell.com](mailto:dan@dmstowell.com) or at 203-264-4607.

Sincerely,

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TAG Work Group