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Introduction

QuickGrid was designed to assist organisers with the administrative tasks associated with Dirt Kart race events. The computer system facilitates entries, grid draws, grid sheets, race results and meeting points for presentation. The first version (V1.0) of QuickGrid was demonstrated to the Dirt Trackers Kart Club in August 2000. Version 2 was developed ready for the commencement of the 2001 season and incorporated added functionality for oversubscribed classes. Version 2.40 was the first version to incorporate the “Result Form” which was added to simplify the entry of race results. At the end of 2002, the QuickGrid version numbers were updated to reflect the number of races available in the system. Version 2, which catered for 4 heats and a final, was renamed to version 5 to represent the 5 races. The latest version at the time of this User Manual update is version 5.22.

This manual has been written to provide QuickGrid users with a detailed understanding of the features of the latest system.

Screen captions may be of earlier versions if the particular section of QuickGrid has not been changed.

QuickGrid V5.22 incorporates the following features:

- 16 classes
- Up to 40 competitors per class (based on 20 kart limit per race)
- Automatically caters for oversubscribed classes (two groups)
- Automatic and Manual Grid Draw
- Facility for Open licence, Rear Of Field and Probationary entries
- Printed Tower Result Sheets
- Printed Grid Sheets
- Printed Race Meeting Point Sheets
- Race Result Entry Form to simplify race result entry
- Printed Officials Roster
- Data validation and error messages to assist the operator

The system is based on Microsoft Excel 2003, incorporating Microsoft Visual Basic for Applications code to enhance its features.

Comments (identified by red top right corners in cells) have been added to assist users in the use of the system. Comments are displayed when the mouse is placed over a cell with a comment identifier.

Emphasis has been placed on making the system user friendly. Areas for data entry are light blue for easy recognition.

Data validation checks are incorporated in many areas of the system and messages will prompt the user if the data is unacceptable. The various validation checks will be highlighted throughout the manual so the user is aware of their existence.

QuickGrid Menu



Figure: 1
QuickGrid Menu

The menu is used to navigate throughout the system and initiate procedures such as printing.

The primary menu items are File, Entries, Results, Grid Sheets, Result Sheets Point Sheets and Administration.

File	- Save or Quit
Entries	- input the driver details and conduct grid draws
Results	- view the results
Grid Sheets	- view and print the grid sheets
Result Sheets	- print the result sheets
Point Sheets	- view and print the point sheets
Administration	- open the result form, print officials roster and import driver details

Race Meeting Information

The screenshot shows the 'Race Meeting Information' screen in the QuickGrid V5.14 application. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Entries, Results, Grid Sheets, Result Sheets, Point Sheets, Administration) and a title bar. The main content area features a large blue heading 'Race Meeting Information'. Below this, there is a form for 'Event Date' (set to 25-03-2004) and a 'Clear All Classes' button. A 'Race Order' table lists various classes with their respective order and entry counts. To the right, a 'Point Table' shows the scoring system for 20 positions. A copyright notice for John Halford is also visible.

Class	Order	Entries	Sponsor / Message
Rookies		0	
J Junior	2	15	
J Ladies	13	11	
J Open	8	23	
KT Ladies		0	
KT Light	3	18	
KT Medium	4	23	
KT Heavy	5	14	
Statesman	6	21	
KT Twin	7	19	
100 Open	9	15	
125 Light	12	12	
125 Heavy	11	11	
200 Open	1	14	
Outlaws	10	20	
Class 16		0	
Total Entries		216	

Finish Position	Race Points
0	0
1	20
2	17
3	15
4	13
5	12
6	11
7	10
8	9
9	8
10	7
11	6
12	5
13	4
14	3
15	2
16	1
17	1
18	1
19	1
20	1

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Figure: 2
Race Information Screen

The Race Meeting Information screen allows the user to enter the race meeting date and order of racing for the entered classes.

The date is that of the race meeting and is utilised on the grid sheets, result sheets and point's sheets. The system prompts the user if an unacceptable date format is entered.

Order of racing specifies the sequence the classes will race. This information is used in the Grid Sheet procedure. In the above screen capture 200 Open would be the first class to race followed by the J Junior and the KT Light class. The order of racing must be a unique whole number between 1 and 16. If the entry is invalid the user is prompted with an information message requesting them to modify the entered value.

Track limit specifies the maximum number of karts permitted in a race and in V5.22 is configured at twenty (20).

The Point Table is displayed for reference purposes and in this example is the 20-point system. The required point system is configured as part of the customisation process prior to the system being released to each club.

Clear All Classes enables the user to initialise the system in readiness for the start of a new race meeting. Clicking the button will clear the system of all entries and result information. The driver's names and race numbers will not be removed from the entry section. When the button is pressed the user is given a warning and chance to "back out" of the operation in the case of them clicking the button by mistake. If the option to proceed is confirmed, all data will be removed.

Results Table

KT Medium					KT Medium					KT Medium					KT M
Heat 1	Kart	Place	Penalties	SubTotal	Heat 2	Kart	Place	Penalties	SubTotal	Heat 3	Kart	Place	Penalties	SubTotal	He
Grid	Number	Results	Points	Points	Grid	Number	Results	Points	Points	Grid	Number	Results	Points	Points	G
1	17			0	15	17			0	8	17			0	
2	35			0	14	35			0	7	35			0	
3	16			0	13	16			0	6	16			0	
4	225			0	12	225			0	5	225			0	
5	77			0	11	77			0	4	77			0	
6	65			0	10	65			0	3	65			0	
7	40			0	9	40			0	2	40			0	
8	Aus2			0	8	Aus2			0	1	Aus2			0	
9	92			0	7	92			0	15	92			0	
10	71			0	6	71			0	14	71			0	
11	63			0	5	63			0	13	63			0	
12	54			0	4	54			0	12	54			0	
13	Aus1			0	3	Aus1			0	11	Aus1			0	
14	191			0	2	191			0	10	191			0	
15	12			0	1	12			0	9	12			0	
16	333 p			0	19	333 p			0	17	333 p			0	
17	111 p			0	18	111 p			0	16	111 p			0	
18	57 p			0	17	57 p			0	19	57 p			0	
19	212 p			0	16	212 p			0	18	212 p			0	

Figure: 5
Result Table

Grid positions for each of the four (4) heats are calculated and automatically entered in to the results table as part of the manual or automatic grid function.

The system automatically calculates the correct finishing position points based on the configured point system.

The total meeting points and meeting ranking are calculated as new data is entered and therefore is always current in relation to the data entered. The subtotal is calculated and displayed in the column following each heat for user reference.

Grid Sheets

QuickGrid V5.22																Lucindale Kart Club		7:02 PM 15/04/2005	
																This is the Event Name			
Heat 1 - Grid Positions																08/11/2003			
Grid	Rooties	Class 2	Class 3	J Open	KT Ladies	KT Light	KT Medium	KT Heavy	Statesman	KT Twin	100 Open	125 Light	125 Heavy	200 Open	Outlaws	Class 16			
1	1	22	1	13	10	101	2	19	10	211	4	12	12	2	43	1			
2	AUS 1	43	14	101	1	211	10	3	2	9	14	21	AUS 1	20	44	19			
3	3	57	12	57	4	9	14	1	14	44	5	4	2	21	9	18 p			
4	14	9	10	22	2	22	5	20	11	75	2	14	1	12	13	7 p			
5	21	211	5	44	14	57	11	2	12	22	11	1	5	1	75	16 p			
6	4	13	11	211	20	75		10	5	13	10	2	8 p	3	57	17 p			
7	6 p	44	9 p	9	19	13 p		21	4	43	19 r	AUS 1	15 p	14	22	8 p			
8	7 p	75	16 p	43 p	7 p	43 p		14		57	12 r	11	16 p	19	211	6 p			
9	18 p	101	7 p		6 p	44 p		AUS 1		101	3 r	20	17 p	5	101	9 p			
10	8 p		17 p		17 p			11 r			AUS 1 p	3	18 p	11		15 p			
11			15 p					5 r			1 p	10	9 p	10					
12								12 r			20 p	5		4					
13								4 r				19		AUS 1					
14								16 p				7 p		6 p					
15								9 p				6 p							
16												9 p							
17																			
18																			
19																			
20																			

**Figure: 6
Grid Sheet**

The system generates grid sheets for use by the Grid Official.

The grid stewards' sheets may be viewed or printed via the QuickGrid toolbar.

Heats (1 to 4) are printed once all the entries are completed and prior to racing commencing.

The final grid sheets are available at the conclusion of the fourth heat and can be printed from the new Result Form.

The final (class 1 to 4) option is provided to allow a preliminary final grid sheet to be printed at the completion of the fourth heat for the fourth class to prevent delays in racing.

The full final grid sheet is then available for printing at the conclusion of the fourth heat for all classes.

Important Information

Normally the class information is entered in to the grid sheet as part of the grid draw procedure. The race order is required to specify the correct position for each of the classes on the grid sheet. In the event of the race order section not being completed prior to the grid draw process, the grid sheet will not have the class grid information entered. If all or some of the classes do not have the grid sheet information entered, the user should check to ensure the race order information is completed and then select the "Refresh Grid Sheets" option from the "Grid Stewards Sheet" section of the toolbar. This option will rebuild the grid sheets using the race order and class grid position information.

Tower Result Sheets

Class 1			08/11/2003			Lucindale Kart Club												8:51 PM 15/04/2005										
Results Sheet 1			Heat 1				Heat 2				Heat 3				Heat 4				Final									
Surname	First Name	Kart	Grid Position	Finishing Position	Penalty Points	Sub Total Points	Grid Position	Finishing Position	Penalty Points	Sub Total Points	Grid Position	Finishing Position	Penalty Points	Sub Total Points	Grid Position	Finishing Position	Penalty Points	Sub Total Points	Heat Grid Points	Heat Finishing Position	Heat Penalty Points	Heat Sub Total Points	Final Grid Points	Final Finishing Position	Final Penalty Points	Final Sub Total Points	Meeting Grid Points	Meeting Finishing Position
Fox	Freddy	1	1.1				7.1				4.2				4.1				56	9						17		
Brown	Bobby	5	1.2				6.2				3.2				4.2				59	12						20		
Black	Bill	AUS 1	2.1	1	20	20	6.1			20	3.1			20	5.2			20	55	1			20			1		
Frost	Jack	12	2.2	2	17	17	5.1			17	2.1			17	5.1			17	58	4			17			4		
Duck	Donald	2	3.2				5.2				2.2				6.1				55	7						15		
Frost	Jack	3	3.1				4.2				1.1				6.2				59	11						19		
Fox	Freddy	10	4.2				4.1				1.2				7.2				56	8						16		
Brown	Bobby	14	4.1	2	17	17	3.1			17	7.1			17	1.1			17	58	3			17			3		
Duck	Donald	20	5.2	1	20	20	3.2			20	6.2			20	1.2			20	58	2			20			2		
Frost	Jack	21	5.1		-9	-9	2.1				-9	6.1		-9	2.1			-9	57	13			-9			21		
Duck	Donald	11	6.2	3	15	15	2.2			15	5.2			15	2.2			15	57	5						5		
Black	Bill	4	6.1	3	15	15	1.1			15	5.1			15	3.1			15	58	6			15			6		
Fox	Freddy	19	7.2				1.2				4.1				3.2				58	10						18		
Rooster	Roger	6 p	7.1				11.1				9.1				9.2				32	21						14		
Jones	Jimmy	7 p	8.1				10.2				8.2				10.2				32	20						13		
Green	Gary	9 p	8.2				10.1				8.1				10.1				32	19						12		
Jones	Jimmy	16 p	9.1				9.1				7.2				11.2				32	18						11		
Green	Gary	18 p	9.2				9.2				11.2				7.1				32	17						10		
Rabbit	Peter	17 p	10.2				8.2				10.2				8.1				32	16						9		
Rabbit	Peter	8 p	10.1				8.1				10.1				8.2				32	15						8		

Figure: 7
Tower Result Sheet

The result sheets are intended for posting on to a Driver Result Information notice board following the completion of each race. This facility ensures the latest results are available to the drivers for their revue. Experience has shown that this process creates a better atmosphere for both drivers and officials compared not disclosing the results.

The Tower Result Sheets could also be utilised in the event of a computer failure or where a computer was not available at the racetrack. The above screen caption shows the result sheet that is printed out for use by the officials.

When the entries for all classes are complete, the tower result sheets are available for printing.

Use the QuickGrid toolbar to locate the tower result sheet menu and select "entered classes" or one of the individual classes as required.

The result sheet for a selected class can also be printed from the new Result Form.

Drawn Position Calculation

There are two points in the race meeting where two or more drivers may have equal scores and a decision will be required based on some predefined formula to favour one driver or the other.

Note: For the duration of the complete race meeting, the “Rear of Field” drivers are positioned behind the “Open Licence” drivers and the “probationary” drivers are positioned behind the “Rear of Field” drivers. Experience has shown that the ROF facility has been misinterpreted by some clubs and used to discourage late entries. The drivers were permitted to take up a grid position based on their points for the Final. This is not the case with QuickGrid as it is programmed in accordance with the AIDKA Rules.

The two points are:

- Conclusion of the 4th Heat to decide grid positions for the Final
- Conclusion of the Final to decide positions for the Race Meeting

I will explain the procedure used for each of these independently, but first I will define the term “Grid Draw Points”.

Starting Grid Points

If a driver were allocated grid position 1, the driver would be awarded 20 points if they finished the race in the same position. I define this as the “Grid Draw Points” for heat 1. To calculate the “Grid Draw Points” for the four heats, add the “Grid Draw Points” for the four heats together.

Example:

In a class of ten (10) karts, the driver in position 1 for the first heat would have the following “Grid Draw Points”.

Heat 1 Grid Position 1 = **20 points**
Heat 2 Grid Position 10 = **7 points**
Heat 3 Grid Position 5 = **12 points**
Heat 4 Grid Position 6 = **11 points**

Total = 50 points

Final Grid Calculation

The Final Grid positions are calculated as follows:

1. Highest point scorer over the 4 heats obtains lowest numbered final grid position.
If two or more drivers have equal points, then...
2. The driver with the lower “Grid Draw” points for the 4 heats is allocated the lower numbered final grid position.
If the drivers have equal “Grid Draw” points for the 4 heats, then...
3. The driver with the higher numbered first heat grid position (which is also the driver nearer the bottom of the result sheet) is allocated the lower numbered final grid position.
Note: In the case of oversubscribed classes the driver nearer the bottom of the result sheet list is allocated the lower numbered final grid position.

Meeting Position 4 Heats and Final

The Meeting positions are calculated as follows:

1. Highest point scorer over the 4 heats plus the final is awarded the lowest numbered meeting position.
If two or more drivers have equal points, then...
2. The driver with the lower “Grid Draw” points for the 4 heats plus the final is awarded the lower numbered meeting position.
If the drivers have equal “Grid Draw” points for the 4 heats and the final, then...
3. The driver with the higher numbered final grid position is awarded the lower numbered meeting position.

Meeting Position – 4 Heats with No Final

The Meeting positions are calculated as follows:

1. Highest point scorer over the 4 heats is awarded the lowest numbered meeting position.
If two or more drivers have equal points, then...
2. The driver with the lower “Grid Draw” points for the 4 heats is awarded the lower numbered meeting position.
If the drivers have equal “Grid Draw” points for the 4 heats, then...
3. The driver with the higher numbered first heat grid position (which is also the driver nearer the bottom of the result sheet) is allocated the lower numbered meeting position.
Note: In the case of oversubscribed classes the driver nearer the bottom of the result sheet list is allocated the lower numbered final grid position.

Result Form

The Result Form was designed to simplify race result data entry. Once the pre race administration is completed all subsequent operations can be completed from the race Result Form.

This section explains the features available on the Result Form.

Selecting the Result Form, which is under Administration, opens the result form.

Group 1			Group 2		
Clear			Clear		
Place	Kart	Penalty	Place	Kart	Penalty
1			1		
2			2		
3			3		
4			4		
5			5		
6			6		
7			7		
8			8		
9			9		
10			10		
11			11		
12			12		
13			13		
14			14		
15			15		
16			16		
17			17		
18			18		
19			19		
20			20		

Figure: 11
Result Form

Initially the form opens with two result slips labelled “Group 1” and “Group 2”. When the class and heat are selected for a class the “Group 2” section will disappear unless the class is oversubscribed

The following items are located on the form:

CLASS

The class drop down allows selection of any of the entered classes. The drop down list has been designed to display the classes in the order of racing to assist the user.

HEAT

This drop down allows the selection of Heat 1 to 4 or the Final.

SAVE QUICKGRID

This button will save the QuickGrid file to the hard disk the same as SAVE from the FILE menu.

CLOSE FORM

This button will close the Result Form and return the user to the standard QuickGrid features.

ENTER DATA

This button will transfer the data from the Result Form to the QuickGrid result section. Until this button is pressed the information is only on the Result Form and if the Result Form is closed data will not be transferred to the Result section.

FETCH DATA

This button is used to fetch the current information from the QuickGrid result section if the “Clear” button is pressed for a group as described below. Information is automatically “fetched” from the result section when a “Class” and “Heat” is selected. The “Fetch Data” button enables a manual refresh of the Result Form.

CLEAR

This button will clear the Group result slip of all data. It is important to note that until the “Enter Data” button is pressed the data in the QuickGrid result section is not affected. If the “Clear” button is pressed by mistake, the Result Form data can be refreshed using the “Fetch Data” button.

PRINT (Buttons)

The print section of the Result Form has four buttons, which enable printing of the following:

Result Sheet: Prints the Result Sheet for the selected class.

Point Sheet: Prints the Point Sheet for the selected class.

Final Grid (Classes 1 to 4): Prints the Final Grid Sheet for classes 1 to 4.

Final Grid (All Classes): Prints the Final Grid Sheet for All entered classes.

Entering Race Results

To enter results for a race the user must first select the class and heat required. If there has been previous data entered for the class and heat, it will automatically be fetched to the Result Form. Normally there will be no previous data, hence the Result Form will remain blank.

The “Place” cells will default to 1 to 20 from top to bottom of the group result section. Normally there will be no need to change any of the place values, but the system has been designed to allow the places to be changed to any value from 1 to 20. An example of when a change may be required is in the rare event of a tied finishing position of two drivers in a race. The user can replace the default value with the required value. There is no requirement to insert finishing places in any order. Once the “Enter Data” key is pressed you will observe that the Result Form is refreshed and the “Places” are returned in numerical order to the Result Form.

Kart numbers are selected from the drop down list. There is a blank list item at the top of the list to permit a blank to be restored if required. In the case of oversubscribed classes, only the kart numbers relating to the particular class, heat and group are listed. The user will notice that in the case of oversubscribed classes that the kart list will vary for each heat and group as only karts racing in each of the groups will be listed.

If a kart is entered more than once the user is prompted to check and rectify the problem when they press the “Enter Data” button.

Penalty points with whole number values from –200 to +200 are permitted in the system. Normally negative values will be entered to deduct from the drivers score, but positive values have been permitted to cater for the event of a value being added to a drivers score. The user will be prompted if a value is entered outside of this permitted range. Positive values will result in a warning message to the user, but will be transferred to the Result Section after the warning message. If the user wishes to change the positive value to a negative value, they must change the value and resubmit the information by pressing “Enter Data”.

If penalty points are to be entered for a driver that did not finish a race, select the kart number, highlight and delete the place and enter the required penalty points. When the enter button is clicked, the form will refresh and the drivers with no place will be listed after the last positioned driver.

The “Group 2” result section will only be visible following the initial opening of the Result Form and when a class is oversubscribed.

Following the pre-race components of QuickGrid being completed, the Result Form can be opened and all race result procedures managed from this new user interface.

If a user wishes to access the menu or toolbar items on the QuickGrid sheet, they must close the Result Form. Normally this should not be required as the Result Form caters for all requirements from the start of racing through to the end of the meeting.

Officials Roster

This utility creates and prints a roster for drivers to complete official duties for other classes. Although the printed roster is a useful feature, the organisers may still need to make some manual changes.

Select the “Print Officials Roster” under the “Administration” menu to print the roster.

Basic rules that the roster system uses:

- Roster will only be processed for four (4) or more classes.
- Rookies and J Junior are the only recognised class names for exemption from official duties. Any other variation of the names will be included as a class for roster duty.
- Rookies class must be in race order 1 or 3 to be exempt from official duties.
- J Junior class must be in race order 1 or 3 to be exempt from official duties.
- Rookies or J Junior in race order 3 will only be recognised if Rookies or J Junior are in race order 1.

The roster system will cater for six (6) officials.

Official positions will be allocated as follows:

- Grid 1 => Official 1
- Grid 2 => Official 2
- Grid 3 => Official 3
- Grid 4 => Official 4
- Grid 5 => Official 5
- Grid 6 => Official 6

If a class has less than six (6) entries, the Grid 1 driver of Heat 1 will be responsible for filling the remaining official positions on the roster sheet for all races.

Grid 1 driver will be the “team leader” of the officials group and responsible for ensuring the officials are all ready for duty.

The Heat 1 officials will also be allocated responsibility for official duties in the Final.

If a driver is unable to complete their duties due to being entered in multiple classes or needs to repair their kart, it will be their personal responsibility to organise a replacement and notify the “team leader” of the change.

Class 3 (Race Order 3) are Officials for Class 1 (Race Order 1)

Official	Heat 1 Name	Heat 2 Name	Heat 3 Name	Heat 4 Name	Final Name
1	Bill Black	Donald Duck	Bobby Brown	Freddy Fox	Bill Black
2	Jack Frost	Freddy Fox	Jack Frost	Donald Duck	Jack Frost
3	Bobby Brown	Bobby Brown	Bill Black	Bill Black	Bobby Brown
4	Freddy Fox	Jack Frost	Donald Duck	Jack Frost	Freddy Fox
5	Donald Duck	Bill Black	Freddy Fox	Bobby Brown	Donald Duck
6					

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- # Official 1 (Heat 1) - is responsible for filling any empty official positions. This will be required if the class has less than six (6) entries.
- # Official 1 - is the "team leader" of each race and is responsible for ensuring the other team members are ready for duty.
- # Each driver is responsible for being available for their allocated official duties. If they are unable to complete their official duties due to racing in multiple classes or need to complete kart repairs, they must arrange for somebody to fill their position and notify the "team leader" (Official 1).

Figure: 12
Officials Roster

Administration

The following information relates to the administration of QuickGrid.

Installation

QuickGrid is generally provided as a self-extracting executable file, which will automatically create for example a QuickGrid V5.22 GSKC.xls file in the C:\QuickGrid directory (folder). Early versions of QuickGrid needed the file to be named QuickGrid.xls , but this requirement no longer exists.

Importing Driver Information from Previous Version

Driver information is copied from the previous version of QuickGrid by using the “Import Driver Details” utility located under “Administration”. Rename the old version of QuickGrid to QuickGrid-old.xls and then execute the “Import Driver Details” utility. The driver information will be copied to the new version of QuickGrid. This feature was added to save the user having to re-enter the driver information each time a new version was released.