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CALIFORNIA ROK CHAMPIONSHIP ESTABLISHED FOR 2019

Travel series for state of California to support growing ROK Cup USA community

ORANGE, CA (December 4, 2018) – The 2018 season was a solid year of growth for the ROK Cup USA program, reaching multiple states, debuting new series, working with established programs, and ending the year with a great inaugural ROK the RIO in Las Vegas. The year also brought on the addition of the famed Challenge of the Americas program to the ROK engine platform, helping to cement a foothold for the ROK Cup USA in the western portion of the country. The next step will be to establish more regional and club series under the ROK banner. For 2019, this growth will include the launch of the new California ROK Championship, hosted by FTK Promotions.

“This is the natural next step to grow the ROK program in California,” stated FTK Promotions owner Andy Seesemann. “The Challenge of the Americas is the foundation that begins the racing season and sets the tone for the year. ROK Sonoma is a solid cornerstone for club racing in Northern California, and the Tri-C Karters and Formula Karting Championship in SoCal serve as great partners in increasing the ROK presence. Even with those programs in place, customers and teams have asked for a more ‘official regional’ ROK program in the summer months.”

The new California ROK Championship is scheduled to host four rounds between the months of May and August, travelling between Sacramento and Fontana. The series will be based around the seven ROK Cup USA categories, in addition to including the 100cc Senior and Masters divisions that utilize both Vortex and IAME powerplants.

The format for the California ROK Championship is a unique two-day event. Saturday will host official practice with multiple rounds for all divisions to prepare for qualifying at the end of the day. Sunday’s racing will provide a Prefinal and Final, completing the day in the afternoon to allow competitors the opportunity to get on the road home at a reasonable time.

“After looking at the calendar, these are the only four weekends available between May 1 and November 1 without a conflict with any of our partners, or competing two-cycle based programs in the state,” added Seesemann. “The four tracks we have selected provide a great challenge to the

competitors with the quick circuits of Buttonwillow and CalSpeed combined with the tight confines of Prairie City and Willow. The format for the class structure works with our Challenge of the Americas, and is the basis for many of the partner clubs and series that host the ROK Cup USA program.”

Class champions of the California ROK Championship will earn ROK the RIO tickets, with additional prizes to be announced at a later date. Entry fee for each race weekend will be \$399, which includes one set of Bridgestone YLR tires. Competitors are asked to supply their own fuel. “This price point is on par with most club programs, once you factor in the practice day and a set of race tires,” Seesemann concluded, “And the prizes and track mix is what our racers have asked for.”

More details along with exact class structure and rules are to be published on the challengekarting.com website.

2019 California ROK Championship Schedule

May 18-19: Buttonwillow Raceway Park - Buttonwillow, CA
June 22-23: Willow Springs International Raceway - Rosamond, CA
July 27-28: Prairie City Kart Track - Rancho Cordova, CA
Aug. 31-Sept. 1: CalSpeed Karting Center - Fontana, CA

2019 California ROK Championship Class Structure

Senior ROK
Masters ROK
Junior ROK
Mini ROK
Micro ROK
ROK Shifter Senior
ROK Shifter Masters
Senior 100cc
Masters 100cc