



New Track Domination Checklist



Your Lap-by-Lap Guide to Finding Pace in a Single Session

You've seen the video, now here's the tool. This checklist is your secret weapon for learning new tracks.

How to Use This Checklist:

1. **Before You Go:** Complete the "Pre-Track Recon" section. This is your homework.
2. **At the Track:** Use the "First Session Breakdown" as a mental guide for your first 10 laps.
3. **After the Session:** Immediately fill out the "Corner-by-Corner Track Notes" while the information is fresh.

Don't just drive—analyze. Let's get to work!



Pre-Track Recon



Corner by Corner
track notes



What's next?



First session
Breakdown



Corner-by-Conner
Track Notes (Cont.)



Pre-Track Recon (The Homework)

Complete this stage *BEFORE* you get to the track. This is the single biggest advantage you can give yourself.

STEP 1: WATCH ONBOARD VIDEOS

Go to YouTube and search for "[Track Name] + lap record/onboard".

Watch the fastest laps you can find.

As you watch, look for:

- The General Racing Line:
 - Where do they position the kart on entry?
 - What apexes do they hit (early, late, on the kerb)?
 - How much track do they use on exit?
- Potential Reference Points:
 - Where do they seem to hit the brakes?
 - What visual markers are near their braking/turn-in points (end of barriers, poles, marks on track)?
- Tricky Spots & Dangers:
 - Where does the kart look unsettled?
 - Are there any big bumps?
 - Which kerbs do they use, and which do they avoid?

My Pre-Track Video Notes:

STEP 2: TALK TO LOCALS OR STAFF

If you're at the track, find a helpful-looking local or staff member.

Questions to Ask:

- "Any tricky spots I should know about?"
- "Which kerbs are usable?"
- "What's the most important corner on the track?"

Notes from Locals/Staff:



First Session Breakdown (The on-Track Plan)

STAGE 1: RECONNAISSANCE (Laps 1-3 | Pace: 60-70%)

GOAL: Information gathering ONLY. Do not try to go fast yet...

Questions to Ask:

- **LAP 1 (The Layout):** Where does the track go? Identify linked corners and corners leading onto straights (priority corners!).
- **LAP 2 (The Details):** Find surface changes, bumps, ramps, and banking. Identify "Usable" kerbs (flat) vs. "Avoid" kerbs (tall). Note major braking zones.
- **LAP 3 (Initial Reference Points):** Spot an *initial*, safe braking and turn-in reference for key corners. Must be a static landmark (not a shadow!).

STAGE 2: TEST (Laps 4-7 | Pace:80-90%)

GOAL: Start linking the line, testing grip, and understanding the kart.

- **LAPS 4-5 (Link the Line):** Focus on the racing line. ****Prioritize exits!**** Brake earlier than you think (Slow In, Fast Out). Be smooth on power. Use all the track on exit.
- **LAPS 6-7 (Test Braking & Kart):** Start testing braking points (brake later if too slow, earlier if overshooting). Feel the kart: How much grip? How do brakes feel? Does it turn well?

STAGE 3: REFINE (Laps 8-10+ | Pace: 95%)

GOAL: Build consistency and put the lap together.

- **LAPS 8-10+ (Smooth & Consistent):** ****Drive at 95%, not 100%.**** Avoid mistakes and slides.
- **Focus on smoothness:** Make your hands calm and deliberate.
- **Focus on consistency:** Hit your reference points, apexes, and exit points every single lap.
- Make small, continuous refinements.



Corner-by-Corner Track Notes

Use this section immediately after your session to build your permanent track map.

Track Name: _____ Date: _____

Corner # / Name	Priority? (High/Med /Low)	Braking Reference	Turn-In Reference	Apex Notes (e.g., "Late," "Hit kerb")	Exit Notes (e.g., "Use all track")
C1:					
C2:					
C3:					
C4:					
C5:					
C6:					
C7:					
C8:					
C9:					
C10:					
C11:					
C12:					
C13:					
C14:					

Corner-by-Corner Track Notes (Cont.)

Corner # / Name	Priority? (High/Med/Low)	Braking Reference	Turn-In Reference	Apex Notes (e.g., "Late," "Hit []")	Exit Notes (e.g., "Use all track")
C15:					
C16:					
C17:					
C18:					
C19:					
C20:					
C21:					
C22:					
C23:					
C24:					

Post-Session Debrief:

What is the #1 corner I am losing time in?

What is my #1 goal for the next session?



YOU'VE MASTERED THE TRACK. WHAT'S NEXT?

This systematic approach is just the beginning.

If you're ready to master not just new tracks, but every fundamental of go-karting—check out my complete Go-Karting Fundamentals course.

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See you on track.