

HI, I'M RÜDI

Biography

Rüdi Schüssler is an accomplished **kart racer** known for his exceptional skill, dedication, and strategic approach to motorsport. Racing with the esteemed Neil Basilio Racing (NBR) team based at Zwartkops Race Track (South Africa) since March 2024, Rüdi has quickly made a name for himself in the competitive karting world.



Rüdi Schüssler: A Rising Star in South African Kart Racing

From lapping up Top Gear as a toddler to gearing up for life on the track, Rüdi Schüssler (16) is a talented and dynamic South African kart-racer who has quickly gained significant attention in the motorsport world.

It's been a ride...

His journey began in late 2021 at prominent South African circuits, including Formula-K in Benoni, Zwartkops in Pretoria, and Vereeniging Kart Circuit. From the outset, Rüdi's exceptional skills and determination set him apart.

In his first year, Rüdi won the Tillotson SA Junior Category, earning the honor of representing South Africa at the 2022 Tillotson T4 Nations Cup in Valencia, Spain. Competing against participants from over 110 countries.

Despite numerous technical challenges, Rüdi's determination and talent shone through, securing him a commendable 17th place in the Junior Category.

Taking the turn

Continuing his impressive trajectory, Rüdi transitioned to the Senior category in the Tillotson Series in 2023. By June, he had finished as the runner-up in the Championship, once again earning a spot at the Tillotson Nations Cup in Valencia. Competing against 64 of the world's best racers, Rüdi finished 14th overall and recorded the 3rd fastest lap in the final, underscoring his competitive edge and consistency.

February 2023 marked Rüdi's entry into the new 2-stroke OK-N class of the Rok Cup, where he quickly made his mark by securing 4th place in the Northern Regions Championship.

The year 2024 began auspiciously for Rüdi as he joined the esteemed Neil Basilio Racing (NBR) team. His skill was evident at the first Rok Cup Northern Regions race in April, where he demonstrated mastery over challenging wet conditions to win the race and finish 2nd overall for the day.

Rüdi's versatility and resilience were further showcased during his first Rok Cup National competition, which was combined with the Northern Regions round 2. Despite the unpredictable performance of pool engines, Rüdi completed all rounds, achieving a respectable 6th place in his national debut.

Life on the track

Beyond the physical track, Rüdi is an avid sim racer, competing in various short and endurance races on platforms like iRacing and Assetto Corsa Competizione (ACC). He races online against international competitors and participates in the local OKLA online racing competition, further honing his skills and competitive spirit.

Rüdi's photographic eye is also gaining traction around the track as he takes to capturing the spirit of racing from the sidelines. His journey is one of passion, dedication, talent, and his achievements mark him as a promising figure in the motorsport arena - on national and international stages.