

Drifting Off to Speed

A new racing experience from Razor Sports opens at the mall

Whether you're a kid or kid at heart, **RAZOR SPORTS** is just the place to get the excitement and adrenaline flowing, safely, of course.

Opening last December in Ka Makana Ali'i, Razor Sports specializes in Razor Drift Cart driving and racing around tracks designed for high-energy drifting and turning. One look at the racers' faces as you walk in is all the evidence you'll need to know that a few laps around one of their customized tracks will provide the much-needed thrill you've been craving while being stuck at home for the past year.

If you're unfamiliar with Razor Drift Carts—created by the same maker of Razor Scooters—they give you a real-life *Mario Kart* experience, minus the part where you have to dodge turtle shells and duck Piranha Plants. “The carts are single-wheel drive, so the motor, the power is in a single wheel in the front of the cart,” says Razor Sports co-owner Paulo Salas. “Then you have casters in the back. When you lift the handle, it allows the casters to spin in a 360 degree motion so you can literally drift and drive sideways, backwards—any direction really. The drive system is something very similar to what you'd find in a bumper car. In a bumper car, you can make really sharp turns, that's exactly how these carts drive.”

A kid at heart himself, Salas was introduced to Razor Drift Carts while in Los Angeles last year.



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"I bought one in L.A. and brought it back. I then introduced it to my partner Dave (Nagamine). Dave's basically 60 years old driving a cart designed for 13-year-olds and having the time of his life," says Salas. Razor Drift Carts' maximum speed tops out around 10 miles per hour, but when you're sitting just two inches off the ground, it seems faster. Due to the way Razor Sports techs have designed their tracks with a lot of turns, you'll never feel out of control.

As for who can fit and ride a Razor Sports cart, Salas says, "Razor Drift Carts are designed for kids up to 140 pounds, but with our modified carts, both kids and adults can ride them. I weigh 230 and have no problem. There's nothing too sexy about the carts. It's all about the ride. How they maneuver and drive is just straight fun."

Custom designed by co-owner Dave Nagamine, Razor Sports currently has three tracks to choose from based on age and the type of drifting experience you're looking for. The Razor Track is a more technical track that takes more driving skill to maneuver around quickly. The Yellow Track is an easier track to drive because of its wide lane, making it the ultimate track for racing. The Shift Track, designed specifically for lighter weight Crazy Cart Shift Razors, provides a fun-filled and safe driving experience for children eight and younger.

Each track session is approximately 15-20 minutes, but according to Salas, if you can find time during the weekdays, the sessions tend to be longer. The number of carts allowed on a track per session depends on age and skill level, so the faster the track the more carts are typically allowed. The Shift Track runs about 6-10 carts per session to help avoid collisions and keep kids safe. On the topic of safety, Razor Sports has instituted a number of COVID-19 safety precautions, including adding specialty purifiers that filter the indoor air 20-30 times per hour. They also are offering a bonus program for employees who get vaccinated. Razor Sports is open during Ka Makana Ali's business hours. For prices and additional information, visit razordrift808.com. ••



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