

COVID-19 VIRUS - MESSAGE TO ALL CLUBS AND STATES

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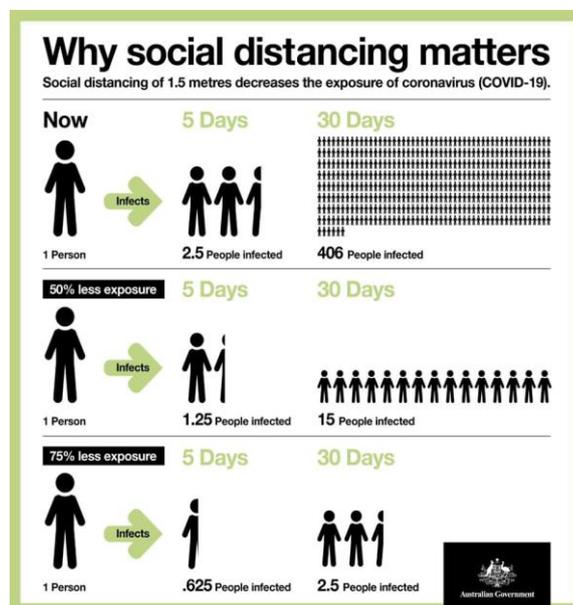
Good Afternoon Everyone,

The Coronavirus crisis continues to deepen. The speed of change is enormous. The call for the most extraordinary responses changes by the day – sometimes by the hour. The only things that are certain right now is that the world is dealing with the greatest of uncertainties.

This advice takes account of the most up-to-date information (today) from the Government including the further restrictions and statements made by the Prime Minister last night (noting that each State Government seems to be embarking on their own modified pathway to fight this problem). I am also taking extensive advice from Karting Australia’s Chief Medical Officer – I wish to thank him for the constant advice that he is providing.

The key messages from Government levels are clear:

1. **If it’s not essential – STAY AT HOME.**
2. Reduce your contact with other people.
3. **SOCIAL DISTANCING MATTERS – IT IS ESSENTIAL!**
Keep your distance from everyone else – observe the 1.5-2 metre Social Distancing Rules all the time.
4. Wash your hands – frequently and properly.
5. Do it for your community – its not just about you.
6. If you have returned from overseas in the last 14 days, or if you have come into contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 – **YOU MUST SELF ISOLATE.**
7. If you feel unwell and exhibit the COVID-19 symptoms, self-isolate, monitor and report.



This a situation that has never been seen before. There are now variations of some messages depending upon which State you live in which makes the challenges to provide some advice a challenge. I have deliberately focused my advice on the National Government’s restrictions. For that reason, you may need to check for further State based restrictions that apply in your State or Territory – you will find links to all State Health Department websites in this advice.

The **Prime Minister’s media statement** issued today can be found here:
<https://www.pm.gov.au/media/update-coronavirus-measures-24-March-2020>

The “Australian Health Protection Principals Committee (AHPPC) advice to National Cabinet about social distancing” (the **National Medical Officer’s media statement** issued today) can be found here:
<https://www.health.gov.au/news/australian-health-protection-principals-committee-ahppc-advice-to-national-cabinet-about-social-distancing>

It may provide some better clarity to the current situation with regards to outdoor gatherings than the Prime Minister’s release does. **You should read it!**

No one can say when things will return to ‘normal’ or what that new normal might look like - we are all hopeful that later in the year, events can begin to run again. We will do our best to make sure that we and you are ready to go when restrictions are lifted.

KEY MESSAGES FOR OUR CLUBS AND STATE ASSOCIATIONS

ACTIVITIES AT CLUBS THAT REQUIRE A KARTING AUSTRALIA ORGANISING PERMIT

Effective Immediately:

No Karting Australia Organising Permits can be issued for any event scheduled to be conducted prior to 1 May 2020.

For the sake of clarity, an Organising Permit is defined in the Rules as:

“A document issued by KA or the SKA authorising the organisation of a Competition under these Rules.”

States Associations are instructed to withdraw any Organising Permit that may have already been issued for an event that is intended to be conducted in the period commencing from today’s date until 1 May 2020.

ACTIVITIES AT CLUBS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE A KARTING AUSTRALIA ORGANISING PERMIT

The situation related to the use of your Club’s facilities for activities that do not require an Organising Permit must be decided by each Club. Normal arrangements for these activities including hire to third parties, open practice and organised practice activities vary from Club to Club and State to State.

You are very strongly advised to follow the Government’s restrictions and advice.

If you have not seen the latest restrictions yet, you will find them outlined in the Prime Minister’s latest media statement: <https://www.pm.gov.au/media/update-coronavirus-measures-24-March-2020>

TRAVEL REGISTER AND ISOLATION FORM

The requirement to complete and submit the Travel Register and Isolation Form **REMAINS IN PLACE**.

If you are intending to go to your Club – for any reason at all, YOU MUST HAVE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED THIS FORM ONLINE <https://www.karting.net.au/karting-australia-travel-register-and-isolation-form>

If you answer **YES** to any of these questions, **YOU MUST SELF ISOLATE AND MUST NOT ATTEND A KART CLUB** until 14 days has elapsed or you have been medically cleared by a doctor.

COVID-19 DIAGNOSIS

Have you been diagnosed as having COVID-19? *

Yes No

- If yes, when?

RECENT OVERSEAS TRAVEL

Have you returned from overseas in the last 14 days? *

Yes No

CONTACT WITH A KNOWN COVID-19 CASE

Have you had contact with a known COVID-19 case in the last 14 days? *

Yes No

FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION IN YOUR STATE

AUSTRALIA

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

<https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/coronavirus-covid-19-information-by-state-and-territory>

New South Wales

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

<https://sport.nsw.gov.au/covid-19-%E2%80%93-information-sport-and-recreation-organisations-0>

Northern Territory

<https://secure.nt.gov.au/alerts/coronavirus-covid-19-updates>

Queensland

https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19?utm_medium=Online&utm_source=Hero%20feature&utm_campaign=Novel%20Coronavirus

South Australia

https://www.orsr.sa.gov.au/events_courses?a=28302

<https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/health+topics/health+topics+a+-z/COVID+2019>

Tasmania

https://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/publichealth/communicable_diseases_prevention_unit/infectious_diseases/coronavirus

Victoria

<https://sport.vic.gov.au/news/articles/update-11-march-coronavirus>

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>

Western Australia

<https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/coronavirus>

OUR OBJECTIVES

Our objectives continue to be:

1. **Keep everyone in the Karting Australia Family properly and responsibly advised** with fact-based information – not news reports and social media spin. We are relying upon firsthand Government sources and advice from our Chief Medical Officer. If a National or State Chief Medical Officer or the government doesn't say it, we won't rely on it.
2. **Protect our Members and to play our part in protecting the Australian community** – particularly those who are most vulnerable.
3. **Keep the wheels spinning** at our Clubs when we are able to do so in accordance with Government restrictions to make sure that every Affiliated Club and State Association is prepared as best that they can be to hit the ground running with social and competition karting as soon as we are cleared to continue.
 - **Plan and Prepare** so the we are all ready to Proceed – particularly at Club level once we get the green light.

PREPARING FOR WHEN THE COVID-19 CRISIS IS OVER

We need our State Associations and our Clubs to take some time in the next few weeks to plan and prepare to proceed at full noise once the crisis passes. In the prevailing circumstances that will be a challenge for many Clubs, so we want to help you with that.

These are very troubling and uncertain times – but they will pass.

We are planning for that time right now. It is a certainty that the health restrictions imposed by the Government have and will continue to cause economic turmoil. Your kart club will most likely be a different place – just like every other sporting club in Australia and society in general at the end of this.

The things that we will be working on for and with you are programs and initiatives that will help you to:

- Re-ignite your club.
- Reinvigorate your current members and to recruit new members.
- Recruit and train essential volunteers (we can no longer as sport continue to rely so heavily on our more senior citizens to run our sporting competitions.)
- Improving the mix of social and competition karting that is offered at each Club.
- Creating a dynamic, national awareness program for our sport that is local community based.
- Helping our key club officials to do their jobs more easily and preparing them to proceed at full noise.

My small team at Karting Australia are preparing to do the heavy lifting when it comes to planning for and preparing the things that you will all need to make things happen.

I am sure that some re-building will be necessary but just like the Australian community, when it works together, it will prevail, so will the Karting Australia Family prevail.

CONTINUING THE UPDATES

We will continue to update everyone with the latest information as and when anything changes as inevitably it will. We will provide the updated data from the **Travel Register and Isolation Form** again this week. The next update will be provided to each State Secretary this Thursday.

We are relying on each State's Secretary to provide the information on permitted and restricted persons to each Club. Thank you for doing that.

Best Regards

Kelvin O'Reilly

Chief Executive Officer