



COVID-19 VIRUS FURTHER INFORMATION – ALL CLUBS

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The following information is supplied for the advice of all Member State Associations and Clubs.

No Change to Public Gathering Restrictions

As at 7:00pm today, there has been NO CHANGE is the Government's requirements in relation to non-essential public gatherings involving more than 500 people. **If your Karting event does not exceed that number of 500 people, then there is not currently any reason why your event should not proceed.**

When organising your event, you MUST IMPLEMENT the procedures that I detailed last evening in the "COVID-19 VIRUS CONTROL MEASURES TO BE APPLIED – ALL CLUBS Version 1 .0 - 16 MARCH 2020"

<https://www.karting.net.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Club-Requirements-16-March-2020.pdf>

The Australian Government Department of Health have now prepared an information sheet for bodies such as Karting Clubs to assist you in organising and event. You will find it here:

<https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2020/03/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-for-organising-public-gatherings.pdf>

Every indication is that the National Cabinet will be considering whether the 500-person limit will continue at that level for indoor events. Be assured that as if the Government adjusts any of these current restrictions, we will advise you as soon as possible after we become aware of the change.

Travel Register and Isolation Report

At 7.00pm today the response to the Travel Register and Isolation Report form stands at just over 1000 completed forms. The forms are returned to Karting Australia and will be retained by us.

We will be reminding licence holders using both email and social media, of the requirement to complete the form over the next few days. An email has been sent to them again this afternoon. Social Media will kick in tonight.

On Thursday we will be providing a report to each State Association and the Clubs that will detail:

1. The names of those people from within that State who have submitted a completed form.
 - a. This will show their home club.
2. Separately, we will provide a further report to their home club and the State Association of any person who is NOT PERMITTED to attend a Kart Club because of their answers to some of the questions contained on the form.

If a person who is required to complete a form but has not done so or is not permitted to attend a karting venue because of their recent travel history, then they will not be able to compete or attend your Club.

I would appreciate it if you could send an email to your Club /State Members advising them that they must complete the TRAVEL REGISTER AND ISOLATION FORM before attending a Club or Racetrack. It can be found here:

<https://www.karting.net.au/karting-australia-travel-register-and-isolation-form>

OFFICIALS

Based on what is known about COVID-19, those most at risk of serious infection are:

- people with compromised immune systems (such as people who have cancer)
- elderly people
- people with chronic medical conditions such a cardiovascular issues, respiratory issues and diabetes
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples (as they have higher rates of chronic illness).

Many of the people who officiate at our Clubs and Race Meetings fall into the older age groups – 60+, 70+, 80.

Following consultation with Karting Australia's Chief Medical Officer we have formed the conclusion that it is appropriate for Karting Australia to **STRONGLY RECOMMEND** to all Affiliated Clubs and Member States that for the foreseeable future, **until the crisis subsides, that you refrain from appointing persons who are at the most risk of serious infection to officiate at Karting events.**

It is essential that we act to protect the most vulnerable members of the Karting Australia Family.

Adversity often creates opportunity. Starting tomorrow, we will be making a call to the younger members of "the FAMILY" to help us out.

We will be asking them to step up and help by becoming either a Trainee or a Grade 4 Official at our Clubs.

We have been working on an on-line training program since the start of this year with a plan to launch it for officials training by the end of the month. In speaking with Mark Horsley our National Officials Co-Ordinator, we could have the "**Karting Officiating Basics Course**" online and ready to go in our new **KARTING AUSTRALIA OFFICIALS ACADEMY** by the end of this week or early next week.

A few Trainee Officials and Grade 4 Officials helping out at your club will make the world of difference while we all look-out for the welfare of the ladies and guys who would gladly be offering their services were it not for the heightened risk to their own personal wellbeing at the moment.

If you could **let your club members know that we need their help to keep the wheels spinning** at our clubs (while ever the Government allows it) during this crisis, we can start to get them enrolled through basic training (it doesn't take long) to help our more experience officials for a while.

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YOUR KARTING CALENDAR

It goes without saying that the National and State Karting Calendar's, if they have not already changed as a result of this crisis, will change.

The first thing to look at are the major events. It is quite unrealistic to think that any event that would normally expect to receive more than 150 entries could expect to be permitted to run under the current Government restrictions. We don't know how long it will take for the crisis to pass and for the restrictions on gatherings to be lifted but I think that it would be realistic to think that no major karting events will take place before June.

If its possible, to do (and only you know that as you know your officials better than anyone else) there are opportunities for our Clubs and minor events.

Karting activities do not have to always be for Championships. Sometimes they can just be for fun – Social Karting. Sport is therapeutic in tough times. To keep the wheels spinning, think about running **Kart Fun** sessions – just for fun, just for your members. How you do it is in the Manual – check out Appendix 1 – Page 290.

Thank you for your assistance. Together, the Karting Australia Family will come through this incredibly difficult challenge.

Best Regards

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