

COVID-19 VIRUS CONTROL MEASURES TO BE APPLIED – ALL CLUBS

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The COVID-19 global pandemic necessitates that Karting Australia adopts (what are intended to be) a number of short-term procedures and requirements of people who participate in our sport for the health and wellbeing of our community.

Our number one priority is the health, safety and wellbeing of our drivers, officials, volunteers, families, industry members and supporters of karting. We also want to, as best that we can, see the karting wheels keep spinning at our Clubs.

These are difficult and rapidly changing times and they require an exceptional response from the entire community and in our case the Karting Australia Family.



The Australian Government’s plan is to try to slow the progression of the virus and to do that they are enacting ever increasing levels of restrictions on people entering Australia and also restricting the organising of “**static non-essential gatherings of more than 500 people**”.

As it stands now, because karting is an outdoor sport, our attendees are spread out over quite a large area and that it is more participation based rather than spectator based with people who are then seated in grandstands for long periods of time. It appears that most of our events will not be significantly impacted by government regulation at this stage. That of course may change, and it could change very quickly.

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There are things that we as a sport have enacted with immediate effect today to **Help Stop the Spread and Stay Healthy**.

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/launch-of-the-coronavirus-covid-19-campaign>

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

We now require all licence holders, officials, family members, supporters, crew, paid and volunteer workers at Kart Clubs and karting events to complete a **Karting Australia Travel Register and Isolation Form** at least 3 days before these members of the Karting Australia Family attend their Club or a Race Track. The form has been sent direct to all our members and it is also online on the Karting Australia website.

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

As of today’s date, it goes 14 days further back in time than the Government’s most recent travel and self-isolation restrictions. It is designed to give Members in your Club and other Competitors in our events peace of mind that transmission of the virus from overseas is unlikely if they attend a Kart track.

Keeping our objectives in mind – the health, safety and wellbeing of the whole Karting Australia Family and the broader community while also keeping the kart wheels spinning at our Clubs in these troubled times - the various measures that are detailed below are the minimum requirements that must be implemented at your club before the next Race Meeting.

SOCIAL DISTANCING AND HYGIENE PREVENTATIVE MEASURES AT KARTING CLUBS AND EVENTS

All Karting Australia Clubs are now required to implement the following measures as high priority matters.

SOCIAL DISTANCING	
<p>Implement measures to help people understand that they must GIVE EVERYONE SPACE. Situations where people mass together MUST be avoided. If people are in a line for food at the canteen, or at scrutineering, they should stand 1.5 metres behind the person in front of them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To assist people to understand the social distancing requirement, place lengths of race tape on the floor in the area where they queue that are 1.5 metres apart. Place a Keep Your Distance sign there. 	
Driver's Briefing:	<p>The traditional Driver's Briefing where all competitors gather in the one place should not be conducted.</p> <p>Drivers and their Participant should stay in their allocated pit area and the Clerk of the Course / Steward should use the public address system to conduct the Briefing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternately, provide all entrants in the event with written Driver's Briefing notes (preferably by email.)
Presentation	<p>The traditional podium presentations should not be held for the foreseeable future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We recommend that recipients of trophies and awards are advised through the circuit public address to collect their trophy.
Paddock	<p>Where the space allows, as it would in almost every event, ensure that your pit allocation for teams are spread out with at least 2 metres between each pit area.</p>
Scrutineering	<p>Scrutineering is a restricted area at a race meeting so we require here is enforcement of the current limited access rules in a Parc Ferme area.</p> <p>Instruct all Drivers that when they come to the In-grid, they should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leave approximately 1 metre between their kart and the kart in front Make sure that pit crew come in one at a time when called to help with kart collection. They collect the kart when told to and then they must leave. When waiting, spread out and give everyone else personal space (the Department of Health recommends 1.5 metres of separation.)
MEDICAL SERVICES AND FIRST AID	
<p>COVID-19 Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your Club's First Aid provider must have the knowledge and process to conduct a basic assessment for COVID-19 symptoms if someone presents with an illness or concern. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES is a person complaining of a fever or respiratory illness to be allowed into your Club's First Aid facility. Were that to happen, the facility must be immediately closed down and be super cleaned and disinfected. Place a STOP – DO NOT ENTER SIGN on the First Aid Room Door – Enforce it. Your Club MUST PROVIDE a separate area to conduct a COVID-19 assessment. It does not need to be inside a building. It is preferable that your first aid provider wears the recommended Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) if assessing a patient for COVID-19 or maintains adequate distance (>1.5m). If they have a supply of masks, they should provide one to the patient and advise them to leave the Circuit call the COVID-19 Information line 1800 020 080 and present to a designated COVID-19 clinic. The area must be adequately cleaned after the patient has been assessed including all touched surfaces to be cleaned with appropriate detergent, disinfectant or bleach solution known to kill the virus. <p>https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2020/03/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-paramedics-and-ambulance-first-responders.pdf</p>	

PERSONAL HYGIENE AND PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

Hand sanitizer stations must be located at the venue including the canteen area, main viewing areas and scrutineering.

- **Adequate supplies of HAND SANITIZER** must be maintained right throughout the event.

Washrooms and Toilets MUST always have adequate **supplies of LIQUID SOAP** (preferably disinfectant grade) available at the hand wash facilities.

Adequate supplies of single use **PAPER TOWELS** or air blower hand driers must always be available at the washrooms and toilets.

Paper towel **waste must be removed** on a regular basis throughout the event.

Cleaners and waste removal personnel must **wear suitable PPE** while working i.e. disposable gloves, enclosed shoes.

Venue facilities including the canteen, dining areas, washrooms and toilets must be **cleaned regularly with hospital grade disinfectant and cleaning products**.

Food service areas **MUST NOT have uncovered/unwrapped food** on display on counters.

Food Service Personnel **MUST wear disposable gloves** while preparing and serving food.

Discourage the sharing of equipment and other items:

- All competitors crew, family, officials are to avoid the shared use of objects (pens, cutlery etc.)
- Driver sign-on should not be conducted and driver sign on sheets should not be used.

AWARENESS - HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY

Clubs should create awareness of the necessity to observe the new normal personal hygiene and “**Stop The Spread and Stay Healthy**” provisions.

Display these posters in prominent locations at your Club. **They are available as downloadable PDF’s on the Karting Australia Website** <https://www.karting.net.au/administration/covid-19-information>

1. Greet people at a distance – NO HAND SHAKING, NO KISSING, NO HUGGING ON ARRIVAL
2. Observing the minimum space requirements >1.5 Metres
3. Good Hygiene Is In Your Hands
4. Simple Steps To Help Stop The Spread
5. Know The Signs
6. Cover Your Cough and Sneeze
7. 10 Ways To reduce Your Risk of Coronavirus
8. Wash Your Hands Regularly
9. Keep Your Distance
10. Help Stop The Spread
11. Kart Collection – One Pit Crew At A time
12. Do The Little Things – help Slow the Spread

The posters will be updated periodically and all updates to the COVID-19 Information will be available on the Karting Australia Website:

<https://www.karting.net.au/administration/covid-19-information>

Thank you for your assistance with implementing these measures.

Best Regards

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