



## COVID-19 VIRUS - MESSAGE TO ALL CLUBS AND STATES

27 April 2020

Good Afternoon Everyone,

While the last six weeks have tested the resolve of everyone in Australia and across the world, the Karting Australia Family has remained strong and it now looks like we are just about at the point where we need to start to get ready to get suited up and head on the 'Road Out'. Obviously, that is completely dependent on the progressive easing of the Government Restrictions in each State and across the country.

It is a promising sign that the **Prime Minister** in last Friday's post National Cabinet media conference said:

*"We agreed also to develop national principles for sport and recreation. Those principles would address these issues at three levels.*

*The elite and professional level. The community competitive sport level... The individual passive level of sport and recreation."*

*With a "set of principles that States and Territories can draw on in terms of getting some consistency across the country as we move into this next phase."*

**I am very pleased to advise you that over the past fortnight our Chief Medical Officer has been in communication with the Deputy CMO of Australia and the CHO of Victoria with regards to getting clear governmental expectations for both amateur and professional return to motor sport. It is to be discussed at the AHPPC this week. Dr May has told me that "they have been receptive to the fact we have little interaction between people at events and can be consistent with social distancing."**

This will be exceptionally important as we move forward and forms the basis of our whole of sport approach to Restarting Karting, as you will see in the Directions for Stage 1 that is detailed below.

This advice to you is full of **hope, optimism and expectations** that (at least for the time being) we are much closer to the end of the extreme lockdown measures than we are to when they started. Clearly, we are not out of the woods yet, and we do have to be incredibly careful as a community not to make any silly mistakes.

When you are not in control of a bad situation, it is OK to be anxious or just plain scared. We cannot control the future, but we can all influence our own future with how we react right now.

That is why we have been putting everything we can into keeping you informed, making the decisions that we need to make when we need to make them and being sure that we always have our priorities for our sport in these very challenging time 'front of mind' in everything that we do.

### **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DIRECTIONS THAT ARE IN FORCE AND MUST BE FOLLOWED (Issued March)**

**At all times, Clubs must respect the regulations governing the maximum numbers of people, density and social distancing and hygiene measures** including:

- Maintain social distancing measures. No group gathering, once finished for the session then they should pack up and leave. No use of indoor facilities (other than toilets).
- Only the driver and ONE other person can be in attendance per kart.
- There should be a clear area between pits (minimum of 5 metres).
- Hand hygiene must be available at any food service outlets, soap and paper towels must be available in the bathrooms. Drivers are strongly encouraged to bring their own hand wash/alcohol rub.
- Maximum numbers (can be based on a number or a density.)
- No sharing of any equipment, tools or apparel.
- Under NO circumstances should ANYONE with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 attend the circuit. This includes any fever, respiratory symptoms, shortness of breath, sore throat, cough, lack of smell or fatigue.
- Under NO circumstances should ANYONE who has been overseas in the previous 14 days or been in contact with a known COVID-19 positive, attend the circuit.
- A register of all people who enter the circuit.

The requirement to rigorously respect and enforce these measures forms the basis of our whole of sport approach to getting going again as you will see in the “Restarting Karting – The Road Out Of Lockdown” and “Non-Racing Activities At Clubs That Require A Karting Australia Organising Permit” sections below.

**To make compliance as simple as possible, we have developed Proforma COVID-19 Supplementary Regulations that MUST BE USED for all Karting Activities organised by a Club or State Association. They are available now and MUST BE USED FOR ALL ORGANISED KARTING ACTIVITIES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

## STATE OF THE STATES – Updated Information Or Restriction Relaxations.

### South Australia

The number of people permitted to congregate together in an outdoor venue in SA stands at 10 people (the other States have restricted gatherings to a maximum of 2 (non-family) people.)

Motorsport is specifically permitted under the Directions that are currently in place in South Australia.

**South Australia have indicated that they will be restarting with ‘Stage 1’ Karting Activities this weekend.**

### Queensland

**From 12.01am on 2 May 2020** the “Direction – Home Confinement, Movement and Gathering” will be relaxed to allow people to partake of recreation within a 50km radius of the person’s principal place of residence.

“Recreation means an activity engaged in for pleasure or for mental health benefits, including:

- motorcycle riding, jet skiing, boating and other forms of personalised transport...

Outings are limited to members of the same household or an **individual and one friend**. All rules regarding social gatherings and limits on visitors remain in place.” This is a small relaxation but is the start of good things to come.

**Link to the latest Government statement below in the GOVERNMENT DIRECTIONS AND ORDERS section.**

### Western Australia

Yesterday, the Western Australian Premier announced the start of “the Cautious easing of restrictions” under which Indoor and outdoor non-work gatherings for up to 10 people will be **allowed in WA from Monday 27 April** (an increase from the current 2-person limit). The new 10-person rule aligns WA with South Australia.

The Government has advised that Everyone should continue to practise appropriate social distancing and stay home except for:

- non-contact recreational activities such as private picnics in the park, fishing, boating, hiking and camping - all in compliance with travel restrictions and the 10-person rule...

No sharing of equipment is permitted.

**Link to the latest Government statement below in the GOVERNMENT DIRECTIONS AND ORDERS section.**

**Other States & Territories – No Change to existing applicable Home Confinement or Mass gathering Directions.**

## UPDATED KARTING AUSTRALIA DIRECTIONS - Effective 27 April 2020

### RACING ACTIVITIES AT CLUBS THAT REQUIRE A KARTING AUSTRALIA ORGANISING PERMIT

Updates to the previous Directions are shown in **BLUE type and strikeout**.

**No Karting Australia Organising Permits can be issued for any Competition scheduled to be conducted prior to ~~4~~ **1 June 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.”
- A Competition is defined in the Rules as:  
“An Event in which a Kart takes part and which has a competitive nature or is given a competitive nature by the publication of results.”

**This means that it is not currently permitted for a Club or a Promoter to organise a Race or a Race Meeting.**

## 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~~. At all times Clubs must respect the regulations governing maximum numbers of people, density and social distancing.

## NEW KARTING AUSTRALIA DIRECTIONS - Effective 27 APRIL 2020

### NON-RACING ACTIVITIES AT CLUBS THAT REQUIRE A KARTING AUSTRALIA ORGANISING PERMIT

When State and Federal Government Restrictions on non-essential movements, mass gatherings, social distancing and density requirements allow karting activities to recommence either in your State or nationally, Clubs will be required to properly control activities at your Club facilities and Track during such Activities.

**Until further notice, ALL social karting activities including private practice will be required to be conducted under a set of approved COVID-19 Supplementary Regulations that must be approved by either a State Karting Association of Karting Australia.** This ensures that the full level of Karting Australia Insurance is in place for the Activity and provides an appropriate level of enforcement by Clubs should it be needed.

#### Note:

**Pro-forma COVID-19 Supplementary Regulations** that contain specific COVID-19 restriction and mitigation requirements have been prepared and can be [downloaded here](#).

**Guidelines** for the conduct of the Activity can be [downloaded here](#).

We have prepared a number of **promotional resources** for your Club to use, including customisable email messages and Facebook graphics. They can be [downloaded here](#). **Password:** KACOV19!

## NATIONAL EVENTS CALENDAR POSTPONEMENTS

### AUSTRALIAN KART CHAMPIONSHIP AND ROTAX PRO TOUR

The **Rotax Pro Tour** event scheduled for 16-17 May and the **Australian Kart Championship** event scheduled for 19-21 June that were scheduled to be held at Ipswich Kart Club are both postponed.

Details of the re-scheduled dates for both events will be advised once we have a clear understanding of the realistic options that are available to be used being mindful of all Government restrictions.

## RESTARTING KARTING – THE ROAD OUT OF LOCKDOWN

The constantly evolving situation with the pandemic and the Government imposed restrictions, make for a sizable challenge to be able to plan with any real certainty for the resumption of karting activity.

The following information provides what we believe (at this moment) is the 'Road Out' for our sport. By following these logical stages, we will create a strong platform for the sport to move forward.

At the start, we will have a complete focus on Club Level organised social karting that will progress to karting competition and events at higher levels.

The following information and plan is built on the latest information and best knowledge available to the Karting Australia Board, Staff and Chief Medical Officer.

## Stage 1 – COVID-19 Small Scale Social Karting Activities

(Anticipated Date: May – **Only When Government Restrictions Allow**)

When State and Federal Governments allow, small numbers of Licence Holders will be able to use their Club's facilities for Social Karting, providing the Karting Australia COVID-19 Social Karting requirements are adhered to.

Clubs are required to apply to their State Office by using the COVID-19 Supplementary Regulations.

Item	Download Link	Notes
Supplementary Regulations	<a href="#">Click here</a>	Must be submitted to the State Secretary/Administrator and Approved prior to bookings opening.
Approved Guidelines	<a href="#">Click here</a>	Provides a clear direction for the requirements of a Club that is conducting a social karting Activity.
Session Booking Form	<a href="#">Click here</a> to find out how to set up an Event online.	KA recommends the use of <a href="http://www.trybooking.com">www.trybooking.com</a> for simple low administration booking process that is free to use for free events.
Social Media Posts	<a href="#">Click here</a> to view and download graphics.	Customizable graphics sized for Facebook. Key messages incorporated to ensure a consistent theme for all KA Clubs.
Email to Members	Getting Set Email: <a href="#">Click here</a> We're back on Track Email: <a href="#">Click here</a>	Two customisable emails to be sent to your members. The first asking them to 'Get Set' and the second advising them that you're 'back on track'.

The intention is that as restrictions allow and when practical to do so, the Road Out will then move into additional stages over the ensuing months as follows:

Stage 2 – Larger Scale Social Karting Activities (Anticipated Date: June\*)

Stage 3 – Club Level Competition to return (Anticipated Date: July\*)

Stage 4 – Zonal Level Competition to return (Anticipated Date: August\*)

Stage 5 – National/Interstate Competition to return (Anticipated Date: September\*)

\*When Government Restrictions Allow

An outline for all of the remaining stages has been developed by Karting Australia. The full details will be released in the coming weeks to ensure all Clubs are fully prepared for the 'Road Out'.

### CLUB MENTORING PROGRAM

Our plans for the Club mentoring program sessions are developing well. The sessions will be conducted online in groups. We would like as many people from every Club and Member State Committee to participate in them. There is no cost to any Club or Member State.

Session 1 has the working title:

***“FROM LOCKDOWN TO FULL COMPETITION  
WHAT THE ROAD OUT LOOKS LIKE & AVOIDING THE POTHOLES ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY”***

We have established the following tentative dates and times for Session 1:

Qld	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm EST	12 May
NSW, Vic	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm EST	13 May
SA, NT, Tas	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm EST	14 May
WA	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm WST	14 May (9:00pm – 10:30 EST)

Session 2 is planned for the week commencing 26 May, with sessions 3 and 4 to follow shortly thereafter.

We will be in further contact with you in the coming days but please, **let everyone on your committee know about this and put it in your diary.**

## VOLUNTEERS RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING

Since we launched the Karting Australia Officials Academy powered by *Rosche Paper* we have enrolled more than 100 people in our first courses. This is great news and is just the start.

Please share our social media posts on Volunteer Recruitment and ask your members to enrol to train to become a Volunteer Official.

## GOVERNMENT DIRECTIONS AND ORDERS – INFORMATION FOR YOUR STATE

The information and links to each State's COVID-19 pages have been updated as of today's date. New links in green.

### Australia

<https://www.australia.gov.au/>

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

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert/how-to-protect-yourself-and-others-from-coronavirus-covid-19/limits-on-public-gatherings-for-coronavirus-covid-19>

#### STAY INFORMED

Download the official government "Coronavirus Australia" app from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#), or join the Federal Government's [WhatsApp channel](#) on [iOS](#) or [Android](#).

#### HELP AUSTRALIA WIN THE FIGHT TO KILL THE VIRUS

Download the **COVIDSafe App** from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#)

### New South Wales

#### Public Health Orders

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/covid-19-phos.aspx>

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/covid-19-latest.aspx>

### Northern Territory

<https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/community-advice>

### Queensland

<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/legislation/cho-public-health-directions-under-expanded-public-health-act-powers>

<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/legislation/cho-public-health-directions-under-expanded-public-health-act-powers/home-confinement-movement-gathering-direction>

### South Australia

<https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/emergency-declarations/business-closures>

[https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0005/156614/Signed-Direction-Non-Essential-Business-and-Other-Gatherings-no-3.pdf](https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0005/156614/Signed-Direction-Non-Essential-Business-and-Other-Gatherings-no-3.pdf)

<http://emergencydepartments.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/health+topics/health+topics+a+-+z/covid+2019/novel+coronavirus>

### Tasmania

<https://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/business-and-employees/business-restrictions>

### Victoria

#### Chief Health Officer Directions

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/state-emergency>

<https://www.vic.gov.au/coronavirusresponse>

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-stay-home-and-restricted-activities-directions-faq>

### Western Australia – Link to updated advice (26 April) shown in green

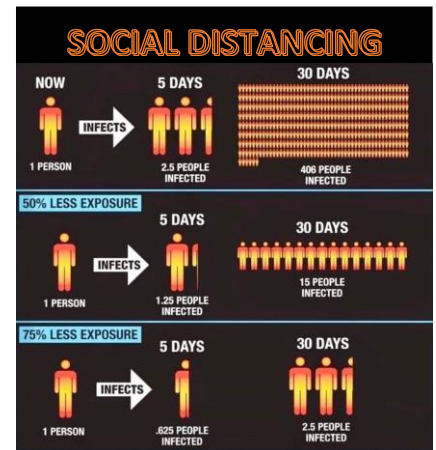
<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/document-collections/covid-19-coronavirus-state-of-emergency-declarations>

<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-the-premier-and-cabinet/covid-19-coronavirus-community-advice#social-distancing>

[https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A\\_E/Coronavirus](https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus)

## THE KEY HEALTH MESSAGES FROM ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT REMAIN THE SAME:

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 – it's 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.



## CONTINUING THE UPDATES

We will continue to update everyone with the latest information as and when anything changes as inevitably it will.

**Best Regards and Stay Safe**

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**Chief Executive Officer**