

COVID-19 VIRUS - MESSAGE TO ALL CLUBS AND STATES

16 June 2020

Good Afternoon Everyone,

Congratulations to the Darwin Karting Association for hosting Karting Australia's first post COVID-19 Club Event last Sunday. With 55 entries, it was the largest

Last Friday, the Prime Minister announced that as of next month he expects that "outdoor venues up to 40,000 spectator capacity, ticketed and seated events will be able to be held in front of a crowd of no more than 25 per cent of capacity under Step 3.

States and territories will make decisions on when to move to Step 3 under COVIDSafe plans.

At a minimum, COVID-Safe arrangements must be maintained including:

- person per 4sqm;
- staying 1.5 metres away from other people whenever and wherever possible;"

The key point to this announcement is the fact that each State and Territory will implement a plan on different dates with varying restrictions.

Karting Australia is continuing to follow each State and Territory's Directions closely in anticipation of upcoming changes.

The biggest challenge for us now is trying to give each Club your own State's snapshot in the simplest possible terms as to where your State or territory is placed on the Karting Australia 'Road out of Lockdown'

STATE	Stage on Road	Group Size/Details	Competition #	Personal Space	Spectators	Open Canteen	COVIDSafe Plan Required	
							State Gov't	KA
NSW	Stage 3 1 July	Only 4sqm Density	Yes, as of 1 July	4Sq m	Permitted	Yes	Yes	Yes
NT	Stage 3 5 June	Only 4sqm Density	Yes	4Sq m	Permitted	Yes	Yes	Yes
QLD	Stage 2a 10 June	20** Multiple Groups	No	4Sq m	Minimal Spectators & non-essential personnel	Yes - If C-19 checklist for food service has been completed	Yes	Yes
SA	Stage 3 19 June	300 people at venue. Max. of 75* people per area	Yes	4Sq m	Included in maximum number permitted at venue.	Yes	Yes Submitted online	Yes
TAS	Stage 3*** 26 June	500 people at venue	Yes, as of 26 June	4Sq m	Minimal Spectators	Yes	Yes Submitted by KA	Yes
VIC	Stage 3 22 June	20* Multiple Groups	Yes	4Sq m	Unclear	Yes Takeaway & 20 Seated per enclosed space	Unclear	Yes
WA	Stage 2 6 June	100* people per single undivided space. Max 300 at venue	Yes	2Sq m	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Competition will be only permitted by KA provided that a Club has satisfactorily completed, submitted and implemented their COVIDSafe Action Plan.

The Action Plan must be submitted to the State Secretary/Administrator and approved by Karting Australia in consultation with the State Association.

* **Group Size DOES NOT INCLUDE** Officials, coaches and support staff etc.

****Group Size INCLUDES** all personnel including players, referees/umpires, officials, coaches, spectators and others.

*****Expected Date** of implementation

In Queensland, where it is stated above that Multiple Groups can gather at a venue, each Group must be separated, must not exceed the maximum number of people permitted and there be limited interaction between the Groups.

It must be made clear that currently numerous State Governments – Victoria, NSW, SA and Queensland have made media announcements with an overview of the restrictions that they expect to ease. However, the finer details in the Public Health Orders and Directions are yet to be released. Karting Australia will work closely with each State Association to ensure that once these documents are published that the Regulations are adapted accordingly and communicated to the Clubs.

COVID-19 COMPETITION KARTING RECOMMENCEMENT REQUIREMENTS

The progressive lifting of Restrictions across most States and Territories towards the recommencement of small-scale Club COMPETITION Karting (Stages 2 & 3) requires the following to be in place or in use by your Club before you are able to hold your first COVIDSafe Race Meeting:

1. You MUST have **completed your club facilities assessments** across all areas of the Club that will be in use in Competition – these have all been detailed in the “COVIDSafe Karting Events Operation Procedures Manual” and include: Race Control, Timing Room, Scrutineering and Scales Rooms, Stewards Rooms, Secretary’s Office, Canteen, Toilets, Showers and Washrooms, Pit and Paddock areas, Spectator areas including grandstands.
2. You MUST have **completed your COVIDSafe Club Action Plan** that details the control and prevention measures that you have identified as being necessary to implement.
 - This includes **being fully prepared to take all the actions identified in the Club Action Plan** prior to, during and after any competition Karting event (Race Meeting) that the Club intends to conduct.
 - If your State Government requires that your COVIDSafe Plan is submitted to them, and/or on display at your Club, you must have done that.
 - You MUST have **submitted your Karting Australia COVIDSafe Action Plan** to your State Secretary/Administrator.
 - This is to be submitted using the fillable PDF form attached to this email and that will continue to be available at <https://www.karting.net.au/administration/covid-19-information>
3. You MUST have appointed a person or persons to fill the role of your **COVIDSafe Officer**.
 - That person **MUST have successfully completed the COVIDSafe Karting Events course** that is now live on the Karting Australia Officials Academy powered by Rosche Paper.
 - If you want to complete the Course and are not currently enrolled in the Officials Academy, you should send an email to: officialsacademy@karting.net.au providing us with your: full name, residential or postal address, Club, email address and phone number so that you can be enrolled in the Academy.
 - Log in to the Academy to continue your karting officiating is available here <https://karting-australia-officiating.coursepath.com/login>
4. You MUST use the **COVID-19 Restricted Club Competition Supplementary Regulations** for all Club Race Meetings.

We have today updated the Supplementary Regulations to allow for:

 - Event Operations Staff (includes but is not limited to canteen staff, cleaners etc) to be in attendance
 - Allowance for more than one (1) family member to accompany a Driver at an event.
 - The possibility of spectators being allowed to attend sporting events.
 - The updated pro-forma Supplementary Regulations are available at <https://www.karting.net.au/administration/covid-19-information>
 - These are to be submitted to the State Secretary/Administrator as normal.
 - Entry for all Race Meetings must be made through CMS.

You should be familiar with the requirements in the COVIDSafe Events Operations Manual located <http://www.buildingbetterkartclubs.com.au/covidsafe-karting-events-operations-procedures/>

KARTING AUSTRALIA DIRECTIONS - Effective 29 May 2020 and that REMAIN IN PLACE

RACING ACTIVITIES AT CLUBS THAT REQUIRE A KARTING AUSTRALIA ORGANISING PERMIT

No Karting Australia Organising Permits can be issued for any Competition scheduled to be conducted prior to it being permitted by the State Government Restrictions.

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.”

Organising Permits will be assessed on a Club by Club basis.

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.

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

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!

KARTING AUSTRALIA COVID-19 DECLARATION FORM

All persons intending to attend a Karting Club/Activity must complete and submit the Declaration Form before attending the Club and a Karting Activity (on a weekly or activity basis and on every occasion that their COVID-19 circumstances have changed.)

ALL CLUBS NOW HAVE THEIR OWN SPECIFIC FORM AND IS ABLE TO BE DOWNLOADED BY THE CLUB REPRESENTATIVE AHEAD OF EACH EVENT. If you need to view the link for a person attending your Club, visit <https://www.karting.net.au/administration/covid-19-information/covid-19-club-declaration>

CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN A PERSON MUST NOT ATTEND A KARTING CLUB OR ACTIVITY

- Anyone who, in the last 14 days has been in contact with a known or suspected case of COVID-19.
- Anyone who has been overseas in the previous 14 days or had contact with someone who has been overseas in that time.
- Anyone with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (even if mild) including:
 - fever
 - cough
 - respiratory symptoms
 - lack of taste
 - sore throat
 - fatigue
 - shortness of breath
 - lack of smell

must not attend a kart track or Karting Activity. They should attend a doctor in accordance with Public Health Authority guidelines, have COVID-19 excluded and be medically cleared by a doctor.

Anyone who is generally unwell should adopt a cautious approach and should attend a doctor in accordance with Public Health Authority guidelines.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR A CLUB TO CONDUCT A KARTING ACTIVITY

ALL KARTING ACTIVITY MUST BE CONDUCTED UNDER A KARTING AUSTRALIA ORGANISING PERMIT AND STANDARD KARTING AUSTRALIA COVID-19 SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS.

ENHANCED COVID-19 CONTROL AND PREVENTION MEASURES MUST BE APPLIED ACROSS ALL CLUB FACILITIES BY THE CLUB in preparation for and during any Karting Activity.

Enhanced Control and Prevention Measures include but are not limited to:

- **Cleaning**
- **Sanitising**
- **Social (Physical) Distancing**
- **Crowd Density Control**
- **Food Preparation**
- **Food Service**

noting that Crowd Density and Social Distancing measures will be more stringent in a Club's indoor facilities than they will be outside.

The KARTING AUSTRALIA COVID-19 DECLARATION MUST BE SUBMITTED by every person intending to attend a Karting Activity before they attend the Karting Activity.

For the sake of clarity:

1. This includes but is not limited to, all Essential Persons and Permitted Persons.
2. This means that a new Declaration must be submitted for every Karting Activity that a person attends an event.

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:

- 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.
- 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.