

COVID-19 VIRUS - MESSAGE TO ALL CLUBS AND STATES

2 June 2020

Good Afternoon Everyone,

Another new week sees some more changes to the restrictions across the country, and once again they are varied depending on what the State Premiers have announced for their own State. It is very pleasing to note that several States are now on the verge of being able to start to enjoy limited Competition Events.

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 1 1 June	10** Multiple Groups	No "Local sporting competitions involving more than 10 people." ¹	4Sq m	Included in Group Size	Yes	Yes	Yes
NT	Stage 3 5 June	Only 4sqm Density	Yes	4Sq m	Permitted	Yes	Yes	Yes
QLD	Stage 2 1 June	20** Single Group "More with COVID SAFE plan approved by health authorities" ²	Yes	4Sq m	Minimal Spectators & non-essential personnel	Yes - If C-19 checklist for food service has been completed	Yes	Yes
SA	Stage 3 1 June	80 people at venue. Max. of 20* people per area	Yes	4Sq m	Up to 80 Separate from participants.	Yes	Yes Submitted online	Yes
TAS	Stage 2 5 June	20* Multiple Groups	No	4Sq m	Minimal Spectators	Yes Max. 20 people at one time	Yes Submitted by KA	Yes
VIC	Stage 2 1 June	20* Multiple Groups	No	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 after June 12 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.

After consultation with NSW Health, NSW Office of Sport, Services NSW and Sport NSW, clarification of what is currently permitted in NSW has been sought from the NSW Health COVID-19 Hypercare team.

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

¹ <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules>

² Qld COVID-19 Restrictions Roadmap 1 June 2020

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

Karting Australia has made a formal submission to the **Queensland** CHO and the Department of Sport and Recreation for an expansion of the number of people permitted at a karting venue. We are awaiting a formal response. **We ask that our Queensland Clubs DO NOT all make separate requests unless we advise you otherwise.**

In **Tasmania**, we have advised the Department of Communities (on 20 May) of the full plans that Karting Australia, Karting Tas and our Tasmanian Clubs are following on the road back to competitive sport.

COVID-19 SOCIAL KARTING SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS - ADJUSTMENTS

Following the feedback from Clubs on the webinars last week, we have made several adjustments to the Supplementary Regulations for COVID-19 Social Karting Activities.

In addition to the pre-amble in the header, the changes are:

Section 2. ADMINISTRATION

Article 1 - ~~Only a member of the Organising Club is permitted to participate in the Activity~~ Only a member of a Club in the State issuing the Organising Permit is permitted to participate in the Activity

Section 3. SPECIFIC COVID-19 RESTRICTION AND MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS

Article 1.4 Permitted Persons

Addition

- A Person who is approved by the Club to supply karting components and provide specialised karting service to any Permitted Persons in attendance at the Activity.

!!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.
- The pro-forma Supplementary Regulations are attached to this email and will continue to be 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 12 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 prior to 12 June 2020. After that date 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!**

THE 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.)

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

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.