



COVID-19 VIRUS - MESSAGE TO ALL CLUBS AND STATES

3 July 2020

Good Afternoon Everyone,

For the first time in almost four months, I'm pleased to be able to say that Clubs in every State of Australia can now have Karting Competition (Racing) commence.

All Clubs intending to hold a Race Meeting must have appointed a COVIDSafe Officer who has satisfactorily completed the COVIDSafe Karting Events course and have completed a COVIDSafe Action Plan and provided this to the SKA before submitting the Supplementary Regulations through the normal process for an upcoming Race Meeting.

While new restrictions in place throughout Melbourne haven't altered the path for Victorian Clubs at a local level, the border restrictions that have been extended has caused some concern towards larger events where our Licence Holders from various states converge such as the Australian Kart Championship, Rotax Pro Tour and City of Melbourne events.

Karting Australia is continuing to monitor the requirements from each State Government closely and provide the best possible advice to protect the Clubs, Members, Licence Holders and the community as a whole.

A question that we have been asked on several occasions is regarding Social Karting Activities. **All Social Karting Activities (Practice) will remain to be permitted under the COVID-19 Social Karting Activities and managed by a delegated Official from the affiliated Club.**

This doesn't mean that a Club is required to only host Social Kart Activities on a weekend, it just means that if the Club wishes to provide a Social Karting Activity to its Members during the week it needs to delegate the running of such day to an Official to be responsible for running an Activity. We've had more than 150 people recently complete the Core Courses in the Karting Australia Officials Academy powered by Rosche Paper that makes them eligible to become a Grade 4 Official, now is the time to engage these people.

To clarify once again regarding First Aid requirements for COVID-19 Social Karting Activities, it is encouraged that an accredited First Aid person is in attendance, but if there isn't one available, the Private Practice Rules (Page 297) of the Manual will apply as we advised all Clubs quite early on in the pandemic restriction period.

Online Scrutineering Forms

All Race Secretaries should have received a log in to download their Club specific Scrutineering forms that are to be completed by Members entered in a Race Meeting. Those Clubs that have already held Race Meetings have indicated that the introduction of the online form has assisted with pre-race administration. Should a Race Secretary have an issue with accessing their forms, please email matthew@karting.net.au

Declaration Forms

The online COVID-19 Declaration Form is required by all Essential Personnel and Permitted People attending a Karting Australia venue. Each Club has their own dedicated Form that is able to be downloaded by the Race Secretary. Any questions regarding the downloading of the details please email matthew@karting.net.au

Detailed below, we have provided you with a 'State of the States' as we continue to move towards a 'new normal'.

STATE OF THE STATES

OVERRIDING REQUIREMENTS

1. Government restrictions must always be complied with.
2. Karting Australia requirements must always be complied with.
3. The Club's COVIDSafe Action Plan must always be complied with.
4. All Social Karting Activities (Practice) will remain to be permitted under the COVID-19 Social Karting Activities and managed by a delegated Official from the affiliated Club.
5. The KA COVID-19 Declaration is required to be completed by all Essential Personnel and Permitted Persons for each event/activity.
6. If a person is unwell or exhibits any COVID-19 symptoms, they must not attend a Club.

NEW SOUTH WALES

From 1 July 2020, Karting Competition (Racing) can commence under approved Supplementary Regulations and Organising Permit provided that:

- The Club's COVIDSafe Action Plan has been satisfactorily completed and provided to the SKA;
- The Club has registered with the NSW Government as a COVIDSafe Business
- No more than 500 people are gathered at a venue

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

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Events and public gatherings of **less than 500 people** must submit a COVID-19 Event Safety Plan prior to the commencement of an event to demonstrate the commitment to the [key principles](#). This will not require CHO approval.

Major events and public gatherings of **over 500 people** must submit a [COVID-19 Event Safety Plan PDF \(243.4 KB\)](#) and receive formal approval from the Northern Territory Chief Health Officer (CHO) prior to the event proceeding to demonstrate the commitment to the [key principles](#) of the new normal.

https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/roadmap-new-normal/business#/stage_3_5_june_2020

QUEENSLAND

From today **3 July 2020** Stage 3 Restrictions focussed on returning to more normal operation apply, with the restrictions including:

- gatherings of up to 500 people (includes all personnel on the premises)
- community sport (contact and non-contact)
- dining in (including canteens)
- competitions/events (up to 500 people)

We are still waiting to see the updated Industry Plan under which our sport is required to operate and will advise you further if there is any change to this once it is released.

<https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/roadmap-to-easing-queenslands-restrictions>

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

From **29 June 2020** Recovery Step 3 is in effect.

- The density requirement of 1 person per 2 square metres applies for defined public activities. The maximum number of attendees at a place of business will be determined by its size.
- COVID-Safe Plans will continue to be required for defined public activities.
- The occupier of a place at which a defined public activity is conducted, and any person who conducts a defined public activity at a place, must ensure that the density requirement is complied with in relation to that place.
- The occupier of a place at which a defined public activity is conducted and any person who conducts a defined public activity at a place must take reasonable steps to ensure that facilities provided at the place allow for compliance with the physical distancing principle during the conduct of the activity.

<https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/emergency-declarations/public-activities>

TASMANIA

From **27 June 2020** Stage 3 is in effect.

Outdoor community sport – maximum density limit, with a cap of 500 persons outdoors, including athletes and support staff. Sporting activities can be undertaken based on Level C of the *AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport*. This means:

- return to full competition sport (contact and non-contact)
- use of change rooms and other shared facilities permitted but not encouraged
- non-essential social gatherings should be limited

Sporting facilities must continue to have a staff member or other authorised person on the premises while open.

<https://coronavirus.tas.gov.au/families-community/roadmap-to-recovery>

VICTORIA

From **21 June 2020** Stage 3 is in effect. This stage of restrictions includes:

- Organised non-contact training and competition are allowed for all age groups where participants can stay 1.5 metres apart.
- Sporting clubs that operate a restaurant, café or canteen within its facility may reopen with take-away and limited dine-in arrangements, provided it strictly adheres to the restrictions on hospitality venues including up to 20 patrons per enclosed space and in groups of up to 10, subject to the four-square metre rule.
- Spectators for outdoor training and competitions must abide by gathering restrictions – spectators should be in groups of no more than 10 and spread out around the ground or venue.
- Groups are to be limited to a maximum of 20 Participants.
- Residents from the restricted postcodes announced by the Premier on 30 June (and any more postcodes that may be announced in the coming days) are not to attend a Karting Australia facility.

Obviously, the issues that Victoria are dealing with at the moment are very concerning and may impact upon the current restrictions in the coming days.

<https://sport.vic.gov.au/news/articles/updated-restrictions-and-resources-for-sport-and-recreations-return-to-play>

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

From **27 June 2020** Phase 4 is in effect. This stage of restrictions includes:

- All existing gathering limits and the 100/300 rule removed
- Gathering limits now only determined by WA's reduced 2sqm rule
- Removal of seated service requirements at food businesses and licensed premises

<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-the-premier-and-cabinet/covid-19-coronavirus-wa-roadmap#phase4>

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

RACING ACTIVITIES AT CLUBS THAT REQUIRE A KARTING AUSTRALIA ORGANISING PERMIT

Karting Australia Organising Permits can be issued for any Competition scheduled to be conducted providing it is permitted by the State Government Restrictions.

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:

UPDATED 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.