



COVID-19 VIRUS - MESSAGE TO KARTING VICTORIA AND VICTORIAN CLUBS

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Good Afternoon Everyone,

It is with excitement that we can confirm that there appears to be a light at the end of the tunnel in Victoria that is being dug by the Victorian Government's COVID-enforced restrictions.

Unfortunately, at this stage it is only a step forward for those in regional Victoria – but at least it is a step in the right direction.

The Premier of Victoria Daniel Andrews announced yesterday morning that as of 11:59pm on Wednesday September 16, Regional Victoria will move to the Third Step in the Government's 'coronavirus road to recovery'. In this Step, he stated:

- **All community sport will return for children and non-contact sport will be permitted for adults**

Today, the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services has stated the following:

- *Outdoor non-contact sport can resume for adults. Non-contact sport is any sport where you can maintain 1.5 metres between yourself and others while playing. You can play sport with the number of people required to play plus necessary coaches and umpires. Spectators are not allowed.*
- *Outdoor sport can resume for people who are 18 years of age and younger. This includes contact sport. You can play sport with the number of people required to play plus necessary coaches and umpires. Spectators are allowed if they are supervising children or supporting players with additional needs, while maintain gathering limits of less than ten people.*

At this stage, there has been no published clarification in regard to the maximum number of participants apart from what is outlined above. Should there be a restriction on the total numbers (such as previously being multiple groups of 20 permitted), we will advise of the requirements needed to comply.

We recommend that Clubs work closely with their neighbouring Clubs and Karting Victoria to plan out their schedule of events for between now and the end of the year, ensuring that the highest level of participation is achieved for the licence holders.

All Clubs are required to strictly adhere to your COVIDSafe Plan, Social Distancing and Record Management (COVID Declarations by all attendees). Spectators are ONLY permitted if they are supervising children or supporting participants with additional needs, while maintain gathering limits of less than ten people.

As has been the case since this pandemic first struck, we require all of our licence holders and members of the karting fraternity to be in strict accordance with the requirements of all Federal and State Government COVID-19 Orders and Directions.

To clarify a discussion point raised recently regarding personnel travelling through Melbourne, as opposed to **TRAVELLING TO OR VISITING** Melbourne, the Victorian Government has published the following Q&A on the Department of Health and Human Services website:

Can I travel through Melbourne if I'm in regional Victoria and want to visit family also in regional Victoria?

Yes, you can travel through Melbourne if it is for the purpose of visiting friends and family, holidaying, or other activities that are permitted in the Third Step.

You should not stop in Melbourne except to buy necessary goods and services, for care and compassionate reasons or permitted work. While in metropolitan Melbourne you must comply with the metropolitan Melbourne restrictions.

For the sake of clarity, the above means that if a person residing in regional Victoria can travel through Melbourne to attend a karting event but they are unable to stop in Melbourne.

The Karting Australia COVID Declaration has a specific question regarding personnel who reside in, or has visited, a COVID Restricted Area in the 14 days prior to an event and the requirement is that if they have visited metropolitan Melbourne then will need to receive medical clearance for COVID-19 prior to attending the event.

We hope that this alteration in restrictions for regional Victoria are a sign of things to come for metropolitan Melbourne in the coming weeks and the karting fraternity can start to get back to a 'new-normal' as soon as possible.

Updated COVIDSafe Guides

Recently, Karting Australia has updated the Operations Manual for COVIDSafe Events along with the Attendee Guide, both documents can be found at <https://www.karting.net.au/administration/covid-19-information>. Any password required is KACOV19!

The main details that have been updated in these documents refers to:

- Updated Pro Forma Supplementary Regulations that are to be used
- Circuit entry acknowledgement signs
- Updated COVID-19 Declaration Form
- Reasons why wearing an approved face mask is a responsible thing to do at a Karting Activity at this time

Best Regards and Stay Safe

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