

## COVID-19 VIRUS - MESSAGE TO MELBOURNE CLUBS 19 October 2020

Good Afternoon Everyone,

Following the Victorian Premier's announcement's yesterday, the Public Health Directions were published late last night.

In the simplest of terms, it means that Karting Circuits in Melbourne can re-open albeit it with a very small number of drivers.

The Key points from the Restricted Activity Directions (Restricted Areas) (No 13) that affect karting venues are:

- Only the minimum number of employees or agents of the person necessary to safely operate the facility are present at the facility to operate the facility
- A Maximum of 10 people in attendance per group, from no more than 2 ordinary places of residence
- You may have multiple groups, however, a distance of at least 100 metres between groups must be maintained at all times (which does represent a challenge but not insurmountable)
- No access is permitted to indoor facilities other than toilet facilities
- No food and drink facility to operate at the facility
- The Club complies with the record keeping requirement
- All attendees are to reside within 25km of the facility

The 100-metre distance between groups could be a challenging one to manage, but is possible (as below) at both the Go-Kart Club of Victoria and Oakleigh Go-Kart Racing Club, which will enable you to have up to three groups of two drivers/families back on track during each session. This could be achieved by marking out three areas in the pits and having a maximum of two drivers/families pit in each area and would need the Club Representative to ensure compliance.





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It does take a little bit of creative thinking and people working together, but at the same time, it means everyone can comply with the Government Directions. It would mean that each of the groups would need to remain in their designated area until the previous group is back in their area after their session.

No matter which way your Club decides to operate with the number of groups (*either one group only at a time or up to the three groups as shown above*), we'd recommend limiting each session to a maximum of two or three hours per attendee, that way you can have multiple groups of drivers on track throughout each day.

Karting Victoria and Karting Australia are working hard to ensure that everyone is able to get back on track as soon as possible, to ensure the correct permits are in place for your activities, please contact Pam Arnett who will be able to assist you with these.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

# Detailed below is the extract from the Restricted Activity Directions (Restricted Areas) (No 13) that refers to venues such as Kart Tracks.

#### Permitted operations — physical recreational facility used for outdoor sport or physical recreation

- (1A) A person who owns, controls or operates a physical recreational facility that is a facility used predominantly for outdoor sport or physical recreation in the Restricted Area may operate that facility for the purpose of outdoor sport or physical recreation if:
  - (a) only the minimum number of employees or agents of the person necessary to safely operate the facility are present at the facility to operate the facility; and
  - (b) its services are provided in an outdoor space; and
  - (C) members of the public are only permitted to participate in an outdoor sport or a physical recreation activity that is **non-contact**; and
  - (d) the number of members of the public to whom its services are provided is:
    - (i) not more than 10, from no more than 2 ordinary places of residence, in a group (with any infant under one year of age not counting in this limit); or
    - (ii) more than 10 in a group, if all persons have the same ordinary place of residence,

and not more than 10 members of the public in total at the facility at any one time, except where a distance of at least 100 metres between groups can be maintained at all times; and

Example: at a golf course, there may be multiple groups of 10 people (consisting of persons from no more than 2 ordinary places of residence), provided that there is a distance of at least 100 metres between all groups can be maintained at all times.

- (e) the space available is suitable to ensure members of the public are reasonably capable of maintaining a distance of 1.5 metres from each other; and
- (f) no access is permitted to indoor facilities other than toilet facilities; and

*Examples: a golf or tennis club may operate to permit outside golf or tennis, although change rooms, club rooms and indoor sitting areas are to remain closed, other than to provide access to toilet facilities.* 

(g) no equipment is made available by the facility for hire, or for communal or shared use; and

Example: an outdoor artificial rock climbing or bouldering wall is not permitted to be operated as the wall is for communal or shared use by more than one person.

- (h) the person does not permit a food and drink facility to operate at the facility; and
- (i) the person complies with the record keeping requirement.

Note: a person is not permitted to travel further than 25km from their premises to access a physical recreational facility for outdoor sport or physical recreation as a person is not permitted to travel further than 25km from their premises for exercise or to travel, as a permitted worker, further than 25km from their workplace for exercise, under clause 5(1AB) of the **Stay at Home Directions (Restricted Areas) (No 19)**.

#### 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 <u>https://www.karting.net.au/administration/covid-19-information</u>. Any password required is KACOVID19!

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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