



COVID-19 VIRUS - MESSAGE TO ALL CLUBS AND STATES STATE OF THE STATES 15 May 2020

Good Evening Everyone,

I want to thank all the Club Committee members/workers who joined in the four webinars that we conducted this week to further prepare for the recommencement of the sport.

As the country begins to emerge from restrictions, I want to outline to you the State of the States in relation to Karting as of today. The restrictions are beginning to ease at different times across the country.

The information in this advice is based on the current State Government Restrictions.

Not all Clubs can be open this weekend – for a variety of reasons, no matter how much they want to be. Each Club has different circumstances regarding the use of the facility and complying with the various requirements including State and Local Government compliance in this COVID-19 affected world. We have said repeatedly that Clubs need to make informed decisions about such matters, respecting Public Health Authority Directions and Karting Australia rules and Directions

Licence Holders should not just head to the track and expect to be able to use their kart. They need to check with their local Club to see if they are open.

As we have been stressing all week during the Webinars, it is imperative that Clubs communicate with their members to let them know where things are at. **A quick email or message to your members telling them that the Club is doing everything it needs to do to get up and running with a Stage 1 Social Karting Activity will not go astray.** It might be that your State or Local council restrictions have not eased sufficiently – if that is the case, tell them, they will understand.

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In large part, it has been a generally a good news week with several States and Territories starting to ease restrictions on gatherings of people. Four States are starting to get up and running this weekend – Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, and Northern Territory. Unfortunately, some Directions were released too late or with insufficient clarity on the *maximum permitted number* requirements for activities to be organised for this weekend.

The easing of lockdown, and mass gathering restrictions across most areas of the country is very welcome news.

STATE OF THE STATES – ROAD TO RECOVERY

New South Wales

The latest **Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order (No 2) 2020** was issued this morning.

The changes in relation to sport are minimal. The Order says in part:

“...this order makes changes –

*(b) to provide that, in general, persons may participate in gatherings of **not more than 10 persons** in public places (**rather than 2 persons**)”*

The Order does not provide any clarity around sport (unlike the Orders that have been made by a most other States.)

Karting Australia New South Wales are currently in regular communication with Sport NSW regarding the issues surrounding groups of 10 in a sport like karting that is conducted on a facility covering several hectares of land. KANSW is hopeful of receiving further advice following meetings that they have been advised are taking place today between the Office of Sport and other levels of the NSW Government.

The issues for which clarification is being sought affect many different outdoor sports and the advice given is to wait until a clear direction is given by the Government.

As a result, KANSW are not planning on their being any karting activity on their affiliated Club's tracks this weekend. Karting Australia fully endorses this position and we look forward to getting sufficient clarity as soon as possible.

Northern Territory

The **Road Map and FAQs** from the Northern Territory Government, states that from noon on 15 May 2020, Territorians can participate in non-contact sport and when gathering they must ensure a minimum of 1.5 metres between you and other people that aren't from your household and reduce the size of gatherings.

The Darwin Karting Association has an Organising Permit in place to co-ordinate a COVID-19 Stage 1 Social Karting Activity on Saturday May 16 2020.

Queensland

The latest **Non-Essential Business, Activity and Undertaking Closure Direction (No. 10)** was issued at 10:10pm on 14 May 2020.

Effective from 11:59pm on 15 May 2020, social sporting-based activities are:

"limited to 10 people, with no more than one person per 4 square metres and social distancing observed."

Under the additional requirements for social sporting-based activities it states:

"10 people includes all players, coaches, spectators and any other person that attends the sporting-based activity."

Several affiliated Clubs in Queensland have Organising Permits in place to co-ordinate COVID-19 Stage 1 Social Karting Activities for their members this weekend with restricted numbers complying with Government Restrictions.

South Australia

The **Emergency Management (Non-Essential Business and Other Activities No 4) (COVID-19) Direction 2020** was issued on at 10:50am on 15 April 2020. It remains in force.

It defines premises as including:

"motor sport facilities and other race tracks (including and form of horse or greyhound racing)".

It states:

"The conduct of motor sports or other forms of racing (including any form of horse or greyhound racing) is exempt from prohibiting access to consumers or members of the public providing:

- (i) no persons are present only as spectators*
- (ii) the total number of persons participating in the activity does not exceed 10 people; and*
- (iii) the density requirement (4sqm per person) is complied with."*

Clarification notes that have been released by the SA Police state:

"Restrictions have been put in place that includes having no spectators, and adherence to social distancing and density requirements. Officials, riders and support staff cannot gather in groups greater than 10, albeit there may be more than 10 officials, riders or support staff on site."

All affiliated Clubs in South Australia have Organising Permits in place to co-ordinate COVID-19 Stage 1 Social Karting Activities for their members this weekend with restricted numbers complying with Government Restrictions.

Tasmania

In **Tasmania's Roadmap to Recovery**, it states that from 18 May 2020,

“outdoor social sports are permitted where physical distancing can be maintained for groups of 10 people – this means no training or sport that involves physical contact with people who are not part of your household, such as touching, holding, tackling, bumping, wrestling, scrummaging. No spitting or clearing of respiratory secretions is permitted. However, for these physical ‘contact sports’, modified activities, such as skills only/non-contact training are permitted.”

Local Government recreational spaces and facilities will be re-opened by local councils as soon as possible from 18 May 2020.

Affiliated Clubs in Tasmania are beginning to gear up to be on track in limited numbers complying with Government Restrictions in the coming weeks.

Victoria

The latest **Restricted Activity Directions (No 7)** was issued on 11 May.

Its states that as of 11:59pm 12 May 2020:

“...a person who owns, controls or operates an outdoor facility that is used for outdoor sport and recreation may operate that facility for the purposes of outdoor sport and recreation, however must not permit the use of the indoor facilities, other than toilet facilities.

*Examples: a golf or tennis club may operate to permit outside golf or tennis although club rooms, indoor sitting areas, change facilities and showers are to remain closed. **These facilities can also permit multiple groups of up (to) 10 members of the public per facility.**”*

Several affiliated Clubs in Victoria have Organising Permits in place to co-ordinate COVID-19 Stage 1 Social Karting Activities for their members this weekend with restricted numbers complying with Government Restrictions.

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Western Australia

The most recent **COVID Safety Guidelines – Sport and Recreation – Phase 2, Version 1.0** was issued on 18 May 2020

It states:

“Outdoor venues may have up to 20 people per training zone at any one time. Each training zone should allow for 4sqm per person. Maintain social distancing where practicable during the training session.

*The spaces between gatherings and groups should ensure that there is suitable distancing to prevent one gathering encroaching on another gatherings area. **For example, an AFL football field may be large enough for three separate zones**, a rectangular field (eg rugby, soccer or hockey) may be large enough for two zones, whereas a netball or tennis court would only be large enough for one zone. Where there are multiple courts (eg multiple netball courts), we suggest you use every second court.”*

The example given indicate that a large site can have more than one group of 20 persons present so long as the 4 square meter area rule is applied.

Several affiliated Clubs in Western Australia are gearing up to be on track in restricted numbers complying with Government Restrictions next weekend.

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.

[Standard Proforma COVID-19 Supplementary Regulations can be downloaded here.](#)

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

KARTING AUSTRALIA DIRECTIONS - Effective 27 April 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 1 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.

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!**

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.

The requirement to rigorously respect and enforce these measures forms the basis of our whole of sport approach to getting going again as you will see in the "Restarting Karting – The Road Out Of Lockdown" and "Non-Racing Activities At Clubs That Require A Karting Australia Organising Permit" sections below.

To make compliance as simple as possible, we have developed Proforma COVID-19 Supplementary Regulations that MUST BE USED for all Karting Activities organised by a Club or State Association. They are available now and MUST BE USED FOR ALL ORGANISED KARTING ACTIVITIES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.