

COVID-19 VIRUS - MESSAGE TO ALL CLUBS AND STATES

STATE OF THE STATES

18 May 2020

Good Afternoon Everyone,

Just when I thought the change in information flow may slow down for a little while, we have some more exciting and refreshing news.

Late on Friday, the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) released version 2.0 of the “Rebooting Australian Sport Framework”. This document is the reference for all peak sporting bodies across the country and it now **specifically references that requirements that we have put in place with Karting Australia** as the reference point for the entire sport of Karting.

The inclusion of specific details relating to our sport is a direct result of the formal submission to the AIS and the State and Territory’s Chief Health Officers that we have made, along with the direct communication that our Chief Medical Officer Dr Brent May has had with the AIS and key Public Health Officials over the past two months.

This **recognition of Karting Australia by the AIS** as a stand-alone form of motorsport is a significant step and a great reflection of the work that we have been doing.

This morning we also received confirmation through the release of the Direction by the Tasmanian Government (Direction Under Section 16 – Gatherings No. 9) that **Tasmanian Clubs will be able to begin COVIDSafe Social Karting Activities from as soon as this week**. The updated confirmation can be found in the details below in the State of the States.

With some Clubs having re-opened, and some others still preparing and others still waiting on permission from other State or Local council authorities 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 COVID-19 Stage 1 Social Karting Activity will not go astray.**

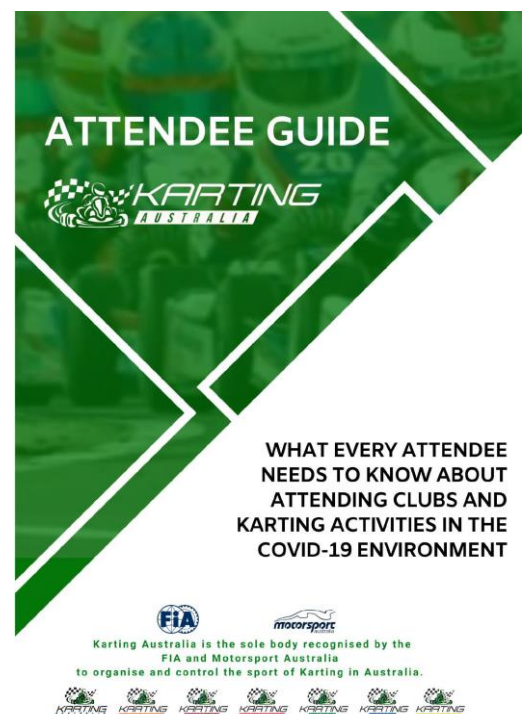
We have today released a Guide dedicated to **ATTENDEES** at Karting Activities so that they can ensure they are fully prepared for when they go back to the Circuit. Details on this will be emailed to all licence holders shortly. The Guide outlines what every Attendee needs to know about attending Clubs and Karting Activities in the COVID-19 environment.

To view the document, please click on the image to the right or visit <https://www.karting.net.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/ATTENDING-A-COVIDSafe-KARTING-EVENT-18-May-2020.pdf>

To the Clubs who returned to the circuit for the first time last weekend, congratulations! From the reports we’ve had all Attendees abided by the processes the Clubs put in place. It was rewarding to know that the wheels were once again spinning on our tracks in 4 States and territories.

We would like to receive feedback for use in next week’s Webinars as to how you went, what the reaction was like from your Members and other things that you are starting to discover as you start your Assessments in preparation for creating your COVIDSafe Action Plans.

We look forward to having more drivers back on tracks across the country this weekend.



Updated information is shown in GREEN type for Tasmania and NSW

Tasmania – UPADTE 17 May 2020

In **DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 16 (Gatherings – No. 9)** issued on May 17 2020, it states that, commencing on 18 May 2020 –

“(b) each person who provides a service specified in Schedule 2 in Tasmania must not provide the service except as specified in this direction and in accordance with that schedule; and”

Schedule 2

“5. Sports and fitness services

(1) The provision of boot camps, personal training and other sports or exercise services -

(a) unless -

(i) the services are being provided in an outdoor space; and

(ii) the total number of persons present in that outdoor space does not exceed the lesser of the following:

(A) 10 attendees;

(B) the total number of persons calculated for the space under paragraph

(h)(ii); or

(b) unless the services are lawfully provided remotely by electronic means.

(2) The provision of social sports activities, or other exercise or activity-based gatherings -

(a) unless -

(i) the services are provided in an outdoor space; and

(ii) the services are a Level B activity as specified within the Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 Environment, as published by the Australian Institute of Sport and in force on 15 May 2020; and

(iii) the services do not require access to premises that are closed in accordance with this direction; and

(iv) the total number of persons present does not exceed the lesser of the following:

(A) 10 attendees;

(B) the total number of persons calculated for the space under paragraph (h)(ii); and

(v) the services do not involve close contact, or direct contact, with another person; or

(b) unless the services are lawfully provided remotely by electronic means.”

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

New South Wales

The latest **Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order (No 2) 2020** was issued on Friday May 15 2020.

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.)

The only available information that appears to be available for NSW at the moment follows:

“Sport, pools and outdoor activities

Maintain physical distancing of 1.5 metres between people.

Activities permitted

Outdoor gatherings of up to 10 people.

Use of outdoor equipment in public places, with caution.

Swimming in outdoor pools where there are no more than 10 people allowed in the pool.

Learn more about having picnics, training outdoors and using exercise equipment.”

KANSW did not have any karting activity on their affiliated Club’s tracks last weekend. 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 hold a co-ordinated a COVID-19 Stage 1 Social Karting Activity on Saturday May 16 2020 and has another planned for Saturday May 30 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 had Organising Permits in place to co-ordinate COVID-19 Stage 1 Social Karting Activities for their members last weekend with restricted numbers complying with Government Restrictions. Further Clubs are expected to have the appropriate measures in place to have karts back on track this weekend.

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 had Organising Permits in place to co-ordinate COVID-19 Stage 1 Social Karting Activities for their members last weekend with restricted numbers complying with Government Restrictions. It is expected that Clubs will continue to host these Activities throughout the coming months.

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 had Organising Permits in place to co-ordinate COVID-19 Stage 1 Social Karting Activities for their members last weekend with restricted numbers complying with Government Restrictions. It is expected that additional Clubs will have Permits in place for this weekend.

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 this 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!**

DIRECTIONS BASED ON FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE IN FORCE AND MUST CONTINUE TO 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.