



COVID-19 VIRUS - MESSAGE TO ALL CLUBS AND STATES

26 June 2020

Good Afternoon Everyone,

Firstly, I want to **congratulate and thank** all our Clubs and Member States on staying the course on restarting our sport. It has been difficult and challenging for everyone, but we can all be proud of the fact that we all have:

- Followed the Rules laid down by our Governments (even when some other organisations don't appear to have done that) and our sport.
- Acted responsibly for the good of the entire community.
- Been prepared to get the sport going again in the safest approved way following our own roadmap and the roadmap laid down in your own State by the Government.
- Started to adapt to the 'new' world that is starting to emerge.

Unless something changes dramatically, we expect all states to have their Clubs back racing within the next two weeks. That will be a fabulous achievement and milestone that our Clubs and Member States should rightly be proud of.

Now is the time, when most of the restriction across the community are being eased that many people are starting to think (or hope) that the pandemic emergency is over and we can get back to doing what we used to do in the way that we used to do it. Unfortunately, that is not the case as we are seeing in Victoria.

The issue for everyone now is that none of us can afford to become complacent and we all must always continue to comply with the Rules that have been put in place to prevent and control the spread of the virus.

In today's advice we have put together some **FAQ's** that we are starting to hear and answer relatively frequently.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR ALL COMPETITION LEVELS FOR THE REST OF 2020

1. The sooner that we can all act normally and in accordance with the law and the rules, the better it will be.
2. If the Government requirements in your State Jurisdiction (or nationally) **do not allow** something to happen – then you must not do it.
3. If the Government requirements in your State Jurisdiction (or nationally) **do allow** something to happen – then there is no reason why you should not do it.
4. We all want our members to have their karts on our tracks – racing, practicing, doing social karting as often as they can.
5. We want to protect all members of the Karting Australia family, paying particular attention to those who are most vulnerable.
6. It all starts at the Clubs and progresses from there to Series and higher-level competition.
7. There is no reason (if the Government requirements allow it) why the originally scheduled Zonal, State Series, major State events (Cup and Trophy) and State Championship events should not be scheduled, run and won in the final four months of 2020. The key to successful events is in the planning and scheduling to ensure that there is not a flurry of major events that hamper Club level racing. If it is a Series across multiple events, then a reduction in the number of events that make up the Series should be considered.
8. If our customers want to participate in those higher-level events, then let's try to make them happen.
9. Under no circumstances should any Official feel that they are forced into officiating at any race meeting.
10. Apart from any major State events and a State Championship date, don't look more than 4-6 weeks ahead in the calendar.
11. We must be flexible and agile in response to what are likely to be changeable circumstances.

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	
Current Situation/Upcoming Changes	What it means for Karting Australia Clubs
<p>Now: Social Karting Only</p> <p>From Wednesday 1 July, the following activities will be allowed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community sports competitions can resume for all ages The number of people allowed in <u>indoor venues that can open</u> will be determined by the one person per 4 square metre rule, with no upper limit. 	<p>Karting Competition (Racing) can commence under approved Supplementary Regulations and Organising Permit provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
<p>https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules</p>	

NORTHERN TERRITORY	
Current Situation/Upcoming Changes	What it means for Karting Australia Clubs
<p>Now:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>No change to currently permitted activities and procedures</p>
<p>https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/roadmap-new-normal/business#/stage_3_5_june_2020</p>	

QUEENSLAND	
Current Situation/Upcoming Changes	What it means for Karting Australia Clubs
<p>Now:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gatherings of up to Groups of 20 people. Up to three Groups of 20 permitted in the premises 	
<p>From 10 July 2020 Stage 3 Restrictions focussed on returning to more normal operation are expected to apply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> gatherings of up to 100 people (includes all personnel on the premises) community sport (contact and non-contact) dining in (including canteens) competitions/events (up to 100 people) 	<p>The Government is yet to announce that Stage 3 will proceed as planned. We expect that an announcement in the coming days.</p> <p>Once clarity is provided by the Government, Karting Competition (Racing) will be able to re-commence under approved Supplementary Regulations and Organising Permit provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Club's COVIDSafe Action Plan has been satisfactorily completed and provided to the SKA
<p>https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/roadmap-to-easing-queenslands-restrictions/sport/restrictions#stage3</p>	

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Current Situation/Upcoming Changes	What it means for Karting Australia Clubs
<p>Now:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A maximum of 300 people may gather at a venue. Any separate room or area may have a maximum of 75 people (subject to the 1 person per 4 square metre rule). For contact tracing, all persons attending are required to provide their name and phone number or email address. The venue retains a record of those contact details and produces them at the request of an authorised officer. 	
<p>From 29 June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Density requirements will reduce to 1 person per 2 square metres. The Government is yet to provide further details. 	<p>Karting Competition (Racing) can commence under approved Supplementary Regulations and Organising Permit provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Club's COVIDSafe Action Plan has been satisfactorily completed and provided to the SKA;

<https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/restrictions-and-responsibilities/faqs>

TASMANIA

Current Situation/Upcoming Changes	What it means for Karting Australia Clubs
<p>Now: From June 27, Stage Three will be expanded to:</p> <p>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 <i>AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport</i>. This means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>Sporting facilities must continue to have a staff member or other authorised person on the premises while open.</p>	<p>Karting Competition (Racing) can commence under approved Supplementary Regulations and Organising Permit provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Club's COVIDSafe Action Plan has been satisfactorily completed and provided to the SKA;

<https://coronavirus.tas.gov.au/media-releases/further-covid-19-restrictions-to-ease>

VICTORIA

Current Situation/Upcoming Changes	What it means for Karting Australia Clubs
<p>Now: <i>“Community sport for kids and non-contact competition for adults can proceed as planned”</i></p> <p>https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/statement-from-the-premier-45/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groups are to be limited to a maximum of 20 Participants. Spectators not encouraged but should they be in attendance, they are not to gather in groups larger than 20. Multiple groups are permitted on the premises at the one time, provided there is 4sqm provided for each person. All Permitted Persons are required to complete the COVID-19 Declaration. Pit bays are to be separated by a minimum of two (2) metres. 	<p>Karting Competition (Racing) can commence under approved Supplementary Regulations and Organising Permit provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Club's COVIDSafe Action Plan has been satisfactorily completed and provided to the SKA;

- The COVID-19 Assessment Plan that has been submitted to Karting Victoria by each Club is always to be adhered to.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Current Situation/Upcoming Changes	What it means for Karting Australia Clubs
From Saturday June 27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	Karting Competition (Racing) can commence under approved Supplementary Regulations and Organising Permit provided that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Club's COVIDSafe Action Plan has been satisfactorily completed and provided to the SKA; • The Club has completed the WA Government Phase 4 Checklist and provided a copy to the SKA.

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

WHERE TO NOW?

We have, from the very beginning of COVID-19 pandemic taken the position that that:

1. Things in our karting world will be challenging for everyone for quite some time.
2. What we have come to know as the 'standard karting offering' to our licence holders will be different post COVID-19.
3. Now (the last 2 months and the immediate future) is the right time for assessment of what you are offering to your members – racing and social/practice karting activities and planning.

These are extraordinary times. Change is being forced upon the whole world. Change has been forced upon the Australian karting community as we have together had to navigate the unknown and the very changeable circumstances that have confronted us. It should not stop here just because Club competition is restarting.

The questions should be asked:

'What we have been doing - is that still the right way?

Or

Should we experiment and test some new things to see if we can offer something better as now is a good time to try something new.

We are embracing technology better than ever before. We have realised that short, sharp and shiny sessions do work. We are adapting and collectively we must take the view that change is nothing to be feared. Many people have started to realise that racing competition, while important, is not the be-all and end-all of karting. That organised social karting has a real place in our sport – long term as it is more likely than not, that it is the activity that will lead to people "falling in love with the sport again" – **Steve Pegg President Eastern Lions Kart Club**.

We ask our Clubs and Member States to question whether, just because Club karting activities have been done the way that they have for a long time – is it still the way that it should be done?

- What can be tried to make it better, easier, more enjoyable and better value?
- Why, when there are 18 approved race formats in each State's State Regulations do many Clubs just offer a single format of racing month after month?
- Does the State Karting Calendar work for or against maximising participation and enjoyment of our sport? Following is the link to the presentation that I gave on Reimagining The State Karting Calendar at the 2019 Building Better Kart Clubs Conference – if you haven't looked at it, please do so now. <http://www.buildingbetterkartclubs.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/07-BBKC-REIMAGINING-THE-STATE-CALENDAR-2019.pdf> If you prefer, watch the presentation video (Password: BBKC2019) <http://www.buildingbetterkartclubs.com.au/club-resources/2019-conference-documents-and-videos/>
- Where will Social Karting fit in – how often, how will you make it exciting, fulfilling, and welcoming, what should it cost?
- Should we experiment and test new things?

It is right and proper that all organisational levels of the sport ask and answer some or all these questions and make plans. We have been doing it for some time and have been promoting innovative assessment and planning at our conferences over the last few years. We have created an innovation working group and are looking for ideas – big and small.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What’s the situation of the Australian Kart Championship and Rotax Pro Tour?

Round Four of the 2020 SP Tools Australian Kart Championship, scheduled to be hosted by the Newcastle Kart Racing Club on July 31-August 2 has been postponed, as has the Rotax Pro Tour Rounds scheduled for July 18/19 and August 29/30.

At this stage, the re-scheduled dates are being worked through but are unable to be announced until the number of people that are permitted to gather at venues in several states is increased, and confirmation of indicative dates for the border restriction being relaxed from the respective Governments are confirmed.

We are aiming to conduct a minimum of three rounds of both the Australian Kart Championship and Rotax Pro Tour.

Current Border Restrictions (as at 3:00pm Friday June 26)

State	Opening Date/Details
NSW	No border restrictions
NT	14 day isolation for all entrants Expected to be re-opened on July 17
QLD	All non-residents entering are required to isolate for 14-days
SA	Currently open to selected States All people entering that have visited Victoria or NSW are be required to isolate for 14-days Scheduled to be re-opened with no isolation required on July 20
TAS	14 day isolation for all entrants Scheduled to be re-opened with no isolation required on July 24
VIC	No border restrictions
WA	14 day isolation required for all entrants Scheduled for Phase 6 of Road Map but no date set yet

What should Clubs and State Associations be working towards in terms of Events for the remainder of the Year?

It is recommended that Clubs work closely with the State Associations on the re-scheduling of events for the remainder of 2020 with a mindset of being flexible while providing the best possible scheduling for Clubs, Licence Holders and Industry.

The only limiting factor is the government restrictions in regards to sizes of events, if the government restrictions say that it can be done, it’s in line with the Karting Australia advice for the numbers at an event and it’s allowed by the rules, then there’s no reason to not to.

We recommend that each State Association works with its Clubs focusing no further out than the next 4-6 week (other than identifying a State Championship date) and then collaborating to communicate but being mindful that the situation remains very fluid.

Does all practice still need to be held under Supplementary Regulations?

For the foreseeable future, all practice at a Circuit needs to be covered by a set of Supplementary Regulations. The direction from many State Governments is also that sporting facilities must continue to have a staff member or other authorised person on the premises while open.

The Board last night approved a rule change to the Kart Fun Mandatory requirements that now allows a Grade 4 Official to run the on-track activities in Kart Fun (Social karting activities.)

The important this is that at an Organised Permitted activity, Karting Australia’s Personal Accident Insurance is in full effect.

Is the Travel Declaration still required?

Yes. The Travel Declaration is required to be completed by all Essential Personnel and Permitted Persons as outline in the Supplementary Regulations for an Activity or an Event.

Most Governments contact tracing logos or attendees to be maintained. This is the simplest way to collect that data and is in place to protect the Clubs and our people as a contact tracing measure should there be an outbreak.

COVID-19 COMPETITION KARTING RECOMMENCEMENT REQUIREMENTS

The progressive lifting of Restrictions across most States and Territories towards the recommencement of small-scale Club COMPETITION Karting (Stages 2 & 3) requires the following to be in place or in use by your Club before you are able to hold your first COVIDSafe Race Meeting:

1. You MUST have **completed your club facilities assessments** across all areas of the Club that will be in use in Competition – these have all been detailed in the “COVIDSafe Karting Events Operation Procedures Manual” and include: Race Control, Timing Room, Scrutineering and Scales Rooms, Stewards Rooms, Secretary’s Office, Canteen, Toilets, Showers and Washrooms, Pit and Paddock areas, Spectator areas including grandstands.
2. You MUST have **completed your COVIDSafe Club Action Plan** that details the control and prevention measures that you have identified as being necessary to implement.
 - This includes **being fully prepared to take all the actions identified in the Club Action Plan** prior to, during and after any competition Karting event (Race Meeting) that the Club intends to conduct.
 - If your State Government requires that your COVIDSafe Plan is submitted to them, and/or on display at your Club, you must have done that.
 - You MUST have **submitted your Karting Australia COVIDSafe Action Plan** to your State Secretary/Administrator.
 - This is to be submitted using the fillable PDF form attached to this email and that will continue to be available at <https://www.karting.net.au/administration/covid-19-information>
3. You MUST have appointed a person or persons to fill the role of your **COVIDSafe Officer**.
 - That person **MUST have successfully completed the COVIDSafe Karting Events course** that is now live on the Karting Australia Officials Academy powered by Rosche Paper.
 - If you want to complete the Course and are not currently enrolled in the Officials Academy, you should send an email to: officialsacademy@karting.net.au providing us with your: full name, residential or postal address, Club, email address and phone number so that you can be enrolled in the Academy.
 - Log in to the Academy to continue your karting officiating is available here <https://karting-australia-officiating.coursepath.com/login>
4. You MUST use the **COVID-19 Restricted Club Competition Supplementary Regulations** for all Club Race Meetings.
 - The current pro-forma Supplementary Regulations are available at <https://www.karting.net.au/administration/covid-19-information>
 - These are to be submitted to the State Secretary/Administrator as normal.
 - Entry for all Race Meetings must be made through CMS.
5. Your Supplementary Regulations for Competition karting must contain a link to the **Online Scrutineering Form** that MUST be completed and submitted to the nominated Club Official before the Race Meeting.

You should be familiar with the requirements in the **COVIDSafe Events Operations Manual** located <http://www.buildingbetterkartclubs.com.au/covidsafe-karting-events-operations-procedures/>

KARTING AUSTRALIA DIRECTIONS - Effective 29 May 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 it being permitted by the State Government Restrictions.

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.”

Organising Permits will be assessed on a Club by Club basis.

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**
- **Social (Physical) Distancing**
- **Food Preparation**
- **Sanitising**
- **Crowd Density Control**
- **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.