



COVID-19 VIRUS - MESSAGE TO ALL CLUBS AND STATES
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Good Afternoon,

Further to the advice yesterday, the Directions from the Government in regards to the current restrictions in Greater Melbourne and the Mitchell Shire have been published overnight – and there is some small amount of positive news for the three Karting Australia circuits located within the Restricted Areas.

To completely understand the restrictions, there are two Directions that need to be read together – the **Stay at Home Directions (Restricted Areas)** and **Restricted Activity Directions (Restricted Areas)**. You will find the links to the Directions on pages 2 and 3 of this advice.

In simple terms for the Eastern Lions Kart Club, Go-Kart Club of Victoria and Oakleigh Go-Kart Racing Club, it means that very limited COVIDSafe Social Karting Activities **CAN** be held provided that:

- An accredited Karting Australia Official is in attendance and a Bulletin issued by the Club nominating the Official in control of the Activity;
- There are no more than two (2) in a group unless all persons in the group have the same ordinary place of residence;
- There is not more than ten (10) people in total at the facility at one time;
- No indoor facilities are to be used, other than toilet facilities;
- All persons attending the Activity have pre-registered their attendance with the Club;
- All persons attending the Activity have completed a Karting Australia COVID-19 Declaration;
- The Club Facility is prepared as per the Karting Australia COVID-19 Operations Manual.

We have prepared new Pro-Forma Supplementary Regulations for these Restricted Activities at the Restricted Clubs. They will be provided separately to the three Restricted Clubs and to Karting Victoria.

The Restrictions are tight and there is the additional requirement that we have not seen before as follows:
“ A person may only leave their premises under subclause (1) where it does not involve unreasonable travel or travelling to a place for an unreasonable period of time.”

Please read the extracts from the Directions that are included on pages 2-4 carefully and make sure that if you intend to offer a service at a restricted area Club that you are complying fully with the law.

INFORM YOURSELF FULLY BEFORE YOU MAKE A DECISION TO PROCEED WITH AN ACTIVITY.

The Restricted Activity Directions (No 12) focuses on the activities permitted in the non-Restricted Areas.

There has been **NO** change to the previous advice provided in relation to karting activities as follows:

- Organised non-contact training and competition are allowed for all age groups where participants can stay 1.5 metres apart.
- Sporting clubs that operate a restaurant, café or canteen within its facility may reopen with take-away and limited dine-in arrangements, provided it strictly adheres to the restrictions on hospitality venues including up to 20 patrons per enclosed space and in groups of up to 10, subject to the four-square metre rule.
- Spectators for outdoor training and competitions must abide by gathering restrictions – spectators should be in groups of no more than 10 and spread out around the ground or venue.
- Groups are to be limited to a maximum of 20 Participants.
- Residents of and any person who has visited the Restricted Areas during the previous 14 days are not to attend your Circuit. That is now reflected on the COVID-19 Declaration.

“PART 2 — STAY AT HOME

1 Direction — stay at home other than in specified circumstances

Requirement to stay at home

- (1) A person who ordinarily resides in the Restricted Area during the **stay at home period** must not leave the premises where the person ordinarily resides, other than for one or more of the reasons specified in:
- (a) clause 6 (**necessary goods or services**);
 - (b) clause 7 (**care or other compassionate reasons**);
 - (c) clause 8 (**work or education**);
 - (d) clause 9 (**exercise or outdoor recreation**);
- (1A) A person may only leave their premises under subclause (1) where it **does not involve unreasonable travel or travelling to a place for an unreasonable period of time.**

Note: unreasonable travel would include travel within or outside the Restricted Area to obtain goods or services that can be obtained closer to home. An unreasonable period of time for the purposes of clause 6 or 9 includes an overnight stay.

9 Leaving premises for exercise or outdoor recreation

- (1) A person who ordinarily resides in the Restricted Area may leave the premises to exercise or to participate in outdoor recreation, but must:
- (a) only participate in a sport or physical recreation activity, or only exercise at a facility, that is not prohibited by the **Restricted Activity Directions (Restricted Areas)**, regardless of whether that activity or facility is within the Restricted Area or not; and
 - (b) comply with the restrictions on gatherings in clause 11; and
 - (c) take reasonable steps to maintain a distance of 1.5 metres from all other persons.

Note 1: the effect of clause 11 is that a person can only exercise or participate in outdoor recreation with people that live at the same premises; or alternatively, with one other person with whom they do not ordinarily reside.

Examples: outdoor recreation includes sitting in a park, hiking, boating, fishing, recreational driving.

Note 2: in accordance with clause 11(3)(b), if a person is a parent or guardian of a child, and the person cannot access any child-minding assistance (whether on a paid or voluntary basis) so that the parent or guardian can exercise with one other person with whom they do not ordinarily reside, then the child may accompany the person when exercising with that other person.”

6 Physical recreational facilities

- (1) A person who owns, controls or operates a **physical recreational facility** in a Restricted Area must not operate that facility during the restricted activity period.
- (2) A **physical recreational facility** means any of the following, whether operated on a for profit or not-for-profit basis:
 - (a) a facility used predominantly for indoor physical recreation or sport;
Examples: gymnasium, health club, fitness centre, yoga studio, barre and spin facility, indoor basketball court, indoor climbing facility, squash court, table tennis centre.
 - (b) a facility used predominantly for outdoor sport or physical recreation;
Examples: golf club, tennis club, basketball centre, go kart track, rifle range, equestrian centre, mini golf, paint ball, lawn bowling, outdoor swimming or water skiing.
 - (c) a **personal training facility**;
 - (d) a **play centre** or publicly accessible playground;
 - (e) a skatepark;
 - (f) outdoor communal gym equipment;
 - (g) a trampolining centre.

Permitted operations — outdoor activities

- (3) Despite subclause (1), a person who owns, controls or operates a facility under subclause (2)(b) (outdoor sport or physical recreation facility) or (2)(c) (personal training facility) in a Restricted Area may operate that facility if:
 - (a) its services are provided in an outdoor space; and
 - (b) the number of members of the public to whom its services are provided is:
 - (i) not more than 2 in any group; or
 - (ii) more than 2 in a group, if all persons have the same ordinary place of residence; and
 - (iii) not more than 10 in total at the facility at any one time, where a distance of at least 100 metres between groups cannot be maintained at all times; and
Example, at a golf course, there may be multiple groups of 2 people, so long as a distance of at least 100 metres between all other groups can be maintained at all times.
 - (c) 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
 - (d) the person complies with the records requirement; and
 - (e) no equipment is made available by the facility for hire, or for communal or shared use.
Note: community sport cannot take place in a Restricted Area, nor can people whose ordinary residence is in a Restricted Area participate in any community sport outside the Restricted Area.
- (4) Despite subclause (3), a person who owns, controls or operates a facility under subclause (2)(b) (outdoor sport or physical recreation facility) may operate that facility for the purposes of outdoor sport or physical recreation, however, must not permit 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.

The Non-Restricted Activity Directions (Non-Restricted Areas) – can be viewed here.

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/202007/Restricted%20Activity%20Directions%20No%2012%20%28signed%29%20%288%20July%29.pdf>