



## COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE – ALL CLUBS

### Effect on Victorian Competition

17 MARCH 2020

Please see below for important information from Karting Victoria regarding the latest response to the Coronavirus (**COVID-19**) crisis.

Circumstances continue to change daily and while we do not intend to overload you with information, we will provide you with updated information related to Karting as and when it is available and needed.

Our objectives are to ensure the health and safety of the Karting Victoria Community, while ensuring that the wheels keep spinning for our Clubs during this challenging period.

All the decisions outlined below have been made with primary consideration being given to the well-being and safety of all participants in our sport from volunteer officials, canteen staff, to competitors and their families, and spectators.

The Karting Victoria Executive has decided that no race meetings will be held in Victoria effective immediately until, June 1, 2020 - This date is subject to change pending the outcome of the crisis situation over the coming weeks. Because the situation with the Covid-19 crisis is fluid we are hopeful that it may be possible to run May Club Day events despite these events being within the moratorium period advised above. Notification of a decision on that will be provided in time for clubs to apply for the necessary permits if that is the decision reached.

**The upcoming Victorian Kart Championship, Metro Series, the next two rounds of the Victorian Country Series and the next round of the Golden Power Series have all been postponed.**

Karting Victoria will develop a revised calendar for the remainder of 2020 once the full extent of the affect the COVID-19 crisis is further understood.

**Karting Victoria is committed to running the Victorian Kart Championship on a suitable date later in the year.**

It is the intention, that if possible, all rounds of the Victorian Country Series and Golden Power Series are also completed. Achieving this in a shorter period of time will require some significant alteration of events throughout the State and we will aim to minimise as many inconveniences as possible.

The Karting Victoria Executive, at the request of Karting Australia, is urgently reviewing the potential to run Kart Fun Sessions during this moratorium period in order to allow participation in this great sport we all enjoy to keep rolling.

If this is possible, such sessions will only be allowed to be conducted under very strict guidelines, in order to keep safe the participants, volunteers and spectators.

If Kart Fun Sessions can be accommodated, the guidelines imposed MUST be followed to the letter.

Regardless of the type and size of the event, the operation of all Clubs and on-track activities must respect and apply the COVID-19 virus control measures advised by Karting Australia on 16 March 2020.

Club Members are still able to also complete private practice sessions throughout this time, unless otherwise advised.

These are decisions that have not been taken lightly, but we believe they are necessary to reduce exposure to the virus and to keep all of our Victorian Karting Community safe.

### **COVID-19 Updates**

We cannot stress enough that this is a fluid situation and it is highly likely that over the coming weeks and months there will be a reasonably significant number of communiqués from us, or Karting Australia, to the Karting Victoria Community.

Most, if not all of them, will come via email. Please make sure that your email program is set so that our emails come into your inbox and not your junk mail. I said earlier that we will only send the important messages.

**Please, if you get a COVID-19 email from Karting Victoria, take the time to read it as it will be important!**

### **Let's All Do Our Part**

We are currently facing a global health crisis and we require everyone to do their part and to not take unnecessary risks. If we all do our part, and don't take any shortcuts, then the chances of our sport, and indeed the whole community, riding out this crisis ought to increase significantly.

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