

# Return to Sport

MI Karting COVID-19 Procedures



**The COVID-19 pandemic will stand out in history as a world-changing event. In the course of the last few months, governments around the world have taken steps to collectively combat the spread of this disease changing the way of life we all knew.**

**As we move forward into the world of “new normal” we want to reassure you the MI Karting Commission are committed to our drivers, officials and spectators, that your health and welfare is our top priority. The following processes and procedures have been design with this in mind.**

**We ask that you keep in mind that we are also learning how to operate in this new normal and that you follow the driver/entrant/mechanic requirements of this document in order to help us get back on track and to stay there. Please visit [mikarting.org](http://mikarting.org) where we will post regular race updates.**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION ON COVID-19**

WHO resources for improving public understanding of the COVID-19 pandemic can be accessed via their website.

### **WHAT IS CORONAVIRUS & COVID-19?**

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses which may cause illness in animals or humans. In humans, several coronaviruses are known to cause respiratory infections ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). The most recently discovered coronavirus causes the coronavirus disease COVID-19.

### **HOW DOES COVID-19 SPREAD?**

People can catch COVID-19 from others who have the virus. The disease spreads primarily from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth, which are expelled when a person with COVID-19 coughs, sneezes, or speaks.

These droplets are relatively heavy, do not travel far, and quickly sink to the ground. People can catch COVID- 19 if they breathe in these droplets from a person infected with the virus. These droplets can land on objects and surfaces around the person such as tables, doorknobs and handrails. People can become infected by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose or mouth.

### **HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF?**

To protect yourself and others from coronavirus (COVID-19), as we return to racing proper hand washing, respiratory hygiene and social distancing are vital to ensure a safe and successful return.

You should:

- Keep a space of 2 meters (6.5 feet) between you and other people
- Wash your hands properly and often
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve when you cough and sneeze
- Put used tissues into a bin and wash your hands
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

- If you are experiencing any symptoms do not attend the event

## **PPE**

Personal protective equipment (PPE) is protective clothing, helmets, goggles, or other garments or equipment designed to protect the wearer's body from injury or infection. The hazards addressed by protective equipment include physical, electrical, heat, chemicals, biohazards, and airborne particulate matter. It also includes respiratory protective equipment (PPE), such as face masks or respirators.

## **MEDICAL FACE MASKS**

A medical face mask (also known as surgical or procedure mask) is a medical device covering the mouth, nose and chin ensuring a barrier that limits the transition of an infective agent between the wearer and the patient. They are used by healthcare workers to prevent large respiratory droplets and splashes from reaching the mouth and the nose of the wearer and help reduce and/or control at the source the spread of large respiratory droplets from the person wearing the face mask. Medical masks comply with requirements defined in European Standard EN 14683:2019+AC:2019.

## **NON-MEDICAL FACE MASKS**

Non-medical face masks (or 'community' masks) include various forms of self-made or commercial masks or face covers made of cloth, other textiles or other materials such as paper. They are not standardized and are not intended for use in healthcare settings or by healthcare professionals.

## **PADDOCK REGULATION**

It will be mandatory to wear a face mask in the entire technical area (Start-Servicing Park, Pre-Grid, Repair area, Finishing park and Technical rooms. This rule is also valid for the paddock area, but not mandatory for inside the team tents.

## **FOREIGN TRAVEL**

If you have recently returned from a location **not** on the governments green list, you must have completed the required 14-day quarantine before attending an event. Race entries received from competitors known to have been out of the country will be refused with no channel for dispute.

## **RACE ENTRY**

In order to make race entry, sign on and grid selections as smooth as possible it is essential drivers/entrants complete the following actions:

- Ensure all personal data is correct on the EVA system, the main details that tend to be incorrect or missing are:
  - Incomplete address - please ensure your full address is provided
  - Transponder details - please ensure you provide the correct transponder number, if you are hiring a transponder please type in HIRING
  - Next of kin details - please provide full name and address and a contact number for your next of kin
  - Team details - if applicable please provide details of your team and mechanic

- You will need to complete a pre-event COVID-19 questionnaire 48 hours before the event, a link to this questionnaire will be sent to you EVA registered email address and will be available on [mikarting.org](http://mikarting.org)

## **ARRIVAL AT THE CIRCUIT AND CONTROL OF PEOPLE**

Upon arriving at the circuit, no private cars may enter the paddock area, unless under special permission. All vehicles will be checked on entry to the track for head count of people to ensure we have their medical declaration. If an unauthorized person is found in a vehicle the vehicle and all its occupants will be denied entry.

Only one entrance will be made available to the paddock area. At this entrance, everyone entering the paddock must complete a form each day which can be downloaded from the MI Karting website and filled out in advance ([mikarting.org](http://mikarting.org)).

Everyone's temperature will be checked electronically upon arrival, anyone with a temperature over 38 degrees Celsius will be double-checked by a member of staff at a second testing station.

Should the second test also be above 38 degrees Celsius, the individual will not be allowed to enter the paddock, and should seek medical advice immediately for further testing.

## **SIGNING ON**

Signing on will continue to be done at the sign on office. Shields/Face mask must be worn, and race secretaries must wear PPE.

- Perspex shield
- Gap to pass documents

## **BRIEFING**

As any form of gathering is prohibited, the briefing will be prepared in the following way:

- A video or written briefing notes will be prepared together with the COC
- The video will be uploaded to the web platform as a private video that can only be seen via the private link
- All drivers will receive an email, in addition to a paper during the signing on (should also be stated in the timetable)

Teams will receive a copy of the briefing and are advised to ensure all their drivers have watched and understood the briefing.

## **SIGNBOARDS AND WARNINGS**

Minimum 2 meters distance, wash hands frequently, no contact such as hugging, greet without touching, no social gatherings, one mechanic per driver only.

## **CLEANLINESS AT THE COMPETITION**

During the Competition, the local organizer should ensure the following:

1. There are hand sanitizing stations set up throughout the venue
2. The toilets and other facilities should be cleaned every hour
3. Any areas such as seating areas should be cleaned regularly

### **TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES**

The teams will be obliged to fill out a form to provide MI KARTING a detailed list of all team members and groups. The number of team members should be reduced to the absolute minimum.

Groups – A group of people that have unavoidable close contact, such as team members who share rooms and travel together in team vehicles. These groups should avoid socializing with members of other groups.

In the team tents, the entrant will be responsible for ensuring social distancing and team behavior is maintained. Any member or team not following the guidelines will be asked to leave the competition without warning.

### **CATERING AND HOSPITALITY**

All forms of corporate hospitality units with external guests will be prohibited from the paddock. Team catering services are permitted provided that they follow the rules below:

- Tables can have no more than 4 chairs
- Tables must be separated by a minimum of 1.5 meters
- Food serving in buffet style is prohibited (Takeaway would be best recommended)
- Seated catering units are for staff and team members only
- Cleaning of tables must be done after diners leave each table

### **PADDOCK PROTOCOL**

- Only personnel involved in the racing or execution of the competition may be present. (All drivers may have parental guardianship present)
- PPE (face masks/shields) must be worn at all times in the paddock area (apart from inside team tents)
- The paddock must have hand sanitizing stations installed around the paddock (a minimum of 1 per 100 people)
- No public / spectators may enter the venue
- Social distancing of at least 2 meters must be respected at all times.

### **SCRUTINEERING**

The mechanic with his equipment ( kart and two engines) will only be allowed to enter the Technical Area for scrutineering if he/she can present a Mechanics card. PPE is mandatory.

If it is deemed necessary, scrutineering groups can be called out to reduce the amount of people in scrutineering.

The driver with his/her suit and helmet must accompany the mechanic while maintaining a minimum distance of 2 meters. If no helmet or suit is present the driver cannot enter.

The queuing system for scrutineering will be single file, and the mechanic must respect the lines marked on the ground.

- Station 1: Suit and helmet will be checked by the scrutineers at a separate station. After that, the driver has to leave.
- Station 2: Registration and check of chassis and engines will take place. During this, the mechanic needs to step away from the scrutineer.
- Station 3: Tyres will be registered.

## **TECHNICAL AREA GUIDELINES**

During the entire competition

- At the entry gate to the Start-Servicing Park, a cue should be laid out with markings on the ground to provide 2 meters distancing between karts and people attempting to enter
- During the whole competition, only one mechanic with one driver is allowed to enter the Technical area
- When entering the Pre Grid area, PPE remains obligatory at all times when either present or working in the Technical Area
- Low fencing or lines painted on the ground could display different areas
- Upon entering the Pre Grid area the same rules as prior to the COVID-19 pandemic apply. The driver's and mechanic's passes and their PPE will be checked. If one or both is not in compliance, entry will be refused
- All personnel at the gates MUST wear PPE, hand sanitizing stations will be set up at the entry and exit of the Technical Area
- Areas will be displayed where mechanics, together with their kart and driver must remain
- The driver must respect the social distancing rules with regard to his/her mechanic and other drivers

During Free Practice and Warm up

- At the entrance gate of the Start-Servicing Park, the passes and PPE of each mechanic and driver will be checked
- Chassis and engines will be scanned at a second station. Mechanics and drivers need to step back during the scanning
- The entry to Pre-Grid is open all the time. An attending mechanic from another driver might help with placing the kart on the ground in the Pre-Grid
- The mechanics and drivers need to ensure social distancing. Officials will control this; if mechanic refuses to follow the order of the official, he will be asked to leave the premises immediately
- Repairs and adjustments in the Repair area are possible, but by the responsible mechanic only. An attending mechanic from another driver might help with placing the karts on the ground. Social distancing has to be respected by the mechanics at all times
- At the end of the session, the mechanic and the driver have to leave the Technical Area right away while observing social distancing through the Finishing Park

During Qualifying Practice, Heats and Finals

- At the entry gate of the Start-Servicing Park, the passes will be checked and PPE of mechanics and drivers
- Tyres may be checked with the Mini Rae at a second station. Mechanics and drivers need to

stand back during the scanning

- Entering the Pre-Grid, except at Qualifying Practice, 5 minutes before the gate closing time of the Pre- Grid, the Pre-Grid official will call the mechanics to enter with one kart. At this point, he will call through each driver (depending on their position on the grid) and the mechanics need to enter to ensure a proper and correctly organised setup of the Pre-Grid with respect to the social distancing
- If a mechanic/driver is reluctant to follow the call immediately, the driver will be not allowed to start in the race concerned, and will have to leave the area
- Karts must be placed on the ground. If necessary, a mechanic from another driver may help. Trolleys must be taken immediately to the trolley park and drivers must sit in their karts
- Once the karts have been started, the mechanics must go to the mechanic standing area. No smoking is permitted (this includes electronic cigarettes) and a distance of at least 2 meters must be maintained between mechanics
- After the Qualifying Practice, the Heats or the Final are finished, drivers will come back to the Finishing Park in front of the official scales. The driver needs to stay seated until an Official allows him/her to get out of the kart. He needs to push the kart immediately towards and onto the scales. If he wishes to remove his helmet, a face mask is mandatory. The driver must provide the face mask
- After going over the scales and collecting up the kart with the mechanic, the driver needs to leave immediately

#### Technical checks after Qualifying Practice, Heats and Finals

- The karts selected for Technical Checks will be placed in the Parc Fermé with one mechanic only
- Upon the demand of the scrutineers the mechanic disassembles the part requested to check and takes it into the scrutineering room
- During this check, the mechanic must respect the social distancing rule with regard to the scrutineer
- In the scrutineering room, distance must be kept between the tables where technical checks are made

### **ON TRACK**

#### Flag marshals

- Each flag marshal must ensure he keeps as much distance as possible from his colleague at the post. After each day of racing or change of flag marshal, all equipment must be sanitized. This includes radios and headsets, electronic marshal controls and flags
- All marshals are advised to wear PPE at all times

#### Kart collection

- Should a kart require collection at the track, the same procedure will be used as in the past. At the marshal briefing it will be advised to ensure as much social distancing as possible and no contact such as hand shaking should take place

#### In the case of an accident

- In the case of an accident where a driver requires medical attention, the standard procedure will take place. Marshals are asked to keep their distance and allow the trained

medical staff to carry out any work needed

### **MEDIA PERSONNEL**

- All media must ensure they have permission to attend the race from MI Karting prior to the Competition
- When photographers / videographers are collecting content, they must maintain a distance of 2 meters between one another. Anyone not following this rule will be asked to leave immediately

### **PODIUM, PRESS CONFERENCE AND INTERVIEWS**

Prize giving and podiums will be laid out to maintain social distance.