

ONE KARTING

The case for a new governance model for Australian Karting.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



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ONE KARTING GOVERNANCE REFORM – Questions and Answers (Q & As)

This document provides clear and comprehensive answers to questions that Clubs Member States and stakeholders may have about the proposed One Karting Governance Model. It is intended to support Clubs, Member States, and stakeholders in understanding the purpose, benefits, and structure of the transition.

The Two Big Questions

- 1. Why are we still operating under a 100-year-old Federated Model of running sport?**
 - 2. Why wouldn't we come together and build a stronger, smarter model for the future of karting?**
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A. ABOUT ONE KARTING

What is the One Karting model?

One Karting is a unified governance model that streamlines the management of karting nationally. It replaces the federated structure with a single system that centralises core functions while preserving local delivery and representation.

Why is this change being proposed now?

The current structure causes duplication, inefficiency, inconsistent service, and barriers to growth. With pressure on volunteers and rising expectations from participants, now is the right time to evolve.

Is this model proven?

Yes. A number of major sports - such as Golf, Cycling, Triathlon, Sailing, Swimming, and Netball - have already transitioned to unified governance models, reporting significant improvements in service delivery, strategic alignment, funding access, and participant growth. Motorcycling Australia is currently at a similar stage of governance reform as Karting Australia, progressing along the same path toward a more integrated and modern structure.

Who is leading this change?

The Board of Karting Australia is leading the change to build a stronger future for our sport. We have discussed the initial concepts and these documents with the Executive Commission – the State Presidents. We have obtained expert guidance from the Australian Sports Commission and sports like Sailing, Cycling, Swimming and Motorcycling Australia, we're adopting proven, modern governance standards.

We're now ready to share the One Karting concept - and to work with our Clubs, drivers, volunteers, officials, and industry partners to shape a better, long term future of karting together.

What's wrong with the current Federated Structure?

It's outdated, inconsistent, and creates inefficiencies. It relies heavily on volunteers, slows decision-making, and limits cohesion, innovation, and commercial opportunities in the sport. In short, its old and outdated.

B. WHAT ONE KARTING WILL MEAN FOR YOUR CLUB

Your Club - Stronger Than Ever

Under One Karting, Clubs remain the heartbeat of our sport - where racing starts, friendships grow, and karting culture thrives.

The model is built to make Club life simpler, better supported, and more connected nationwide. Well-run Clubs will become stronger than ever.

What happens to Clubs under One Karting?

Clubs stay at the centre of Australian karting - but with more strength, support, and opportunity.

They'll benefit from:

- Streamlined systems that cut admin time;
- Direct access to national resources and expertise;
- Consistent services and support across Australia;
- A strong voice through the Executive Commission.

One Karting puts Clubs in a stronger position than ever as the driving force of the sport.

Will this affect the identity of my Club?

Not at all. Every Club's name, history, and local spirit remain untouched. One Karting strengthens individuality - it doesn't erase it.

Your Club stays your Club: the same committee, members, and constitution - but now with national-level support from Karting Australia's new Club and Officials Services Delivery Unit.

How will One Karting reduce red tape for Clubs?

By uniting fragmented systems under one streamlined national framework.

That means:

- Centralised management of licensing, permits, even preparation and reporting;
- Less duplication and confusion;
- More time for volunteers to focus on racing, members, and growth.

How will this help Clubs attract and retain members?

One Karting gives Clubs the tools to grow and thrive.

They'll gain:

- Consistent member services and communication;
- National marketing and promotional campaigns;
- Training, programs, and resources that make participation easier and more rewarding.

With stronger national backing and less paperwork, Clubs can focus on what matters - attracting new karters, keeping them engaged, and building lifelong members.

Will Club autonomy be retained?

Yes - exactly as it is now. Clubs remain self-governing, running their own operations and making their own decision decisions.

One Karting enhances autonomy by simplifying the systems around Clubs and providing professional national support when needed.

What role will Clubs play in the success of One Karting?

A leading one. Clubs will always be the foundation of the sport. Under One Karting, they will:

- Elect State Executive Commissioners;
- Help shape the sport's future direction;
- Represent karting locally – but with national support;
- Deliver grassroots karting with stronger resources and simpler compliance.

Together, we'll build a united sport that's easier for Clubs and better for every member, official, and volunteer.

Your Club will be the greatest beneficiary from One Karting

One Karting isn't about taking control - it's about empowering Clubs.

It delivers simplicity, consistency, and real support so Clubs can do what they do best - bring people together and keep karting thriving. Experience from other sports like Sailing shows that **Clubs quickly become the biggest winners under this model.**

C. STATE ASSOCIATIONS

Will State Associations still have a role?

Yes. State bodies remain vital to karting's leadership and success. Their focus will shift from daily administration to strategic leadership - supporting Clubs, growing participation and representing their State or Territory in national planning.

What is the difference between strategic and operational roles?

Strategic roles set direction, drive growth, and shape the future. Operational roles handle the daily administration of the sport - things like licences, event permits, and compliance.

Under One Karting, State Associations will:

- Lead the development of karting in their region;
- Support Clubs to grow participation and sustainability;
- Identify emerging opportunities and risks;
- Contribute to national planning and policy;
- Build partnerships with government, sponsors, and community stakeholders;
- Represent the interests of their Clubs at the national level.

Operational functions will be delivered nationally to ensure consistency, efficiency, and compliance - allowing State Associations to focus their energy on leadership, growth, and advocacy.

What happens to staff currently working for State Associations?

Experienced staff are valued. Where appropriate, they will transition into national roles - keeping local knowledge, ensuring continuity, and strengthening support for Clubs and Members.

D. GOVERNANCE AND REPRESENTATION

What is the Executive Commission?

The Executive Commission - made up of State Presidents or Commissioners elected by Clubs - connects the States with KA. Under One Karting, it will have greater influence in guiding national priorities, promoting collaboration, and ensuring State and Club voices are heard.

How will State Executive Commissioners be appointed?

They will continue to be elected by affiliated Clubs in each State or Territory - maintaining direct, democratic representation and keeping Clubs central to decision making.

What happens to the funds currently held by State Associations?

State Associations will retain their funds while incorporated. If an Association later chooses to unincorporate as other sports have done, its funds will be managed in line with its Constitution and the laws of that State. In that case, Clubs become direct KA Members, a Regional Advisory Committee is formed, any funds to Karting Australia are recorded and used transparently solely for the benefit of that State's Clubs.

How will transparency and accountability be maintained?

Through audited financials, open reporting, performance measures, and structured Club and State representation. One Karting provides a clear national framework that ensures trust, consistency, and accountability.

How do we know this won't just become a bureaucracy?

It won't. One Karting is built to simplify, not complicate. It removes duplication, defines clear responsibilities, and directs every resource toward what matters most - supporting Clubs, growing participation, and delivering value across the sport.

E. VOLUNTEERS AND OFFICIALS

How will Race Officials and volunteers be affected?

Club volunteers and Race Officials will benefit from direct partnerships that encourage collaboration, role clarity, and reduce paperwork, while providing support to strengthen retention and attract new members. One Karting is designed to make volunteering more attractive and more rewarding.

How will One Karting improve Officials training and support?

Training will be nationally coordinated, consistently delivered, and will become more accessible. Pathways will be clearer, and support will be better resourced. A **Club and Officials Services Delivery Unit** will be established to provide guidance and support locally with national support.

What does the future hold for senior Volunteer State Officials?

Key senior Officials including State Circuit Inspectors, Officials Coordinators, Technical Officers, Training Officers will continue to be integral 'Officers' and 'Advisors' in the One Karting Structure. It is envisaged they will be an integral part of the Club and Officials Services Unit supported by Support Officers, Development and Training personnel.

Does One Karting increase or reduce compliance obligations?

One Karting will make meeting a Club's compliance obligations simpler to achieve through the support and training provided from the national body.

Clubs remain the 'coal face' of the sport and must meet their obligations under our rules and the law. Providing Clubs follow the rules and the laws and appropriately manage their risk, compliance will become easier to achieve because of the assistance, training and support provided by the national body through One Karting.

F. PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND SERVICE DELIVERY

Will the rules change?

No. KA keeps the Rules. One Karting further enhances the "One Sport – One Rule Book" principles with consistent interpretation and enforcement nationwide.

Will event delivery still happen at the local level?

Yes. Clubs keep running events - now with better tools, training, and a coordinated calendar for smoother, more consistent delivery.

What will the One Karting Management and Operational program look like?

A central '**Club and Officials Services Delivery Unit**' with **Service Officers** working directly with Clubs and Officials to understand needs, give hands-on support, and lift capability everywhere.

Will event quality or local support be reduced?

The opposite. Centralised training, shared systems, and quality assurance raise standards, cut inconsistencies, and improve the experience for competitors, officials, and volunteers.

What will happen to successful State-specific programs or partnerships?

They continue, and scale. Proven State initiatives are expanded and shared nationally so more Clubs benefit.

What will happen to State Regulations?

They remain and reflect regional needs. One Karting aligns them with national standards and systems for clearer, fairer, easier delivery.

G. COMMERCIAL, COMMUNICATION AND GROWTH

How will this help attract more members and commercial partners?

One Karting enables a unified brand and message, making karting more appealing to potential commercial partners and delivering a better experience to participants.

Will Clubs lose their voice under One Karting?

No. Clubs will have a stronger voice through the direct relationship with KA.

How will transparency around finances be maintained?

Through consolidated national accounts, independent audits, and published financial reports to all stakeholders. As a Company Limited by Guarantee, KA is required to report annually to ASIC in accordance with the Corporations Act. Our Annual Reports and financial statements for every year since 2015 are available on our website and will continue to do so under One Karting.

H. TRANSITION PROCESS

How long will the transition take?

It is estimated the full transition will take 12–18 months through a multi stage process – from consultation to implementation but the simple steps which will make the greatest impact and create the most benefits can be implemented in a much shorter time frame.

Will Karting Australia staff be able to manage this?

Yes. The model includes additional staff resourcing, and a scalable national team built to support, train and service Clubs and States across the country.

What is the ultimate goal of One Karting?

To build a stronger truly resilient sport – one that is future-focused, and better equipped to support Clubs and participants, retain and attract members, and lead karting through the next 50 years.

I. REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

What is a Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)?

A Regional Advisory Committee is an advisory body that represents the clubs in a state or region. It's created if a State Association chooses to unincorporate. The RAC connects local clubs directly with Karting Australia so regional voices help shape national decisions.

What does a RAC do?

The RAC gives Karting Australia local insight, feedback and ideas. It supports national strategy, champions club interests, and strengthens advocacy for the sport - without managing day-to-day operations.

What are the main duties of a RAC?

- Represent and communicate the views of local clubs;
- Nominate a delegate for Executive Commission meetings;
- Support national strategy at the local level;
- Provide regional insight on key issues;
- Promote and advocate for karting.

How is a RAC formed?

A RAC is created only when a State Association becomes unincorporated. Club members nominate eligible candidates, and elections are held if there are more nominees than spots. Vacancies can be filled by appointment to bring in extra skills or experience.

How many members are on a RAC?

That is a decision that would be made at some time in the future as the One Karting model is further developed. Typically, a RAC would have between three (3) and five (5) members.

Who can be nominated to a RAC?

Nominees would need to be financial club members from within the region. Club employees generally can't stand. Members serve fixed terms and can re-nominate within set limits.

Will the RAC have a formal charter?

Yes. Every RAC will operate under a formal charter approved by Karting Australia that sets out its purpose, structure, and responsibilities - keeping it consistent, transparent, and accountable.

How often would a RAC meet?

At least three or four times a year - more if needed.

How does the RAC connect with Karting Australia?

Each RAC would appoint a delegate - usually the Chair - to attend national forums like the Executive Commission, the AGM, and other key meetings. Karting Australia staff may also join RAC meetings to strengthen teamwork and two-way communication

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