



COVID-19 COMPETITION GUIDELINES

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1. INTRODUCTION

The objective of this is to provide Guidelines that act as a reference for relevant information and facilitate a consistent, workable approach for motor sport competitions in a COVID-19 operating environment.

These Guidelines aim to achieve the following objectives:

- Help ensure that a motor sport mass gathering competition can be planned and executed in line with relevant best practice and in accordance with national public health guidance and regulations;
- Provide relevant health guidance for all key stakeholders of a motor sport mass gathering competition;
- Provide a robust framework for the detection, isolation and management of a positive COVID-19 infected person or persons during a mass gathering motor sport Competition; and
- Identify and share best practice for competition management in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring collaboration and exchange with all motor sport stakeholders as well as other sporting authorities.

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.

2. 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 (RPE), 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 standardised and are not intended for use in healthcare settings or by healthcare professionals.

PADDOCK REGULATIONS

It will be mandatory to wear a face mask (Face shields do not count as face masks) in the entire technical area (Start-Servicing Park, Pre-Grid, Repair area, Finishing park and Technical rooms, such as the tyre storage room). This rule is also valid for the paddock area, but not mandatory for inside the team tents.



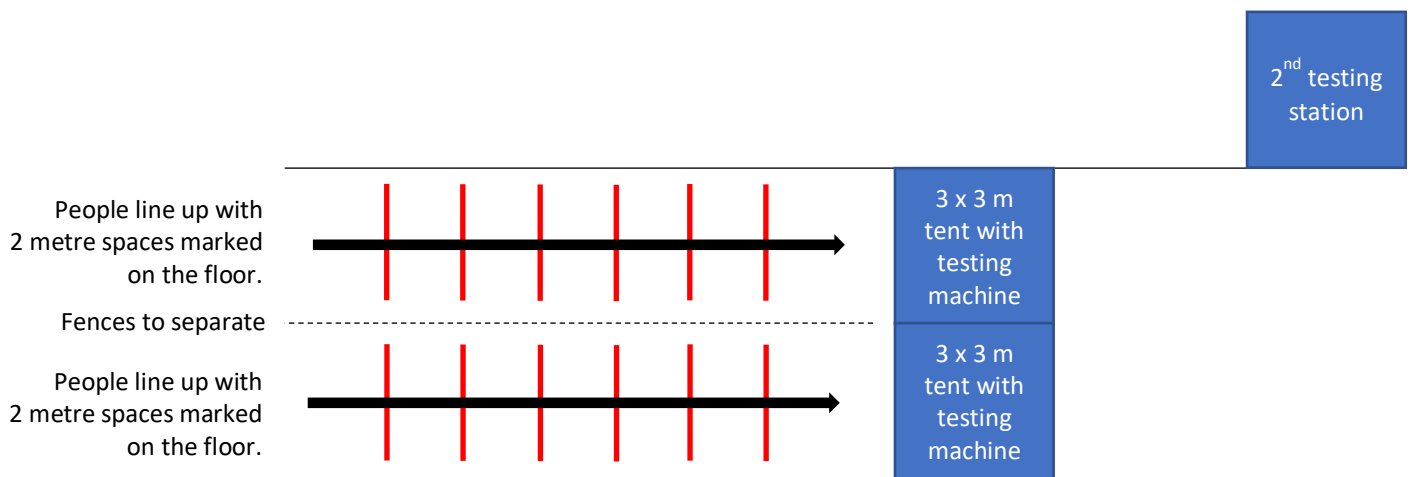
3. ARRIVAL AT THE CIRCUIT AND CONTROL OF PEOPLE

Upon arriving at the circuit, no private cars may enter the paddock area, unless under special permission.

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 official event website and filled out in advance.

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.



4. SIGNING ON

Signing on will continue to be done at the Race office. Shields must be attached, and race secretaries must wear PPE.

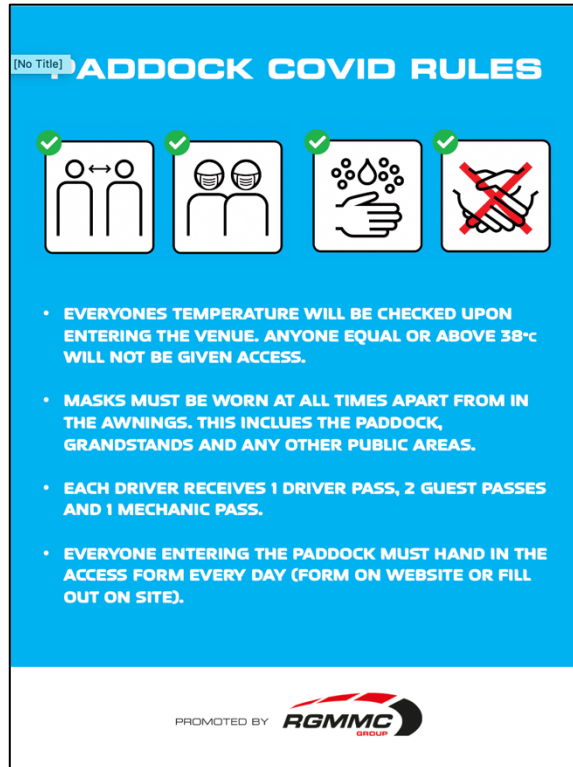
5. BRIEFING

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

- A video will be prepared together with the race director
- 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)
- A WhatsApp number will be provided for any drivers who wish to ask any questions to the race director about anything to do with the briefing
- Teams will receive a copy of the briefing and be advised to ensure all their drivers have watched and understood the briefing.

6. SIGNBOARDS AND WARNINGS

Minimum 1.5 metre distance, wash hands frequently, no contact such as hugging, greet without touching, no social gatherings, one mechanic per driver only.



7. CLEANLINESS AT THE COMPETITION

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

1. There are hand sanitising 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

8. TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

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

The same goes for engine tuners and carburettor specialists.

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 socialising with members of other groups.

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

9. 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 metres
- 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

10. 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) must be worn at all times in the paddock area (apart from inside team tents)
- The paddock must have hand sanitising stations installed around the paddock (a minimum of 1 per 100 people)
- No public / spectators may enter the venue
- Social distancing of at least 1.5 metres must be respected at all times.

11. SCRUTINEERING

- The mechanic with his equipment (two karts and two engines) will only be allowed to enter the Technical Area for scrutineering if he/she can present a completely filled out Technical Passport. 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 1.5 metres. 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 in double file. During this, the mechanic needs to step away from the scrutineer.
- Station 3: Chassis and engines will get FIA bar code stickers on.
- All scrutineering stations shall have doubled-up tables to create additional distancing between people.

12. TECHNICAL AREA GUIDELINES

During the whole Competition

- At the entry gate to the Start-Servicing Park, a cue should be laid out with markings on the ground to provide 1.5 metre 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 Start-Servicing Park, 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 Start-Servicing Park 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 sanitising 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.

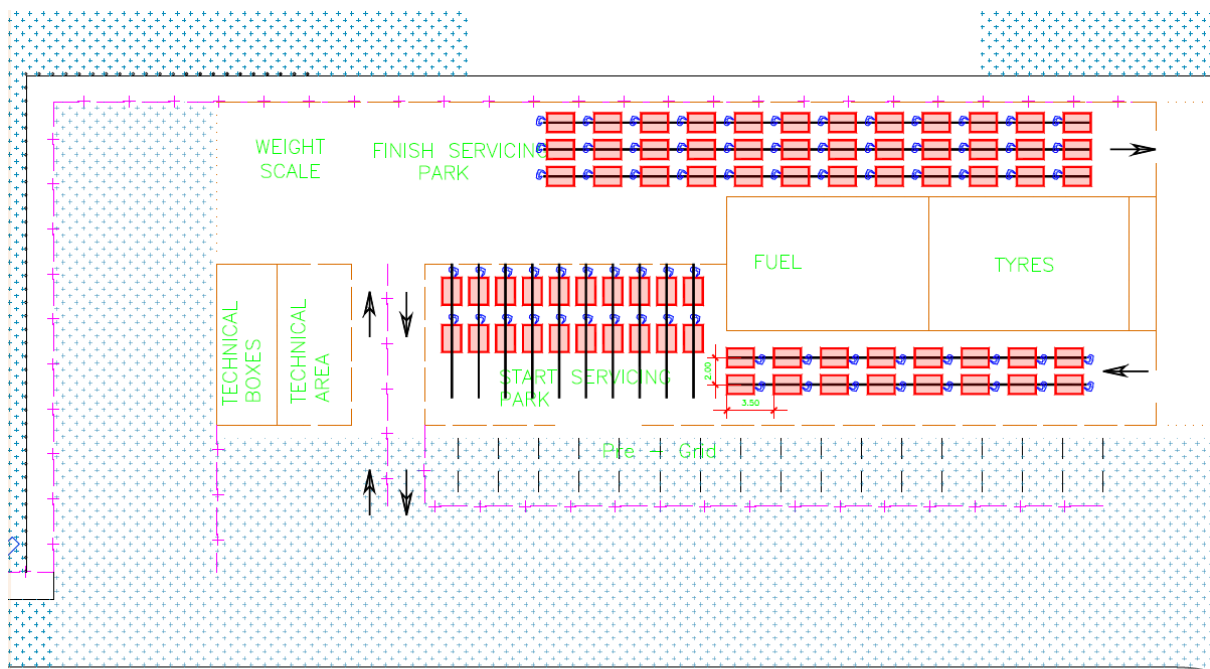
During Free Practice and Warm up

- 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.
- If a second chassis is used, this needs to be placed in the Repair Area and not in the Start-Servicing-Park. After the session finishes, the kart needs to be taken away immediately.
- 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 will be checked with the MiniRae at a second station. Mechanics and drivers need to stand back during the scanning.
- The second chassis will be placed by the driver at the designated places if necessary.
- 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. During this procedure, the rear axle width will be measured at the gate.
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 might help. Trolleys must be taken immediately to the trolley parking 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 1.5 metres 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. If a second chassis is placed in the Start-Servicing Park, this needs to be taken along by the driver.
- Scanning of equipment will be done afterwards by the mechanic only.
- During the Heats, the mechanic needs to stay behind the kart, not working, on one of the marked lines until the official Protest Time is over.
After the Final, the mechanic needs to leave the area and the kart, until they are allowed back in (Protest Time for the Final is longer than for the Heats).



*Example of karts in the holding position is the parc ferme area in Zuera Spain.

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.
- Engine tuners will be allowed into the Technical Area only upon the demand of the scrutineers. PPE is mandatory.
- In the scrutineering room, distance must be kept between the tables where technical checks are made.

13. TYRES AND FUEL HAND OUT

Distribution of Tyres (Free Practice) and Fuel

- At the suppliers trucks a line must be marked out to ensure people waiting for tyres maintain a distance of at least 1.5 metres.
- All staff of the supplier and mechanics/drivers picking up the material must wear PPE when handing out/picking up the products.
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Distribution of Tyres (Qualifying Practice – Final)

- The distribution of tyres will take place in the Technical Area. The entrance will be clearly marked. After that the mechanic/driver with the tyres will leave through the guided exit. PPE is mandatory.
- All stations for tyre distribution shall have doubled-up tables to create additional distancing between people.

14. 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 sanitised. 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.

15. MEDIA PERSONNEL

Non-essential media will be asked to stay home. This applies for journalists for example who can write reports based on the live stream. Photographers that do not provide any news feed with content will be asked not to attend the race.

All media must ensure they have permission to attend the race from the FIA Karting media delegate prior to the Competition.

Media press rooms must ensure a 1.5 metre spacing between media personnel unless they apply as a group.

When photographers / videographers are collecting content, they must maintain a distance of 1.5 metres between one another. Anyone not following this rule will be asked to leave immediately.

16. PODIUM, PRESS CONFERENCE AND INTERVIEWS

Podium:

Areas will be marked out for where photographers and team members may view from. (we advise as many as possible to watch the live stream provided instead of attending in person).

The podium must ensure distance between drivers when standing.

All people at the podium, including the drivers, will be required to wear PPE.

The commentator will not be visible as was the case in the past and will remain standing behind the podium.

Grid girls will not be permitted for the podium presentation.

Press conference:

A new press conference system will take place in order to obtain the necessary content for the TV highlight packages. After the podium, the driver or team member will be asked to stand alone in front of a press wall background and be interviewed with the use of a boom microphone or an on-body wireless microphone to avoid contact with the presenter.

Interviews:

Interviews will be conducted in a similar manner to the press conferences to ensure social distancing.

Driver parade:

Due to the COVID-19 situation, we recommend continuing to set up the final grid on the track as it provides a good level of social distancing. The shows and driver line up will no longer take place. Instead, drivers will take their place on the track next to their karts and the commentator will introduce each driver (this is to satisfy the TV coverage). Face masks will be obligatory on the grid for drivers and mechanics.

17. LOCAL REQUIREMENTS (IF NEEDED)

National and local laws will apply in priority over the FIA Karting guidelines. In cases where the local law is more relaxed, the FIA Karting guidelines will take priority.