
WRF HEALTH SAFETY PROTOCOL (COVID-19)

**GUIDANCE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF
THE WRF EVENTS IN RELATION TO THE
COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

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General information

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses known to cause diseases ranging from the common cold to more serious diseases such as the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS).

The new coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory virus which spreads primarily through close contact with an infected person.

How the virus spreads?

The primary route is through respiratory droplets from the infected persons, for example through:

- droplets of saliva, coughing and sneezing;
- close personal contact;
- touching an object or surface contaminated with the virus, then touching your mouth, nose or eyes before washing your hands.

In rare cases, faecal contamination.

Normally, respiratory diseases cannot be passed on through food. However, safe food hygiene practices should be followed, and contact should be avoided between raw and cooked food. Studies are under way to better understand how the virus is transmitted.

What can I do to protect myself?

Please stay up to date with the latest information on the spread of the pandemic, available on the WHO website and take the following personal protection measures:

- wash your hands often. It is strongly recommended to make sure that hydroalcoholic solutions for washing hands are available in all public places, gyms, supermarkets, pharmacies and other gathering places avoid close contact with people with acute respiratory infections;
- avoid hugs and handshakes;
- maintain an interpersonal distance of at least 1 meter, when in social contact;
- respiratory hygiene (sneeze and/or cough in a disposable paper towel and throw it away immediately or wash it after use, then wash your hands well with soap and water or hydroalcoholic solution and dry them thoroughly. avoiding hand contact with any respiratory secretions);
- avoid communal use of bottles and glasses, in particular during sports activities;
- do not touch your eyes, nose and mouth with your hands;
- cover your mouth and nose if you sneeze or cough;

- do not take antiviral drugs and antibiotics, unless prescribed by your doctor;
- first, clean surfaces with soap and water or regular mild detergents to remove dirt. Then sanitize all surfaces with sodium hypochlorite or alcohol solutions (bleach). Make sure the solutions are diluted properly;
- during any social contact, it is strongly recommended to use a respiratory tract protection, as an additional measure to other individual health and hygiene protection measures.

If you have a fever, cough or experience any breathing difficulties and you suspect that you have been in close contact with a person with respiratory disease Covid-19: stay at home (or in your room), do not go to the emergency room or to a doctor's surgery; follow the emergency guidelines of the Nation where you are.

Covid-19 Protocol for WRF Events

The purpose of this document is to provide relevant information for the all companies involved in the sport events on the procedures required by the organization of WRF events under the current situation of the Covid-19 global pandemic.

All sporting, media and ceremony procedures have been planned to keep the required distance between athletes and the people around will be protected accordingly.

All proposals and plans are subject to the approval of the Authorities and adaptation to any applicable national legislation.

In any case will be a dynamic document and will be adapted from time to time and possibly from event to event, taking into account the local and any other applicative legislations.

It must be taken into account that the protocol may vary from now till the time of the event and will probably vary in regards to future events on the WRF calendar.

1. Minimum essential staff

At first, the events will take place behind closed doors, with no spectators nor guests, and limiting the participation of the minimum essential staff to carry out the event.

The necessary technical resources will be implemented in order to carry out meetings without them being face to face, to comply with the social distancing protocol and to allow the remote work of the staff not present at the track (briefings, meetings, hearings, official statements, etc).

All the registrations have to be done through the WRF platform to keep the records of the presence.

For the reasons outlined below, the list of the staff for each team, registered on the platform, will contain each person's email address and passport. The list will also include which person will be the responsible representative during the events.

2. Access to the sport site

The access will be restricted to the minimum essential staff from each team, with proper authorization.

Temperature control in the main access point will have been set. People with a respiratory infection characterized by fever (over 37.5° C) will be not able to access.

There will be hand sanitizer dispensers in the common areas.

There will be specific Covid-19 signs to inform and remind about the protocols and protection systems.

There will be signs to indicate and ease the flow through common areas keeping a safety distance.

There will be specific containers for single-use sanitary waste.

Common toilet and showers units will be scaled according the population and disinfection procedures.

3. Personal Equipment

All personal sport or working equipment (paddle, rafts, radios, headsets, etc..) must not be shared amongst different participants and labelled accordingly to the participant. If this is not possible then they must always be disinfected before a different person uses them.

The basic rules of social distancing, personal hygiene and use of personal devices will always be applied once they have accessed the circuit. These will depend on the local legislation of each event. It consists on social distancing of at least 1 meter.

When social distancing is not possible indoors and outdoors all personnel will be obliged to wear the masks. The mask is mandatory in the on means of transport.

The intention from WRF is to allow the athletes to perform all their sporting and media activities without wearing any kind of face mask.

If the interaction between the athlete without face mask and team members/other personnel doesn't allow the minimum social distance, facial screens or work goggles must be worn.

4. Podium

The podium steps will be widened to accommodate for social distancing.

All pre-podium procedures are also subject to new protocol ensuring maximum prevention and athletes protection.

Access of team members to the podium area will be limited to 1 athlete per team.

Trophies will be given beforehand (they will not be presented and given on the podium), there will not be any dignitaries.

The current plan is to grant access to 2/3 photographers, which would then provide content to all teams.

Interviews to the athletes are planned with social distancing.

5. Food & Accomodation

All meals should be set and served in some kind of lunch box. It will not be possible to provide any kind of buffet, serve meals in a canteen format with people queuing to be served, nor provide table service.

There should be no self-serve coffee or drinks areas and the tents should not be used as any kind of gathering area / meeting point.

It will be allowed for the organisation to provide bottle of water. The staff have to wear mask and gloves.

6. COVID manager

The Hosting Organising Committee appoints a COVID Manager for the implementation of this protocol according to the national law.