



SCCA LAND O' LAKES REGION

COVID 19 MITIGATION PLAN FOR A ROAD RACING EVENT AT BRAINERD INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY

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PURPOSE:

In light of the current COVID-19 situation, every attempt will be made to minimize the risks of exposure to the virus. New processes and procedures are being developed and will be put into place for events going forward. We anticipate that these plans and processes may need to change and adapt.

Ultimately, it is your responsibility to assess the risk to you, both on-track and off, and to make the decision on whether or not to participate. If you are feeling unwell or are experiencing symptoms such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath please stay home. If you have been in contact with someone who has been experiencing these symptoms in the last two weeks, please stay home.

While on site please take the health and safety of your fellow participants, volunteers and staff into consideration and practice social distancing, wear a mask, and wash your hands and/or use hand sanitizer frequently.

CDC recommends social distancing protocols should be followed wherever possible. It is understood that some areas may preclude the social distancing guidelines and other methods may be required to reduce transmission of the virus. Potential plans for each specialty and general guidelines are as follows:

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) AND HYGIENE

Basic PPE for areas that have high levels of interaction with participants is critical to prevent spread.

- Wear a mask to reduce the potential for transmission via airborne droplets. Everyone should be responsible for supplying their own mask.
- Vinyl or nitrile gloves if needed when handling or touching common objects
- Optional, safety glasses for droplet protection
- Disinfectant wipes should be provided in high participant traffic areas to disinfect surfaces
- Hand sanitizer in all identified high-risk areas. Hand sanitizer should be in all restrooms
- Hand washing frequently and after any contact with foreign materials.
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds regularly especially after using the restroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

CDC and Minnesota Department of Health guidelines recommend maintaining a minimum 6 foot buffer between participants. It is understood that this may not apply in driver and crew interactions. However, it should be practiced between driver and driver, crew and other crew and participant, worker, steward interactions. Consider at least a 6 foot buffer when parking trailers and setting up canopies in the paddock and camping.

REGISTRATION

Registration is an area of high-risk due to the interaction between the registrars and participants. The goal is to do no contact registrations, making use of ticketing windows. Masks are required for all participants entering registration or to the registration window. Some mitigation strategy ideas are as follows:

- Obey social distancing
- Divide registration positions into Workers, Drivers and Crew
- Limit the number of people in line or queue and create a one in/one out entry/exit point
- Appropriate signage at the entrance outlining the requirements and politely asking everyone to protect everyone else.

TECHNICAL INSPECTION AND IMPOUND

Technical Inspection is a high-risk area due to the interactions between participants. Express Tech will be available at registration. Drivers must bring their vehicle logbook to registration. Masks are required for all participants entering the tech garage. Some mitigation strategy ideas are as follows:

- Obey social distancing
- Before arriving at the track the Driver must review their logbook to determine the date of the last annual inspection and the date safety belts expire. Please reference the race memo for the temporary 3 month expiration extension for Annual Tech Inspections.
- Before arriving at the track the Driver must check their safety equipment: helmet, head and neck restraint, suit, gloves, underwear, shoes, socks and SCCA suit patch.
- If there are no outstanding issues, an event label for the logbook event page, event tech sticker and helmet sticker will be issued at registration by a licensed tech inspector.
- Any outstanding issues or new vehicles requiring issuing a logbook will need to proceed to the tech garage with their vehicle.
- The Tech Inspector and participants will wear masks and gloves and maintain a six foot buffer.
- Only one car will be inspected at a time. Driver and crew will follow the direction of the Tech Inspector

GRID

Grid is a slightly lower risk area. However, some precautions are recommended to be instituted. These include the following:

- Social distancing protocols should be practiced by Grid workers.
- Only one crew member for each car is allowed on the grid
- Crew members must wear a mask

PIT AND BLACK FLAG

These areas are relatively low risk long as social distancing protocols are followed, and no additional mitigation procedures are recommended. Officials should wear a mask when talking to drivers.

PACE/ SAFETY CAR

Since social distancing cannot be observed in the car, the driver and radio operator should be masked or a better option is the driver is alone and can also operate the radio. No Pace car rides will be permitted.

MEDICAL AND FIRE

Medical and Fire Personnel should follow the protocols outlined by their chief of specialty. It is assumed that these personnel have been appropriately trained for viral risk mitigation.

WRECKERS AND COURSE MARSHALL CREW

This is a high-risk area, potentially putting two or more people in close quarters in a vehicle for extended periods of time. If this is the case, all people working together should wear a mask and if needed gloves. If a Course Marshall is working alone and must interact with a vehicle and driver, a mask and gloves should also be worn.

START/FINISH

The Start/Finish towers can be a high-risk area depending on the number of workers in this confined area. To minimize the risk in these areas the following mitigation practices can be employed.

- Limit the number of workers in the tower
- Wear masks and gloves when in the tower when there is more than one person.

Family or crew congregated near the finish line may be in a high-risk area depending on the number of people. To minimize the risk in these areas the following mitigation practices can be employed.

- Obey social distancing
- The top of the tower observation area and the deck by the Napa building is closed to participants and volunteers
- Wear masks

FLAGGING AND COMMUNICATIONS

F&C risk can be minimized with a few basic mitigation strategies.

- The morning meeting will be held near the hospitality tent, weather permitting
- Obey social distancing
- Disinfect shared equipment and supplies before and after each use; use baggies to transport either contaminated or disinfected equipment
- Keep the same station assignments through the weekend, if possible
- F&C workers retain possession of assigned radio headsets throughout the weekend. Do not share headsets.
- Keep all other equipment at the station for the weekend to minimize handling
- Personnel should drive separately to their corner station, no ride sharing if possible.

TIMING AND SCORING

This is a potentially high-risk area due to the number of people in a limited area. Mitigation should involve the following:

- Limit access to this area of the Tower to only T&S workers and Stewards
- Wearing masks by all workers
- Periodically wipe down all surfaces with disinfectant

OPERATIONS/CONTROL

This is a high-risk area due to the number of people in a limited area. Mitigation may involve the following:

- Limit the number of people in this area by utilizing the small Stewards model
- Isolating this area of the tower
- Wearing masks by all workers
- Limit access to this area of the Tower to only those working this specialty.
- Social distancing as space allows
- Disinfect all shared work areas and shared equipment, like countertops, computers and radios, before and after use, between staffing changes and at the end of the day
- No food in this area

STEWARDS AND HEARINGS

This is a lower risk area if social distancing guidelines are followed.

- Masks may be required for all hearings and interactions

RADIOS

- Radios will be assigned to a specific worker or station for the event.
- To reduce traffic and interactions at the Tower, do not return radios until end of racing on Sunday, no overnight charging on Saturday. Extra batteries are available if needed
- Use disinfectant wipes to clean shared equipment and supplies
- No sharing of headsets

WORKER LUNCHES

- Box lunches will be handed out at the hospitality tent or delivered to work stations
- Recommend that the lunches should be consumed in personal cars or at a safe social distance
- No communal seating, social distancing must be enforced
- Before and after eating, WASH YOUR HANDS!

DINNER

- Due health and safety concerns, dinner cannot be provided to drivers/crew/volunteers.

TROPHY PRESENTATIONS

- No podium ceremonies
- Drivers may pick up trophies at the tech barn

DRIVERS MEETINGS

- A written form will be included in the driver's packet at registration
- If an in person meeting is necessary, it will be held outdoors near the hospitality tent, weather permitting, observing social distancing between drivers.

SPECTATORS

- This will be a non-spectator event
- The Track should place barriers and signage to separate road racing participants from drag racing participants