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UIM Standard Guidelines
for mitigating COVID-19 related
risks at international
Powerboating Events



In response to the threats of the current COVID-19 pandemic on the Powerboat Sport and the persons who are involved in its competitive practice, the UIM COUNCIL set up a Task Force that was given the mandate to identify appropriate protective measures. One of the outcomes of the work of this Task Force was the creation of these [**UIM Standard Guidelines for mitigating COVID-19 related risks at international Powerboating Events.**](#)

These Guidelines are intended to assist Local Organizers of international Powerboating Events, complementing the rules and recommendations issued by other Organisations and Authorities of reference, such as the World Health Organisation, host countries' national governments, national Sports Authorities and national Powerboat Federations as well as local Authorities.

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OVERVIEW

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These Guidelines cover all general aspects to be considered when staging a Powerboating Event.

The document has been drawn up in generic terms and is based on the following assumptions:

- Cross-border travels by land, air and sea between countries are authorized;
- The staging of motor sport events is permitted;
- The Countries hosting international powerboating Events have no particular immigration restrictions and/or requirements (quarantine, compulsory COVID-19 tests, etc.) nor import prohibition for goods and materials used in powerboat racing;
- The relevant National Powerboat Authority has prepared a COVID-19 specific Protocol to be applied by Organizers of powerboating events;
- The relevant National Powerboat Authority has the possibility, in cooperation with local Authorities and Local Organizing Committees, to monitor and control the correct application of the provisions of such COVID-19 specific Protocol;

In the absence of such COVID-19 specific Protocol, the UIM may, upon request by the host NA, supervise the preparation of such Protocol for a given international powerboating event by the relevant National Powerboat Authority and/or the Local Organizing Committee, to be implemented for the proper delivery of said event. In this case, a period of not less than 45 days is required for the preparation of such Protocol, together with supporting documents;



Title	Description	Details	Note
Prophylaxis	In addition to the various requirements applicable in the Country of residence and in the country of destination...	...it would be preferable that each participant in the Event could carry out the screening necessary to certify the negativity of the COVID-19 Virus.	
Preliminary documentation	Test certification carried out and outcome		If done - Test performed at least 48 hours before departure, for participants from other Countries
	Self-certification where the participant declares that he/she has not had contact with COVID-19 and that he/she is not subject to particular restrictions dictated by the Authorities of the Country of residence;		Document to be attached to the preliminary registration
	Self-certification where the participant declares his/her absolute responsibility for participation and any complications due to COVID-19, also accepting any prescriptions that might be imposed by the organization and/or the Local Authorities as well as possible resulting consequences;		Document to be attached to the preliminary registration
	Self-certification of the participant to accept, in case of non-participation for COVID-19 related reasons, that the Event remains regular;		Document to be attached to the preliminary registration



Title	Description	Details	Note
Accesses	<p>A single entrance is recommended for accessing the Paddock.</p> <p>It is responsibility of the Local Organiser to decide how many accesses are necessary for the management of the Event.</p> <p>Each access must be monitored with local staff, in compliance with the protocol applied</p>	<p>The entrance/s must all times be monitored with the following requirements: Keeping entry and exit register with the contact details of the persons and the relative measurement of parameters carried out (if done);</p>	<p>Each access must be monitored with local staff, in compliance with the protocol applied</p>
Access prevention	<p>At the access area, The LOC must provide for the presence of a local health point (Ambulance or PMI) adjacent to the access area, suitable for the treatment of local staff in case of excessive parameters, verified at the entrance/exit and/or while staying in the area</p>		<p>The entrance must all times be monitored with the following requirements: Keeping entry and exit register with the contact details of the persons and the relative measurement of parameters carried out (if done);</p>



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Prevention logistics	The flow of persons' movement within the Paddock will have to be organized by establishing safety corridors and mandatory routes in order to allow for efficient social distancing	The different areas will be regulated in terms of spaces and time of use. Particular time schedule, especially to regulate access to the pontoons, must be circulated in advance to the participants in order to respect it;	Particular attention to be given to the event timetable to manage crowd flows and to avoid crowd gatherings in those areas where social distancing is difficult to be maintained .
General equipment	The areas will be equipped by the organization with: a) sanitization liquid distribution points; b) Signage and corridor fencing; c) DPI kits (masks and anything else dictated by the Protocol		



Title	Description	Details	Note
<p>General personal equipment</p>	<p>Each person wishing to access the Paddock must be equipped with a suitable mask and, if operating in an area of limited social distance, with a face shield</p>	<p>At the Paddock entrance and exit, the mask must be wear.</p> <p>The mask must be also wear:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - in the workshop; - during all the operation on the boat; - At the Pontoon area; - At the Timing Area; - At the Hospitality - In general in all closed spaces and/or in the presence of other peoples - During all the movements in the area, when in open space and fresh air areas, if alone, the use of the mask is recommended but not mandatory 	<p>The authorized types of mask must be identified by the Organizing Committee, based on the level of risk and in line with the general international and/or local prescriptions, and taking into account the responsibility deriving from their use.</p> <p>The use of protective gloves, apart from those regularly used in general, are not necessary for the staff of the Teams and of the Organization, without prejudice to the necessary prescriptions in the areas of refreshment and management of materials of general use related to catering</p>
<p>Areas</p>	<p>Different areas shall be identified in accordance with their use/purpose and their set-up and equipment shall be defined accordingly, taking into account the estimated level of risk and the number of persons authorized to operate/be present in the area.</p>		



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Paddock Dry Pit	Different areas shall be identified in accordance with their use/purpose and their set-up and equipment shall be defined accordingly, taking into account the estimated level of risk and the number of persons authorized to operate/be present in the area.		
Pontoons Wet Pit Area	The access to the Wet Pit Area will be reduced to max. 2 persons per Boat crew plus the Drivers.	It is recommended that each crew member wears the mask	



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Briefings / Meetings	During the Event the Organising Committee should try to avoid any briefing/meeting in presence, unless they can guarantee the required social distancing of at least 2m. and wearing the mask		
Podium	During the Event the Organising Committee should try to avoid any briefing/meeting in presence, unless they can guarantee the required social distancing of at least 1m. and wearing the mask		



Title	Description	Details
<p>Health control activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Local Doctor in charge of the Event should have the following information prior to the start of the event: Health protocol for COVID-19 treatment applied in the event location; Contact details of Local Health body to be contacted in case of infected patient or symptomatic suspected case; • Provisions in place with regard to the rules of behaviour and movement of people to limit contagions; • Control of the parameters defined at the entrance to the event area by trained, yet NON-health personnel • Visit for symptomatic people, in compliance with the health protocols defined by the Health Service of the host country. In the absence, the procedures defined by WHO will be followed • Organize briefings for all staff participating in the event, to be carried out at various points in time, previously agreed upon 	<p>Explanatory posters and brochures of easy interpretation should be prepared, for the explanation of the basic anti-contagion rules. These brochures must be distributed to ALL staff who in any capacity will have access to the event area.</p>



General

Equipments per Area

Equipments/Needs	Areas													
	Main Entrance	Offices & secretariat	Canteen	VIP Area	Crane area	Fuel area	Pontoon	Powerboat	Logistic warehouse	Teams Area	Rescue Base	Rescue Boats	Tow Boats	Toilets
Infection Risk	Red	Green	Orange	Orange	Green	Green	Red	Green	Orange	Orange	Green	Green	Orange	Red
Adhesive Tape	Blue	Blue			Blue	Blue				Blue				Blue
Ambulance for positives	Blue													
Body Thermometer	Blue	Blue		Blue										
Dedicated waste container	Blue	Blue	Blue		Blue	Blue	Blue			Blue				Blue
Disposable gloves	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue		Blue				Blue				
Disposable overall														
Face shield	Blue	Blue			Blue	Blue				Blue				
Handwash dispenser	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue		Blue	Blue				Blue
Goggles														
Face - Mask			Blue	Blue			Blue	Blue	Blue		Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
PMI for positive cases											Blue			Blue
Protection shield	Blue	Blue		Blue										
Sanitization Gate	Blue													
Sanitization Kit														



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Crucial Points

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- Identify for each Team their delegate in charge of Protocol implementation
- Check the ability to manage/respect COVID-19 specific measures in the ambulances
- Consider the COVID situation for the choice of the Hospital in case of accidents
- Check any possible document required for COVID by local law
- Create an easy-reading handbook for the persons attending the event



General

Organiser Activities

Activity	Description	Areas													
		Main Entrance	Offices & secretariat	Canteen	VIP Area	Crane area	Fuel area	Pontoon	Powerboat	Logistic warehouse	Teams Area	Rescue Base	Rescue Boats	Tow Boats	Toilets
	Infection Risk														
National COVID Protocol application	The Organiser acknowledges the National Covid Protocol, via the National Authority, and harmonizes their own Event specific Protocol with the requirements of the National Health System														
People check	A check point is established at the entrance of the event area, where a person takes the body temperature of each person wishing to access the pit zones. A specific register is used to note the name of the persons, the time of entry, the time of exit and the body temperature taken during both moments.														
COVID equipment providing	The Organiser supplies the protective equipment (face masks, etc) to the people admitted in the event area, as detailed in the Protocol. Moreover the Organiser checks the efficiency of the used equipment as well as its proper use														
Taken in charge and care of the possible virus positive	In case of suspicion that a person might be infected by the virus, the Organiser ensures immediate temporary segregation of the person concerned, notifies the National Health System and follows its instructions until the National Health System representatives have taken the allegedly infected person in charge														
Observance of the social distancing	The Organiser monitors at all times the efficient implementation of the social distancing measures as per Event Safety Protocol and National Covid Protocol														
Safety protocol observance	The Organiser checks the general application of all the measures included in the Event Safety Protocol														



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