Covid 19 Event Competitor Procedures

May 2021

Timescale- It is anticipated that procedures will need to continue throughout 2021. Whilst it is understood that restrictions may be relaxed on June 21st 2021 Covid will still have a major part to play when organizing events throughout this year. Social distancing, sanitizing and masks will continue for the foreseeable future and will be in place for both Admin and competitors safety.

Changes may have to be made as we learn by experience and react to any government announcements.

In principal the following document has explored the activities of competitors and mitigated the risks as far as possible.

COVID Statement

By taking part in any UKWA events, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the [venue/OA/sailing club*] COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions. A breach of this rule shall not be grounds for protest by another boat. This amends rule 60.1(a).

Medical declaration

Covid

If you answer yes to any of the questions below Today or in the last 14 days you should not attend UKWA events.

Have you had a high temperature?

Have you had any of the following symptoms: a new, continuous cough or a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste?

Have you tested positive for COVID-19?

Have you been contacted by the NHS test and trace services and asked to self-isolate? Are you self-isolating after returning or entering the UK?

About your household and contacts

Has anyone in your household or your close contacts had (or does anyone currently have): a high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss of, or change to, their sense of taste or smell? Has anyone in your household or your close contacts tested positive for COVID-19?

Testing

Pre event. Competitors should take a Lateral Flow Test no more than 48 hours prior to the event. Only those testing negative should attend a UKWA event.

Post event. Competitors should take a Lateral Flow Test no more than 48 hours after the event. Any positive results should be dealt with in the normal way but in addition they should be reported to admin@ukwindsurfing.com Competitors will be asked to confirm the date of their last negative test at registration.

Masks and Social distancing

Masks will be worn at all times in close contact and whenever a competitor approaches the Race/Admin Office. Social Distancing will be observed at all times during the event.

It is more important than ever to read all of the information on the event page at www.ukwindsurfing.com where we will publish information and links about each event. Events are not going to look as they did in the past. This information may vary from event to event and it will be your responsibility to make yourself familiar with all documents and policies.

As well as UKWA Policies and Procedures local and or host venue policies may apply and must be adhered to.

Event Entry

Event entry is online only. You may enter here https://ukwindsurfing.com/events/entry/ however During Covid this is your only chance to read and agree to Safety Disclaimers and declare Personal preferences. Please do not ignore, take time to read and understand before moving forward to enter any UKWA Events.

Please make sure all your membership details are up to date including e-mail and telephone details, this will both speed up registration and assist with Covid Track and Trace should it become necessary.

Race/Admin Office

A plan of the race/admin office can be seen here

https://ukwindsurfing.com/media/uploads/docs/admin_site_plan.pdf and policies relating to its operation can be seen here

https://ukwindsurfing.com/media/uploads/docs/covid 19 event admin procedures.pdf

Signing on

All competitors will need to sign on at the race office. Masks should be worn and social distancing will be in place. Competitors should sanitise hands at the station before approaching. Competitors and those under 18 competitors and their legal guardian should proceed along The Competitor Admin Corridor and will confirm entry details Verbally. Included will be compulsory disclosure of telephone contact details and confirmation of last negative Lateral Flow Test date.

Tallies

A normal Tally system will be in place however the tally list will be online only here https://ukwindsurfing.com/racing/policies-docs/ The tally board will be located at the end of the Competitor Admin Corridor, a one way system will be in place. Tallies will be cleaned between series of races.

Rigging / Launching / Recovery

Social distancing to be adhered to at all times.

Event Documents

No event documents will be displayed. All documents including heat boards will be published here https://ukwindsurfing.com/racing/policies-docs/

Briefing

The briefing will be held virtually at the normal time. Questions can be sent by text to 07889-161780 or by approaching the race office. Masks should be worn and social distancing will be in place. Competitors should sanitise hands at the station before approaching.

360 Acknowledgement

Acknowledgement of completing a 360 turn can be sent by text to 07889-161780 or by approaching the race office. Masks should be worn and social distancing will be in place. Competitors should sanitise hands at the station before approaching.

Protests

Competitors to sanitize hands then pass along the admin corridor and request a protest form. This will be issued wearing gloves. When returned the competitor will insert into a plastic sleeve.

The protest may be heard by a socially distanced arbitration hearing. Masks to be worn

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Results

Results can be seen here https://ukwindsurfing.com/racing/policies-docs/ scoring queries can be sent by text to 07889-161780 or by approaching the race office. Masks should be worn and social distancing will be in place. Competitors should sanitise hands at the station before approaching.

Prize Giving

Prize winners will be announced and invited to prize giving via social media. Only prize winners and 1 guest will be permitted to attend.

Masks to be worn by everyone attending

Prizes will be placed on a table by Beach officer who will be wearing gloves. The prize winner can collect from the table.

Car Parking charges

Should they apply any car parking charges should be made in advance via the event page.

Rash Vests Slalom

Competitors to sanitize hands then pass along the admin corridor and request to purchase a rash vest. There will be no hiring of vests. Sales will be card only.

Whistles

Competitors to sanitize hands then pass along the admin corridor and request to purchase a whistle. Sales will be card only.

Communication

The UKWA admin team will continue to communicate with competitors via The Event Flags located on the side of The Event Trailer. Announcements will be made whenever possible by PA and via Zello.