

COVID 19 guidelines to Event Running Clubs

Dear Clubs.

At the outset it is important to state Motorsport Ireland will be guided by the HSE and the Government recommendations when it comes to COVID 19 and the running of events in the same way as all event organisers.

This guidance is based on the prevailing circumstances in Ireland at the time of its preparation, with a small number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 and with limited evidence of community transmission. Based on these prevailing circumstances and based on current ECDC (European centre for disease prevention and control) guidance, most events are likely to take place as expected.

However, the cancellation of an event may be justified in exceptional circumstances, for example large events with a significant number of participants from an affected area. Organisers seeking further information should contact HSE Emergency Management. Organisers and attendees should familiarise themselves with and use the relevant parts of this guidance, while noting that the guidance is subject to change as the COVID-19 outbreak evolves. People who are unwell should not attend mass gathering events and this should be communicated and highlighted by the clubs.

This guidance on mass gathering events should be considered together with other guidance on minimising the spread of COVID-19. Comprehensive information on COVID-19 is available on the HSE website at <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/coronavirus.html> and the HPSC website at <https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/>

Definition of a mass gathering:

WHO define a mass gathering as follows: *'A mass is gathering a planned or spontaneous event where the number of people attending could strain the planning and response resources of the community or country hosting the event.'* Therefore, the term incorporates a wide range of events.

We have attached HSE documents for your information. It is important that the event Chief Medical Office (CMO) liaises with the local authorities and health services to ensure buy in and compliance.

The following guidelines should always be observed.

1. No handshaking at any time.
2. Minimize the number of people gathering.
3. Driver Safety Briefings to be completed virtually or through handouts or apps on your phone or other methods
4. Hand sanitizers to be provided and used where possible.
5. Wash hands regularly and thoroughly.
6. Cover nose and mouth with a tissue or sleeve when coughing and sneezing, wash hands immediately afterwards.
7. Do not touch your hands, eyes and mouth if your hands are not clean.
8. Clean and disinfect all surface that are been used regularly.
9. Pens not to be shared. If they are please use alcohol rubs to clean them off.
10. COVID 19 posters to be displayed at all venues at all events. Signage to be erected on the stages in conjunction with "motorsport is dangerous", other signs and where applicable.
11. Ceremonial starts and finished are to be cancelled until the current situation is curtailed.
12. Clubs are to vet entry forms and ensure to make sure no person is coming from an affected area outlined in the current HSE guidelines.

13. Clubs in conjunction with the CMO must make sure that they have the required number of doctors, paramedics and ambulances, as outlines in appendix 109, for their event.
14. All future event programs should include a reference page to the COVID 19 virus, so that spectators are made aware of their responsibilities at an event.
15. If you suspect someone is sick, please make sure that they stay at home and seek medical attention ASAP as per HSE guidelines.

These are the current guidelines as presented to us by HSE and Government. They are subject to change as the situation develops. Your event CMO will be able to answer any questions you have in dealing with the local and health authorities and you need to be aware that these may change.