



AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB
AVON SPRING HEAD OF THE RIVER

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Covid-19 Plan

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1 Covid-19 Officer

- 1.1 The Covid-19 Officer is a member of the event organising committee and is named on the cover sheet of this Covid-19 Safety Plan.
 - Covid-19 safety is discussed at each meeting of the organising committee.
 - Covid-19 safety will be part of the event review.
- 1.2 All competing clubs will be responsible for ensuring the members of their club adhere to this Covid-19 Safety Plan and their own club's rules and guidelines.

2 Risk Assessment

- 2.1 A Covid-19 risk assessment has been conducted – Appendix I. This Covid-19 Plan is the response of the Organising Committees to mitigate any consequences of risks that might happen at the Avon County events concerning the transmission of the Covid-19 virus.

3 Scope of the Covid-19 Safety Plan

- 3.1 The Covid-19 safety plan covers special rules for the 2022 event to reduce the risk of transmission of the Covid-19 virus amongst competitors, coaches, officials, spectators and members of the public.
- 3.2 It is the intention of the organising committee to provide a safe environment in accordance with British Rowing 'Managing Covid-19 v15-1' guidelines. However competitors, coaches and clubs are specifically reminded that every person attending the event, including those competing, or officiating, do so at their own risk and are responsible for:
 - Following British Rowing guidelines on Covid-19 safety;
 - Being familiar with, and following, their own club's rules on Covid-19 safety;
 - Following UK regulations and guidelines for England;
 - Ensuring they: are not a risk to others by attending if they have tested positive for Covid-19
 - Ensuring they do not put themselves at risk if they are in a high-risk category due to a medical condition

4 Cancellation

- 4.1 If British Rowing's advice, or Government policy, changes prior to the day of the event that would mean that it would be unwise, illegal or against BR rules to hold the event, the event will be cancelled and all visiting crews would be informed as soon as possible so that they would not need to travel. If indications are that these conditions could be imposed on the day of the event, the Organising Committee will make a decision on whether to run the event as early as possible. Cancellation on the day of the event could result in crews travelling to the event, but all efforts will be employed to avoid this situation. Any cancellation of the event by the Organising Committee would result in a reimbursement of entry fees.

5 Registration, Cox Weighing and Boat Checking

- 5.1 Registration will be situated in the open air underneath the balcony on the river-side of the boathouse. One member of each club should pick up the information and numbers.
- 5.2 Coxes will be weighed at a suitable, outside location.

6 Officials, Volunteers, First Aiders and Safety Boats

- 6.1 Officials and volunteers should pick up their equipment (radios, flags, watches, tablets, bells, tabards, loud hailer, etc.) from the first floor of the boathouse. These will be given to the volunteer in pre-packed bags.
- 6.2 Sanitizing wet-wipes will be provided in equipment bags for the purpose of wiping down equipment before passing on to the person taking over at shift-change.
- 8.3 First aiders will follow their own Covid-19 procedures and wear appropriate PPE.

7 Instructions to Officials, Volunteers and Competitors

- 7.1 Instructions that include all the Covid-19 procedures will be posted on the event website.
<http://www.avoncountyrowingclub.org.uk>

Appendix I – Risk Assessment

The risks of increasing overall transmission of the Covid-19 virus as a consequence of holding the event has been discussed by the Organising Committee. The risks below were identified to be those that were of most concern taking into account advice from British Rowing and other sources.

The preceding Covid-19 Plan contained in this document is the Organising Committee's response to the risk assessment below.

No.	Risk	Severity and Likelihood	Mitigation
1	Increased transmission of the virus through running the event through airborne aerosols	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of outdoor facilities
2	Increased transmission through contact with contaminated surfaces	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanitizer we wipes provided for officials' equipment cleaning
3	Infected people attend the event	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request that anyone who has tested positive should not attend – competitors, officials, spectators
4	Event causes a spike in infections at clubs, school, work settings, etc. in following days/weeks	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication to contacts at competing clubs if spike is indicated from feedback following event
5	Transmission through safety protocols – rescue, first aid, etc	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanitizer availability • Appropriate PPE in use
6	Cancellation of event due to pandemic increasing – BR or Government advice	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check regularly for any updates from British Rowing and Government sources • Advise visiting clubs as soon as possible