

ACU Motocross *Race Event* - Covid-19 Specific Risk Assessment V8 For Motocross as at 17th May 2021



Organising Club:		Date:				
Event:		ACU Permit Number:				
Risk Assessment By:						
Position:						
What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	Record anything else that you think is needed to manage this risk:	Action by:	Date:	Done (✓)
General Arrangements - All Persons						
Implementation of Covid 19 policy at Events		<i>The responsibility for the implementation and if required the adaption of the Covid-19 policy at ACU events rests with the Clerk of the Course and chief medical officer making any final decisions as necessary</i>				
NHS Vaccine		<i>The very successful NHS Vaccine programme continues at a pace and provides a significant control measure in mitigation of the risk against Covid-19. As such the NHS Vaccine programme features as a key control measure in the detailed risk assessment outlined below. A very large proportion of Marshals and Officials who sign on at an event will have already received the vaccine. That coupled with those who have anti-bodies from having contracted the virus suggests a significant proportion of the Motocross community will already have protection.</i>				
Vulnerable persons or those with underlying health conditions	<i>*All persons attending* a motocross event who are vulnerable or have underlying health issues risk becoming seriously ill due to contact with Covid-19</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ NHS Vaccine Programme ■ Individuals who are classed as "Clinically extremely vulnerable" or those living with someone who is "clinically extremely vulnerable" individuals should not attend the motocross event 				
Transmission of virus from a person displaying the symptoms of Covid-19.	<i>*All persons attending* a motocross event risk contracting Covid-19</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ NHS Vaccine Programme ■ Individuals who are displaying symptoms (namely high temperature or a new, continuous cough) should not attend the motocross event. ■ If an individual starts to display the symptoms at an event, they must leave as soon as is possible and the organiser must implement a cleaning and disinfection protocol ■ Signs will be displayed at the entrance advising persons with the symptoms not to enter the event ■ Any person displaying symptoms will be respectfully asked to leave 				
Social Distancing	<i>*All persons attending* a motocross event risk contracting Covid-19 through physical contact, aerial transmission or deliberate acts if social distancing requirements are not followed</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ When applying for a permit, event organisers should calculate the maximum number of entries based on the overall size of the venue and measures requested by the landowner. Guidance / advice issued by the UK Government may differ from that issued by devolved administrations and as such events must be planned to meet the requirements based on the region in which the events will be held. The number of entries accepted must allow for the correct Social Distancing measures to be put in place and adhered to. 				
Handwashing & General Hygiene Arrangements	<i>*All persons attending* a motocross event risk contracting Covid-19 through infrequent / poor handwashing</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Regular handwashing / sanitising is advised in accordance with Government / ACU advice ■ Wherever possible organisers are to make public handwashing / sanitising facilities available ■ Toilet facilities will be provided with additional external hand sanitising facilities for public use prior to entry ■ Organisers will provide / make available hand sanitiser for all persons working at the event 				
Covid-19 Hazard Warning Information	<i>*All persons attending* a motocross event risk will be reminded of controls to prevent contracting Covid-19</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Covid-19 hazard warning information to be added to event paperwork and entrance signage - persons with symptoms told to stay away, social distancing requirements, regular handwashing / sanitising, wearing of PPE (masks and gloves) advised 				
Face Covering	<i>*All persons attending* a motocross event risk will be reminded of controls to prevent contracting Covid-19</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Face coverings should be worn where social distancing is acknowledged to be difficult and wherever interaction between people not from the same household or support bubble is likely to occur. 				
Travelling	<i>Organisers risk contracting Covid-19 whilst travelling to and from a motocross event</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Travel to and from the circuit/venue would be dependent on current UK Government advice / guidance in place at the time ■ Foreign Competitors are required by the UK Government to have a negative test before attending. ■ People from a household or support bubble can travel together in a vehicle. Face coverings should be worn in a confined space where social distancing isn't possible and where individuals will come into contact with people outside of their household or support bubble. Car sharing is not permitted with someone outside of a household or support bubble. Competitors / Officials or someone in their household or support bubble showing coronavirus symptoms, everyone in that household / support bubble should stay at home. If a competitor / official or a member of the household or support bubble are contacted as part of the test and trace programme, the individual contacted should stay at home. If that individual becomes symptomatic, everyone in the support bubble must self-isolate and stay at home. 				

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Specific Arrangements - Motocross Race Event						
Working Parties	Organisers risk contracting Covid-19 whilst setting up / clearing away a motocross event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Working parties will involve small numbers of people who will follow social distancing requirements ■ Organisers will strictly follow Government guidance in relation to self isolation where Covid-19 symptoms are present - any organising members with symptoms will stay at home - see general arrangements ■ Individuals notified as being in the 'Clinically extremely vulnerable' category will not attend - see general arrangements ■ Hand washing facilities / hand sanitiser will be made available and regular hand washing practices will be followed ■ Protective gloves and face masks will be worn ■ Organisers will travel to and from working parties in separate vehicles - see general considerations above 				
Signage		■ Signage should be displayed prominently at the venue in obvious locations where persons are likely to congregate to emphasise any social distancing measures that may be in place in accordance with UK Government advice/guidance issued.				
Number of Officials	Organisers risk contracting Covid-19 whilst attending the event	■ The number of Officials is to be kept to a minimum but enough Officials appointed to cover all aspects of the event. Officials should wear face coverings. If the event is held over two days and if required, Officials may stay in local hotels or stay on site in self-contained accommodation.				
Spectator Admission - Parking and Viewing Areas	Spectators risk contracting Covid-19 through contact with people entering the event. This can be from physical contact, aerial transmission or deliberate acts of aggression	■ Spectators are allowed at ACU permitted events held in England. Events held in regions under other devolved administrations should follow the guidance issued by their own local governments. For events held in England, spectator numbers are determined by the guidance issued by Gov.UK, ie. some large events (except for pilot events) – capacity limits apply. Outdoor other events – a maximum of 4000 or 50% of the capacity. Outdoor seated events are limited to 10,000 or 25% of the capacity. Spectator Car Parking. The Organising Club should make provision for responsible spectator car parking.				
Entry to the Event		■ Entry Fees to be paid online prior to the event. No cash should be taken /accepted on the day of the event. Payment to be made via the ACU On-Line entry system or a system already set up and in place by the organising club.				
Event Entry - Gate Staff	Gate staff risk contracting Covid-19 through contact with people entering the event. This can be from physical contact, aerial transmission or deliberate acts of aggression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ In accordance with Govt. advice any persons with Covid-19 symptoms will be told to stay at home - this advice will be prominently displayed on all event advertising and entry signage ■ Gate staff will be provided with and wear disposable gloves, a face mask and face shield when in contact (<2m) with members of the public ■ Hand sanitiser will be provided to gate staff and used regularly ■ PPE will be changed frequently and disposed of in a sealed clearly marked bag ■ Gate staff will alternate wherever possible to minimise potential exposure ■ Organisers notified as being in the 'clinically extremely vulnerable' category will be asked to remain at home 				
Event Entry - Money Handling	Gate staff risk contracting Covid-19 from handling money	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Wherever possible payment methods should be made using cashless transactions or in advance online ■ Gate staff handling cash will be provided and wear protective gloves that are changed regularly and use hand sanitiser - money received will be kept in sealed bags ■ Organisers should charge an appropriate admission fee which minimises the requirement for dealing with loose change and/or charge an entry fee which minimises the requirement for handing back banknotes. Once admission has finished, it is recommended that monies are transferred to a locked container for a minimum period of 72hrs before handling. 				

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Paddock Area - Parking & Camping	Competitors and their associates risk contracting Covid-19 through social contact in paddock areas. This can be from physical contact, aerial transmission or deliberate acts of aggression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ In accordance with Govt. advice any persons with Covid-19 symptoms will be told to stay at home - see general considerations ■ Paddock parking will be spread out so far as possible to maximise the space between vehicles / awnings etc. to achieve Govt. social distancing requirements ■ Covid-19 signage will be displayed reminding members of the paddock to observe social distancing protocols, regular hand washing protocols and face masks are advised to be worn in public areas - competitors will stay in their designated paddock area, only leaving this area for racing, signing on or if medical attention is required ■ Competitors and their associates will be responsible for abiding by / self-policing social distancing protocols ■ Social gatherings at events will not be permitted during the Coronavirus period. Social Distancing requirements must be adhered to at all times. Organisers should stipulate in the SR's a time when the paddock open for arrival, this should be kept as late on in the day as possible. ■ Event Duration. Two day (or more) events are permissible. Overnight stays at a venue / camping and/or overnight stays at local Hotels / B&Bs 				
Signing On - Competitors & Officials	Organisers, Event staff and Competitors risk contracting Covid-19 through contact when signing on for an event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Wherever possible signing on will be carried out online for competitors in advance of the event using the ACU Members Portal - "a wet signature is not required" ■ Signing on arrangements at the event will be set up and limited to adhere with strict social distancing requirements of 2m+ ■ All persons involved in signing on will be provided with and wear PPE including disposable gloves and face mask - hand sanitiser will be provided ■ Surfaces used for signing on will be regularly wiped down using alcohol based cleaning products ■ Day Licences will be arranged in advance of the event ■ Disposable pens should be used or persons signing on informed to use their own ■ Individual slips of paper (complimentary slip size) are advised allowing each competitor to agree by signature with the entry form declarations - Paper slips are then deposited into a box which is to be sealed once Signing On is complete. The box is to remain sealed for a minimum 72 hours before being handled ■ Licences will be checked visually and not handled. ■ Signing On for Officials/Marshals. Where possible prior to the event, Officials / Marshals should be listed on the Officials Signing On form. When they come to 'sign on', they read the declaration and then their name ticked off on the Signing On sheet. For the Officials/Marshals, whose names doesn't already appear on the Signing On form, those individuals sign on as normal and following the use of a pen, the pen is quickly sprayed/wiped with a sanitizer/wipe before it is used again. This will prevent cross-contamination. Equally, individuals should be encouraged to use their own pen to sign on with. Face coverings should be worn during the signing on process if local conditions deem it necessary to do so. Following the signing on process, all paperwork should be secured in a box/container for a period of 72 hours to allow any traces of the coronavirus to die off. 				
Track Staff - Marshals	Track marshals risk contracting Covid-19 whilst carrying out their duties at the motocross event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Marshal / Track Staff briefing will be conducted with persons observing social distancing requirements - Marshals will be advised of Covid-19 procedures ■ Marshal arrangements will be reviewed and subject to social distancing requirements this might result in single manning ■ Marshals will be provided with suitable PPE (face masks / visors / gloves). Hand sanitiser will be provided ■ Marshals will be instructed to not leave their position, in the event of an incident, the Clerk of the Course will determine and direct what assistance is required - see fallen rider 				
Technical Inspection	Technical Officials risk contracting Covid-19 when inspecting motorcycles, crash helmets and body armour prior to and during the event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Social distancing measures apply as per government advice / guidelines ■ Machines/helmets/body armour etc. will be inspected visually by the Technical Official - under the supervision of the Technical Official the competitor will be instructed to demonstrate the working condition of brakes, throttle and foot rests etc. The rider may also be asked to mark his machine, as processed by Technical Control with equipment supplied by the Technical Official. A visual inspection of the helmet for signs of damage and the presence of a gold stamp will be carried out. ■ Technical Officials will be provided with and wear protective gloves and face masks and nitrile gloves - hand sanitiser will be provided and used regularly ■ Completion of any necessary declarations will be as per the measures outlined for Signing On 				

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Medical Services	Medical staff risk contracting Covid-19 at motocross events through the provision of general and emergency medical assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Medical providers will provide organisers with their own Covid-19 specific risk assessment ■ Medical staff will observe social distancing requirements and wear suitable PPE (face masks / visors / gloves) whilst responding to incidents / treating casualties ■ Medical staff will follow strict hand cleaning / sanitising practices 				
Timekeeping Services / Clerk of the Course	Timekeepers and Clerk of the Course risk contracting Covid-19 whilst carrying out their duties at motocross events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Timekeepers will be equipped with suitable PPE (face masks / gloves) and to observe social distancing measures ■ The Clerk of the Course will maintain social distancing requirements and wear face protection when speaking with competitors / others to a maximum of 6 people ■ Hand sanitiser will be provided and regular hand cleaning practices followed 				
Mechanics / Rider Assistance	Mechanics, friends and family assisting a rider risk contracting Covid-19 through physical contact, aerial transmission or deliberate acts at motocross events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Each competitor will be restricted to one mechanic/assistant who will only use their own tools, tools are not to be shared ■ Social distancing requirements will be followed and wearing of PPE such as face masks is advised 				
Competition Competitor Numbers / Age Restrictions / Start & Track Activity	Competitors and start marshals risk contracting Covid-19 when in close proximity with each other before the start of each race	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ There is no restriction on the number of Riders to be accepted and it is the responsibility of the Organising Club to put in place control measures that are suitable and sufficient which accord to current and future Government restrictions of 2m+ or 1m+ where 2m is not achievable. ■ Maximum of 40 solo Competitors per class - 40 sidecar & quads (20 front row and 20 back row) provided 1m distance between rows is achieved ■ All competitors must have their helmets on before going to the start line. ■ The 5 & 15 start boards will be displayed by the Clerk of the Course 				
Holding / Work / Signalling Area	Competitors and their mechanics/family risk contracting Covid-19 through contact with other persons in the holding/work/signalling area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only competitors will be permitted in the holding area ■ Competitors will wait 2m apart whilst waiting to be called to the start. Competitors must have helmets on when leaving this area for the start line. ■ Only mechanics or a competitors assistant will be permitted to enter the work / signalling area where social distancing requirements will be observed, the wearing of PPE such as face masks is advisory 				
Sidecar Competition	Sidecar competitors risk contracting Covid-19 through physical contact or aerial transmission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Sidecar drivers and passengers can be parked adjacent to each other but must adhere to social distancing measures in place. ■ Sidecar Teams are to consider the two household / support bubble guidance in terms of travel and accommodation at ACU events. · Wear face masks when moving outside of their awning. · When queuing for food/beverages at food outlets to wear face masks. · Maintain social distancing as per current UK guidance/advice 				
Machine Breakdown	Motorcycles that have broken down will need to be recovered back to the paddock from the track	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Rider/mechanic/rider's assistant only to recover machine with authority from the Clerk of the Course 				

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Fallen Riders	Fallen riders may require assistance which would bring them into close contact with race / medical staff. Race and medical staff risk contracting Covid-19 whilst assisting fallen riders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only the Clerk of the Course / Officials with medical support (if required) will attend to fallen riders. Full PPE will be worn (Mask / Gloves) whilst in attendance and discarded after use. No marshals are to assist. Picker uppers will be allowed to support the Auto & 65cc classes and they must wear PPE (Gloves / Masks) whilst in attendance and discarded after use. 				
Track Maintenance	Track staff risk contracting Covid-19 through the shared use of equipment such as tractors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track staff will not share/swop tractors / equipment etc. to reduce the possibility of cross-contamination Track staff will wear appropriate PPE and equipment should be sanitised before use 				
Podium Presentations	Presentations are usually made at the end of the event. The Person(s) presenting and Competitors risk contracting Covid-19 from physical contact or aerial transmission whilst attending the podium presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Podium presentations may take place provided Social Distancing measures are adhered to. The podium needs to be arranged to allow for a suitable gap between riders. The presenter should be located separately when announcing the riders and presentation. Trophies should be placed alongside respective podium place to negate the requirement for any other individual to access podium area. There should be no physical contact (shaking of hands, hugging etc). Face coverings are to be worn at all times. 				
Food & Beverages	Temporary catering facilities are employed to provide take away food and beverages for those attending the event.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject to UK Government advice food vendors will only provide a take away service and operate strict social distancing protocols - individual condiments are to be provided. Food vendors are to provide the Event Organisers with a copy of their Risk Assessment. Where food vendors are not permitted, Competitors / Officials should provide their own food / beverages for the duration of the event. 				
Trade Stands	Trade stands will supply goods and services to Competitors and those attending the event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trade stands are permitted and must follow all government advice and social distancing measures. Competitors should provide their own spares / equipment as required to participate at the event. 				
Toilet Facilities	Motocross events are highly likely to be serviced by temporary toilet facilities that are without mains running water and used by a large number of people. Hygiene arrangements in temporary toilets if unattended are often very poor and could be a source of infection that might result in people becoming unwell and potentially suffer fatal infection from Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covid-19 warning signage should be displayed adjacent to washroom/temporary toilets emphasizing importance of social distancing Toilet facilities must be equipped with hand sanitising / hand washing facilities before and after use Numbers of persons using communal washrooms will be restricted and controlled where necessary - defined queuing systems should be considered If possible temporary toilet facilities will not be used Regular cleaning of washroom / facilities will take place throughout the event Competitors are responsible for providing their own handwash facilities whilst in the Paddock area Officials and medical staff should be provided with separate toilet facilities 				
Litter & Waste Handling/Disposal	Organisers risk contracting Covid-19 virus when collecting litter/handling waste/emptying bins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covered waste skips are to be provided for litter and general waste Organisers should avoid directly handling litter/waste and where this is not possible suitable PPE is to be worn 				
Accommodation at/nearby venue / Circuit	Spread of infection Risk of contracting virus Risk of accident whilst travelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hotels / B&Bs / overnight camping to take place in accordance with any UK Government advice /guidance in place at the time. Overnight stays at the location of the event is permitted in self-contained accommodation and overnight stays in local hotels are permitted. 				
Guidance Notes:						
<p>Please be aware that as part of managing the health and safety of your event you must control the risks in relation to Covid-19. The hazards and control measures listed within this assessment are not meant to be exhaustive - you should add any further items as you consider necessary and check with the ACU Motocross Office for the latest advice.</p> <p>A risk assessment is not about creating huge amounts of paperwork , but rather about identifying sensible measures to control the risks at your event. You are probably already taking necessary steps, but your risk assessment will help you decide whether you have covered all you need to.</p> <p>A risk assessment should be carried out by a competent person such as the Clerk of the Course for each event that you are organising. The arrangements within this risk assessment should be carried out in conjunction with any specific recommendations made within the Track Inspectors Risk Assessment. In all cases ACU MX events are to be organised in accordance with the current ACU Handbook and Requirements for Track Safety at Speed Events booklet.</p>						
If you are in any doubt then please contact the ACU Motocross Office (01788 566404)						