



Risk Assessment

Issue Assessed: COVID19 RA BCW

Course: All

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Issue Description:

UK government advice has set out 5 Alert levels in response to COVID19; it has also allowed Scotland and Wales to move at a different speed. This Risk Assessment looks at how to operate within England under the current alert levels, and where Scotland and Wales legislation allows (n.b. care is taken to separate guidance and legislation) this can then follow the UK guidance following the Alert Level Scales.

COVID Alert Levels:

Level 5 – No CTT sanctioned events can take place

Level 4 – Preparation for CTT sanctioned events; using this RA to prepare.

Level 3 & 2 – It is within these levels that the scope of this RA is centred

Level 1 – Social distancing is no longer required, any legislation would need to be reviewed and only some elements of this RA be implemented.

History:

COVID19 is a new and emerging Biological threat; the science is constantly evolving and as such so does the guidance. It is essential that one point of truth be centred around, as while having a wide range of information is useful for personal knowledge, for setting strategy and moving forward, it is essential to use the same sources that the national strategy is based around to enable the sport to be agile and compliant with the strategy, yet not paralysed.

Key Identified Risks

Risk No.	Summary of Location/Role/Area	Identified Significant Risk/Hazards	Level of Risk Low/Med/High	Measures to reduce Risk (if applicable)	New Level of Risk Low/Med/High
1	Tier 1 members of public - those with a PHE/NHS letter suggesting that they currently shield.	High Risk individual who could come into contact with COVID19 virus in sufficient quantities to be of a serious risk of the virus to themselves.	High	All documentation and risk assessments should state that none of these people should be involved in the on the day running of an event or participate as a competitor. They can obviously complete the paperwork on the run up and send out correspondence from home.	Risk Eliminated
2	Those of a current age banding that government advice suggests should limit social contact/shield/practice social distancing with extreme care	Age can be a factor in the risk to health from COVID19 to the individual, however the guidance also makes reference to the disparity of health conditions by using age ranges solely.	High	CTT strongly suggests that those over current government age guidelines do not participate or volunteer for any CTT events, however an absolute ban should not be considered for specific age bands as they can be in hugely different states of health and as and when the government's position on age moves and shifts the CTT should harmonise with it. There are a number of mitigation methods detailed below that provide a significant protection that if a relevant person is no longer shielding/practicing social distancing with extreme care that they could be a part of a CTT event. Where roles are allocated, the roles with the least likelihood of any social distancing concerns (e.g. solo marshal, or finish circuit TK in a 12 hour) should be preferred, those in risk age groups should not be involved in the management of the HQ or in applying the social distancing discipline to others	Risk eliminated if risk age ranges are not allowed to volunteer or participate. Low Risk if all other aspects are strictly controlled to minimise Risk.

3	Marshal Duties	<p>The risk of coming into close contact with other individuals who may have COVID19 and infect them.</p> <p>The risk of coming into close contact with others, whilst they have COVID 19 and infecting others.</p>	Medium	<p>Marshals are outside, this reduces the risk substantially, where more than 1 marshal is at a junction, they are easily able to maintain government social distancing guidelines. Marshals should not be briefed at or visit the HQ, they should be briefed before the day via phone, video or documentation, should bring own Hi-Viz or one dropped off in advance by organiser (washed and cleaned before and after)</p> <p>Consideration be given to being provided hand sanitiser as running water is unlikely to be available should hand washing be required. Marshals should phone organiser when in position, organiser should contact marshals when complete.</p>	Low Risk
4	<p>Pusher Off</p> <p>“Catcher” (hill climbs)</p>	<p>The risk of coming into close contact with other individuals who may have COVID19 and infect them.</p> <p>The risk of coming into close contact with others, whilst they have COVID 19 and infecting others.</p>	Medium	<p>This is not essential and under Level 3 or 2 on the Covid Alert scale should not be included. On level 1 the pusher can be re-introduced, but it may be good practice to provide a box of nitrile gloves, but again this is not essential, as under level 1 social distancing is no longer required.</p> <p>For hill climbs, there should not be a ‘catcher’ for competitors as they finish the event.</p>	<p>Risk eliminated</p> <p>Risk eliminated</p>
5	Start Area	<p>The risk of coming into close contact with other individuals who may have COVID19 and infect them.</p> <p>The risk of coming into close contact with others, whilst they have COVID 19 and infecting others.</p>	Medium	<p>Organiser to assess space based on current social distancing guidance, ensure the space given is from rear of bike to front of next bike and mark.</p> <p>In pre-race information riders told not to arrive earlier than the amount of spaces available.No More than 6 riders in a start area</p>	Low

6	Time Keeper/Starter/Finish TK/Finish Circuit TKs	<p>The risk of coming into close contact with other individuals who may have COVID19 and infect them.</p> <p>The risk of coming into close contact with others, whilst they have COVID 19 and infecting others.</p>	Medium	<p>The start TK should use their own personal vehicle. The window on the driver's side should be closed, the heater/blower set to recirculating air or off. The opposing passenger window should be closed but can be open a crack if essential. The TK can tap on the window to get the riders attention and count down visually by hand.</p> <p>The protection offered by a physical barrier in an open air environment makes this Low Risk.</p> <p>Where a car cannot be used the TK should place themselves in excess of the distance currently advised by government guidance and as far as possible, this is NOT the preferred option.</p> <p>For finish line TKs and Circuit TKs the vehicle requirement is less essential, instead all competitors will be advised NOT to stop at the finish and continue on; the TK should be the distance currently advised by government advice from the road side as if social distancing from an individual.</p>	Low
7	Competitors	<p>The risk of coming into close contact with other individuals who may have COVID19 and infect them.</p> <p>The risk of coming into close contact with others, whilst they have COVID 19 and infecting others.</p>	Medium	<p>Competitors on entering should be informed that they should not attend if they feel ill in ANY way especially if they or family members have any symptoms.</p> <p>They should be told that an elevated resting heart rate or exceptionally quick to react heart rate during warm up can suggest an underlying asymptomatic illness of ANY kind, and that they should DNS and leave immediately and not go to the start line if they feel this is the case.</p> <p>All static warm-ups should be prohibited and no gatherings in the car park.</p> <p>All warm-ups should be done on the road.</p> <p>Competitors on finishing should not stop at the finish and should not loiter at the HQ/Car Park and should pack away and leave immediately upon completion of the race.</p>	Low
8	Spectators	<p>The risk of coming into close contact with other individuals who may have COVID19 and infect them.</p> <p>The risk of coming into close contact with others, whilst they have COVID 19 and infecting others.</p>	Medium for Hill Climbs Low for other events	<p>The risk of groups gathering and social distancing being maintained is higher at high profile events, particularly hill climbs. As such all documentation should point out that those not competing should not be encouraged to attend.</p> <p>For hill climbs, where road closures are implemented; all access, pedestrian and vehicular should be restricted to competitors and officials only.</p>	Low

9	Event HQ - Parking	<p>The risk of coming into close contact with other individuals who may have COVID19 and infect them.</p> <p>The risk of coming into close contact with others, whilst they have COVID 19 and infecting others.</p>	Medium	<p>People should be reminded that they should NOT be socialising with others in the car park and should upon leaving their car, get their bike out and go straight out onto the road to warm up; a large collection of people has a negative perception and should be avoided.</p> <p>Consideration for taping off/coning every other bay (or covering it in pre-race information) to allow social distancing measures to be easily maintained.</p> <p>Car parks need to be sufficiently large for number of entrants; this may reduce maximum field size. Organisers should be mindful of the carpark size and number of entrants of any venue selected for a type A event.</p> <p>Where this is not possible, it should be stated on the race information that there is NO parking at the HQ.</p>	Low
11	Event HQ - Sign on/out sheets	The contamination risk of infected material transferring via the sign on sheet	Low	<p>Provide hand sanitiser prior to sign on and post sign on. PHE signs visible to show how to wash hands with hand sanitiser.</p> <p>Pre-race information to inform riders to bring own pen. No pens provided.</p>	Low
12	Event HQ – Prize giving/Results Board	<p>The risk of coming into close contact with other individuals who may have COVID19 and infect them.</p> <p>The risk of coming into close contact with others, whilst they have COVID 19 and infecting others.</p>	Medium	All competitors informed no results on site, and no prizes supplied on the day. Results posted online as soon as practicable	Risk eliminated
13	Event HQ – Race Numbers	The contamination risk of infected material transferring via the race number	Low	<p>For Type A events, use disposable numbers and post to competitor; where this is not possible, for example Type B club events, use approved disinfectant wipes (not baby wipes) or submerge and wash with hot soapy water.</p> <p>For Type B club events, consider giving a competitor one number for the competitor to retain and to be used for all such club events for the duration of the season.</p>	Low

14	Event HQ – Entries on the day (Type B)	The contamination risk of infected material transferring via cash	Low	Online sign on via facebook and bank transfer Pre entry only Numbers limited to 25 to keep under control Own pens used	Risk eliminated if no cash used. Low Risk
15	Event HQ – Venue	The risk of coming into close contact with other individuals who may have COVID19 and infect them. The risk of coming into close contact with others, whilst they have COVID 19 and infecting others.	Medium	No refreshments offered or supplied. The internal venue is not to be used, all sign on activities to be conducted outside, consider a gazebo (with open sides – air flow is key) for potential adverse weather/extreme direct sunshine. Sign-on to be staffed by one club member in charge of numbers/pens HQ area to be defined No static bike warm ups	Low
16	Race Format	The risk of coming into close contact with other individuals who may have COVID19 and infect them. The risk of coming into close contact with others, whilst they have COVID 19 and infecting others.	Low	Pre-existing drafting rules lend themselves to reviving competition prior to other forms of sport.	Low

Risks based on advice and scientific direction of SAGE/PHE/Government. Other sources are not considered in this risk assessment.