



**COVID-19 EMERGENCY
RACE MANAGEMENT ANTI-
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**REGULATORY PROTOCOL FOR MEASURES
TO COMBAT AND CONTAIN THE SPREAD OF
COVID-19**

CANOE COMPETITIONS

**ECA Slalom Junior Cup
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INTRODUCTION

This Protocol, issued by “Club Canoa e Kayak Valstagna” (CCKV), has the purpose of describing the technical, organizational and hygiene procedures to be adopted for the ECA Slalom JUNIOR CUP Competition (“Competition” or “Race”), held in compliance with social distancing rules, without any gatherings of people and closed to the general public. The Competition will be held over two days on 12-13 June 2021 for athletes in the U16 and U18 categories and, if the number of entries for the first two categories is less than 300, also for the “open” U14 and U23 categories (collectively referred to as “Race Entrants”).

All members of the Organizing Committee, Race Entrants, Team Leaders, coaches, race judges, timekeepers, rescue personnel and anyone else authorized to enter the competition area must consciously and scrupulously comply with the provisions of the Protocol at all times. The event venue will be closed to the public; access to the competition area is permitted, in compliance with the procedures set out in Point 5, only for Race Entrants, Team Leaders, coaches, event organization staff such as, for example, timekeepers, volunteers, medical personnel, personnel in charge of controlling venue access and/or body temperature and Emergency Teams.

This Protocol makes reference to the regulatory framework and restrictions in force as at the date of its publication; it will be updated for any subsequent regulatory measures that may be adopted, with the latest version published through official channels considered applicable as at the date of the Race.

Compliance with the Protocol will be monitored and verified by the Race Director and the Covid Manager who may stop the event at any time if there are any significant departures from this Protocol. The Race Director will refer to the Covid Manager, named by the Organizing Committee, for all matters relating to the management of COVID-19 infection risk.

1. COVID MANAGER

The Management Committee of CCKV has identified Dr. Nicola Zulian as Covid Manager for its sporting events. Dr. Zulian is specializing in Anesthetics, Resuscitation, Intensive Care and Pain management and is a local Medical Emergency Doctor; he has also worked at the COVID Community Hospital in Marostica and is an expert in Major Incident Medical Management and Support (MIMMS). Dr. Zulian’s task is to coordinate and verify compliance with the provisions set out in this Protocol and any other provisions that may be subsequently added. Dr. Zulian will also serve as Race Doctor for the entire duration of the Competition.

Activities and responsibilities of the Covid Manager:

- Verification of correct body temperature measurement by the personnel so charged;
- Verification that Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is used correctly;
- Verification of venue access procedures;
- Verification that self-certifications are obtained from organization staff, event participants and anyone who enters the competition area;
- Verification that cleaning and disinfection is properly carried out by the personnel concerned;
- Verification of proper social distancing in the Logistics area and other areas concerned;
- Decisions concerning the ejection of persons from the event venue and areas closed to the public if they display COVID symptoms or refuse to comply with the contents of this Protocol, and/or with national and regional laws and municipal regulations;



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- Implementation and coordination of procedures for managing symptomatic persons during the event.

The Covid Manager will hold meetings with all those authorized to access the competition area, defining their responsibilities, roles and rules to be followed; in particular 45 minutes before the start of the Race, the Covid Manager will hold a meeting in the area adjoining the Race Office located in the Finish area with Team Leaders and coaches of all the clubs involved, together with the Race Director, to define pontoon access procedures and safety rules; 90 minutes before the start of the Race, a meeting will be held in the Start area with the water rescue team to provide them with the necessary PPE and define the operating procedures to be applied during rescues.

Any members of CCKV who help in managing the event and in providing logistical support will meet with the Covid Manager the day before the event to define their roles and responsibilities.

For the duration of the event, the Covid Manager will maintain direct contact and/or radio contact with the Race Director, with whom there will be a continuous exchange of opinion on all the procedures adopted, on any anomalies found and on the appropriate remedies to be applied.

2. PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO EVENT PARTICIPANTS

The Organizing Committee will use suitable and effective methods, such as mailing lists, website publication, WhatsApp groups, publication on social networks and posting of notices in multiple locations within the event venue, to provide information to participating clubs, athletes and all other persons involved.

In particular, such information concerns:

- a) the obligation to stay at home in the presence of a temperature of over 37.5°C or other flu-like symptoms such as a cough, difficulty in breathing (dyspnoea) and gastrointestinal symptoms such as diarrhoea and/or vomiting, and to call a doctor;
- b) prohibited access to anyone who has had contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days;
- c) the giving of special attention to the hygiene and cleanliness of all surfaces;
- d) the maintenance of an interpersonal distance of at least 1 metre and compulsory use of appropriate surgical, community or filtering masks without exhalation valves during the entire event;
- e) the avoidance of close contact, such as hugging or handshaking;
- f) how to access the event area and how the event area and pedestrian routes are organized (Appendix 1).

3. GENERAL MEASURES

The following general measures apply to the event's management.

- Races are planned for both individual and double boats.
- The event venue is closed to the public for the entire duration of the event. The event venue is defined as the entire area demarcated on the north by the gate to the playground and on the south by the gate in the Finish area. Also included in the competition area is the entrance gate



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for personnel stationed in the Finish area, the pavement running from the Finish area to "La Villetta" restaurant and the parking area adjacent to the pavement, the municipal sports ground which will serve as the Logistics area except for the walkway to be created to guarantee the safety of pedestrians crossing the adjacent street. Access to the event area is permitted for Race Entrants, Team Leaders and coaches and event organization staff, such as timekeepers, volunteers, medical personnel, personnel in charge of controlling venue access and body temperature. Entry to the competition area will be controlled by volunteers, members of the Italian Civil Defence Force or Italian Police Force and permitted after screening by body temperature control personnel, presentation of the attached self-certification and its validation by the Covid Manager.

- It is not permitted to use the changing rooms and showers of the event venue. For changing purposes, individual participating clubs must bring their own equipment, for example tents/gazebos, and maintain the distances indicated between each sector allocated to them.
- Toilets will be available in the various areas on the basis of one for every one hundred persons present and will be regularly disinfected throughout the race days.
- All participants must be equipped with a face mask, including those of a "community" type, to be used at all times, except for athletes during the race. Refusal to comply with this rule constitutes justified cause to expel an individual from the competition area. Athletes should be reminded to take their mask with them to the start line, place it inside the boat or attach it to their clothing. Athletes without a face mask in the area of the steps leading up to the timekeepers station will be expelled from the competition area.
- Separate pedestrian routes will be laid out to avoid the meeting and/or gathering of people, as indicated by markings on the ground or other signs in all areas of the event.
- The number of accompanying persons who may enter the event area is one for every six athletes, with a minimum of two athletes. Additional access points will be provided to the extent necessary for the avoidance of crowds. Decisions regarding the admission of other accompanying persons will be the exclusive prerogative of the Covid Manager in agreement with the Organizing Committee and the Race Director.
- Each club must identify, at the time of submitting their entries, their Team Leader, who is responsible for observance of the event's rules of conduct and safety protocol by their club's athletes and other accompanying persons. The Team Leader must verify that hygiene and social distancing rules are constantly observed even outside the event area, they must isolate any athletes with symptoms, and control body temperature before the start of the race and before accessing the race course.

The event venue is organized in the following areas, demarcated by barriers, white and red tape and appropriate signs:

- Logistics area
- Competition area
- Accreditation office
- Start and finish stations
- Prize-giving area

4. ENTERING AND TRAVELLING TO THE RACE

The different areas will be manned by personnel identified by the Organizing Committee wearing a CCKV T-shirt (white polo shirt with blue logo) and carrying a special pass, and members of the Italian Civil Defence Force Volunteers and the Italian Police Force.



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When submitting race entries, participating clubs must:

- declare that the athletes entered for the race have not tested positive for COVID-19 and do not display symptoms, by completing the specific form for this purpose (Appendix 2 for adults or Appendix 3 for minors) on the same day as the race or no earlier than 24 hours beforehand in order to guarantee the correctness and validity of the information;
- the vehicles (cars and trailers) that will be present (Appendix 4);
- the number of tents (gazebos);
- the number of accompanying persons (only members of recognized national canoe federations) and the name of the Team Leader, using Appendix 5, which must be received by the organizers by 8.00 a.m. on the day before the race.

Race entry fees must be paid by bank transfer or other electronic means. Deposits of €50 for the bibs must be handed over in a sealed transparent bag clearly showing the club's name and will be given back when the bibs are returned at the end of the event.

Before departing for the event, the participating club must check the body temperature of its athletes and accompanying persons or obtain declaration that such measurement was done at home. People with a temperature of more than 37.5°C will not be allowed to depart for the Competition.

During the journey to the race:

- only 50% of the vehicle's seats may be occupied, with adequate distance between passengers
- a face mask must be used throughout the journey and the vehicle must be ventilated frequently.

5. ACCESSING THE EVENT VENUE

Each club must ensure that every person authorized to enter the event venue has a self-certification certificate, which must be completed on the day of the start of the Competition or no earlier than 24 hours beforehand.

Access to the sports venue must be exclusively on foot through the check point in the finish area. Access will be reserved exclusively for athletes, coaches, Team Leaders, members of recognized national canoe federations, event organization staff, race judges, timekeepers, and medical, technical rescue personnel. Access to the Logistics area will be permitted only once drivers of the vehicles have passed through the check point; only then may they proceed to their designated parking spot along the pavement or in the parking area. Everyone entering the competition area must wear a face mask, present a completed self-certification form and have their body temperature measured.

Temperature check

Body temperature will be measured for all participants, their accompanying personnel, the organization's staff and in general all those entering the event venue, at each point of access. People with a temperature of more than 37.5°C will not be allowed access and must consult their doctor.

The staff responsible for measuring body temperature must be equipped with appropriate PPE (FFP2 mask without exhalation valve, face shield or goggles, gloves, disposable water-repellent coat).

The declaration in Appendix 2 or 3 must be signed and handed in by all persons who, for



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whatever reason, enter the event venue. The Organizing Committee will keep these declarations for 14 days after the end of the event.

If the person is eligible to enter the event venue, he/she will be provided with a disposable wristband which he/she must wear for the duration of the day. Accidental removal of the wristband must be reported promptly to the control staff, who will take body temperature again and, after checking that the self-certification is present, will fit a new wristband. Voluntary removal of the wristband constitutes an infringement which may result in a ban on entering the competition area. The wristbands will be of a different colour for athletes and accompanying persons and on different days.

6. LOGISTICS AREA

The following measures will apply in the Logistics area:

- The event organizers will provide parking spaces for vehicles in the designated area marked for each club and 2 metres distant from the respective areas of other clubs. Athletes and accompanying persons are requested to remain within their own area, not to stop in the areas of other clubs and to follow the marked pedestrian routes to reach the common areas (bathrooms, canoe racks,...) and the competition area.
- Participants must remain within their own tents/gazebos or parking areas to change, use face masks at all times, and maintain a distance of 1 metre from other people where possible.
- No access to the Logistics area will be permitted for anyone other than athletes, accompanying persons, organization staff and first aiders.
- Toilets will be available for athletes in the Logistics area on the basis of 1 for every 100 participants.

7. RACE MANAGEMENT

Accreditation

- Accreditation will take place under an open-sided tent in order to ensure proper ventilation. The tent will be located near the Finish area and will be appropriately marked. Access to the accreditation tent will be permitted for a maximum of two people at a time wearing a protective face mask. People awaiting accreditation must remain outside the tent at a distance of at least 1 metre from any others who are also waiting.
- The race bibs will be provided in a sealed bag. The bagging will be carried out by staff wearing gloves and face masks. At the end of the race the bibs must be returned in the same sealed bag. The Organizing Committee will be responsible for cleaning and disinfecting the bibs.
- Race entry fees must be paid electronically, no cash is allowed except for the €50 bib deposits, in which case the cash must be handed over by the participating club in a transparent sealed bag clearly showing the club's name.
- Start lists and race results will only be available electronically.

Race

- River access areas refer to the embarkation point and disembarkation point.
- River access areas will be duly manned by the organizing staff who will oversee proper



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observance of rules and protocols.

- Only athletes are allowed in the river access areas, although in the case of U14 athletes, one accompanying person is allowed.
- It is compulsory to maintain social distancing while awaiting embarkation and disembarkation.
- It is compulsory to wear a face mask until the point of embarkation.
- Footwear must be worn until embarkation. Footwear must also be kept inside the boat during the race.
- If material (canoe, paddle, personal flotation device, spraydeck, etc.) is used by more than one person, it must be disinfected with suitable materials by the participating club.
- The Organizing Committee will ensure that adequate disinfection material is available in the common part of the Logistics area.
- The supervisory staff will disinfect the embarkation and disembarkation area as often as necessary and at least at the beginning of each day; sanitizing mats will be provided and must be passed over at the embarkation and disembarkation points.
- Unattended objects will be picked up by staff wearing gloves and masks, bagged and sealed, delivered to the Covid Manager who will return them at the request of the those concerned and evaluate the application of any penalties.

Start and finish stations

- Event judges must wear a face mask throughout the event and perform boat and equipment controls without physical contact or alternatively using gloves or sanitizing hand gel before and after the control.
- Timekeepers must wear face masks, sanitize their hands and clean surfaces and their working area with the material provided by the Organizing Committee at the beginning and end of the event.
- The speaker will be exempted from using a face mask during the race commentary, after undergoing a rapid third-generation swab test for SARSCoV2 on the same day as the race, and must stay at a distance of 1 metre from other staff.

8. PRIZE GIVING

Prize-giving will take place at the end of each race by category once the ranking has been approved and signed, on the podium located in the designated area. Athletes must come to the prize-giving area located in the Finish area following the marked routes and using the appropriate PPE.

For the prize-giving the following measures must be followed:

- The athlete will reach the podium via the marked route, wearing a face mask and shoes and maintaining an interpersonal distance of 1 metre.
- The athlete will take the medal directly from a tray, handed to him/her by an organizer wearing a face mask, and place it around his/her own neck.
- Handshakes and hugs are strictly forbidden.
- The medal tray will be sanitized after each use.



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9. RESCUE AND SAFETY

Personnel involved in water rescue will meet 90 minutes before the start of the competition with the Covid Manager who will provide all the information necessary to carry out the water rescue safely for both personnel and athletes.

The Technical Rescue Coordinator must keep a record of all rescues performed, including the name of the athlete rescued and the rescuers involved. This information will be placed together with the self-declaration forms and retained for 14 days after the end of the event.

Depending on the condition of the rescued athlete, the rescue personnel will decide whether and when to make him/her put on a face mask. There will be hand gel packs along the riverside passageway for rescue personnel to sanitize their hands after each rescue or recovery.

It is advisable for primary rescue personnel to wear disposable gloves for rescue and helmets with visors. The safest approach, compatible with the dynamics of the rescue, is to approach the person being rescued from behind, avoiding as far as possible face-to-face contact.

10. CLEANING AND SANITIZATION

Cleaning and sanitization of the premises are fundamental activities that, together with interpersonal distancing, can prevent the spread of the virus.

The Organizing Committee will ensure that all premises and areas involved in the sports event are regularly cleaned, disinfected and sanitized using disinfecting detergents that have been authorized by the Ministry of Health.

In particular:

- a) Sports equipment must be disinfected before departure from the participating club. If the equipment is shared during the competition, it must be disinfected after each use by the participating club. The Organizing Committee will provide adequate material for disinfection in the common part of the Logistics area (canoe rack area), with the recommendation to athletes and accompanying persons that proper use of the material is a common good.
- b) Common areas, doors, toilets and installations (doors, handrails, windows, handles, benches, hangers, taps, sinks, toilets, chairs) which are high contact surfaces. All those present will be made aware of the importance of following the hygiene rules to help maintain a clean and healthy environment.
- c) Embarkation and disembarkation areas will be sanitized on a daily basis and there will be mandatory hygienic mats at both points.

If a confirmed case of COVID19 has been on the premises of the sports venue, the Organizing Committee will carry out the relevant sanitization operations with the support of a specialized company in compliance with the provisions of the Ministry of Health circular no. 5443 of 27 February 2020, expressly referred to in the Protocol of 14 March 2020.



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11. PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT

Face masks

The use of FFP2 face masks without exhalation valve is obligatory for cleaning staff, temperature control and rescue staff or anyone in close contact with potentially positive and/or symptomatic individuals.

Athletes, accompanying persons and event organization staff must wear regulation-compliant or community face masks continuously throughout the event; the sole exception is athletes when competing in the race.

Gloves

The use of disposable gloves is compulsory for temperature control staff, those handling material such as bibs and food for staff, race judges when carrying out inspections of athletes and material, and cleaning and sanitization personnel.

12. MANAGEMENT OF SYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUALS DURING THE COMPETITION

In the finish area, next to the Ambulance parking area, there will be a special closed tent for isolating anyone displaying Covid-like symptoms during the course of the event and for implementing all the procedures to ensure rapid medical intervention.

Operational indications for managing symptomatic individuals during their presence at the sports venue:

- a) Anyone with a temperature should immediately notify the Covid Manager, avoid close contact with others and report the situation. They will be accompanied to the isolation tent and provided with a face mask.
- b) If the symptoms so permit, the individual will be asked to go home and contact their own doctor.
- c) If the symptoms are such as not to allow the individual to go home on their own, the 118 emergency service will be contacted in accordance with current regional protocols.

If this individual subsequently tests positive for COVID-19, the sports venue will be closed and sanitized before reopening.

The following Appendices are annexed to this Protocol:

Appendix 1: map of the race area with related indications

Appendix 2: self-certification of absence of COVID symptoms for Adults

Appendix 3: self-certification of absence of COVID symptoms for Minors

Appendix 4: GDPR for the processing of personal data (FICK document)

Appendix 5: Entry and Temperature Control register (not included in the downloadable documents)

Appendix 6: Water rescue operations register (not included in the downloadable documents)

Appendix 7: Registration of accompanying persons (members of recognized national canoe federations only)

Appendix 8: Registration of vehicles / trailers / tents/gazebo



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Appendix 9: Minibus parking map (to be sent after closing Race entries)

Appendix 10: Tent/gazebo map (to be sent after closing Race entries)

Please note that all the provisions contained herein are subject to change up to the day of the event depending on how the spread of SARS CoV2 develops and on scientific evidence. Event participants are requested to comply with the latest Protocol in force on the day of the event and with any other written or verbal instructions provided by the relevant persons and authorities.