

COVID SAFETY PLAN, Elk Lake Spring March 5-6, 2022

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Pandemic Cancellation Policy

Registration Refunds

Should the regatta be cancelled due to COVID-19:

- More than 60 days prior: full refund
- 30-60 days prior: 50% refund
- Less than 30 days prior: no refund

Site Considerations

Procedure/Intervention

The regatta site is delineated as the footprint of the Victoria Rowing Society. Access to the regatta site will be controlled via the check in desk at the entrance to the regatta site (east side of building) with crowd control and signs. The check in desk will also double as the volunteer check in desk.

All regatta participants will be checked in their first time on site and provided with an event bracelet. Non-regatta participants will not be permitted on the regatta site.

Where possible, 'one way' traffic patterns on land will be initiated. Maps indicating the 'regatta site' will be posted around land and on the event website.

Hygiene/Sanitation

Procedure/Intervention

Hand sanitizer stations available at:

- Control commission
- Water filling stations
- Finish area
- Outside of boat bays

Masks are required to be worn by all unless racing in a rowing shell.

Regular sanitization/cleaning of portable toilets to be done.

Volunteer lunches to be individually packaged, distributed by individual(s) with gloves, and mask.

No items will be left on docks. Oars will be carried down/away with shells, and shoes will be taken in boat or away with coach.

Volunteers checking shoes at Control Commission must wear a mask.

Screening

Procedure/Intervention

All regatta participants over the age of 19 (athletes, coaches, umpires, volunteers) are required to provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19. Those who are not fully vaccinated will be required to provide negative COVID-19 test at their own expense.

Daily 'Self-Assessments' are required to be completed before arriving at the regatta site each day. The BC Health Self Assessment Tool can be found here: <https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en>.

Should the check-in volunteers encounter a difficult individual, the COVID-19 officer and/or the Chief Umpire will be available for support.

Contact tracing is handled for regatta participants through the racing registration system. Contact tracing for volunteers will be handled through the volunteer registration system. Spectators outside of the controlled regatta site are not under the purview of this plan.

Concession

Procedure/Intervention

People in concession are required to follow masking protocols and contactless payment will be preferred.

All volunteers inside the concession must have masks and appropriate PPE as directed by Provincial and Regional health orders and be fully vaccinated.

Distancing

Procedure/Intervention

The Spracklen Room will be closed to all regatta participants.

Increased launch window to minimize traffic on docks.

Traffic flow patterns exists. There are arrows on the ground marking pathways for entering and exiting the tarmac in front of the boathouse. There will also be tents set up that will confine each team to their area. Non Participants will be kept clear of any routes that boats will take.

Dock Marshalls to control dock access to prevent crowding.

Each trailer site to be distanced from others.

Increased portable washroom stations, spread out on site to avoid crowding.

There will be no item storage for athletes, volunteers, umpires, etc. People need to bring what they need with them at all times and keep things in their team spaces.

Athletes, coaches etc. recommended to remain at their team's tent site between races, except to use the washroom & get drinking water.

When more than one person in a coach boat or safety boat, masks must be worn at all times.

Medals are to be taken by the athlete from the medal tray, and both the athletes and medal presenter must wear a mask.

Personal Protective Equipment

Procedure/Intervention

Masks, gloves to be available for volunteers upon request from three locations; Regatta Site office; Finish Tower & Control Commission

All indoor spaces are closed off to athletes and coaches, only authorized personal will be permitted indoors and will be required to always wear a mask, including in finish tower

Communication

Procedure/Intervention

Radios for quick, communication between regatta leaders will be provided

Communication about this plan will involve circulation with the regatta package and circulated to each team through email. This plan will also be posted at the volunteer check in station (which is the control point for access to the regatta site)

Emergency Management

Procedure/Intervention

If an individual reports COVID symptoms, they will be directed to the COVID isolation area, the Spracklen Room, and our first aid attendant will be notified. PPE will be provided to an individual designated to care for that person. PPE will be located in the Regatta Site Office.

Where possible, 'one way' traffic patterns on land will be initiated. Maps indicating the regatta site boundaries will be posted around land and on the event website.