



NEW GENERAL SANITARY PROTOCOL AGAINST COVID-19 IN MOTORSPORT

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states the end of the COVID emergency from 1 April 2022 and
pursuant to the Ministry of Health Order of 28 April 2022**

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1. FOREWORD

The general rules apply as reported in the “Annuario ACI Sport 2022” and in each Motorsport Discipline Regulations and relevant updates, which become effective from their publication in the ACI SPORT official Website. This General Sanitary Protocol complements the general rules and has the same binding effect.

This document aims at setting sanitary guidelines to ensure safety of all professionals involved in motor sport. It is based on recommendations issued by the FMSI (*Federazione Medico Sportiva Italiana* – Italian Sports Medicine Federation).

Provisions included in this document will be updated as necessary, according to any future government regulations based on medical and scientific development and applicable to motor sport activities. This document aims to provide clear information and guidelines to those involved in such activities, in order to organize track and road races.

This document is based on the guidelines issued by the Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers - Department for Sport - on 4 May 2020. It identifies the sanitary protocol to tackle the spread of Covid-19 taking into account the key-principles hereinafter.

The above mentioned government guidelines have been updated by DPCM 11 June 2020, art.1 letter e), DPCM 7 May 2021 and 1 June 2021, Law Decree 221 of 24 December 2021, Law Decree 229 of 30 December 2021, Law Decree 1 of 7 January 2022, Law Decree 24 of 24 March 2022 and Ministry of Health Order of 28 April 2022.

Motorsport – which is **an individual sport** according to a risk analysis of sport disciplines - shows low Covid-19 diffusion risk rate. It is similar to all other “**contactless sports**” which have been able to continue for the last two years, while complying with the protection measures for oneself and others. Motorsport races, which take place outdoor, can be performed on tracks (autodromes or karting circuits) or on ordinary roads in case of disciplines such as rally, hill climb, ronde, slalom, off-road etc.

Competitions on circuits and roads take place **in wide outdoor areas** thus naturally ensuring social distancing among participants (drivers, car mechanics, track or road marshals, medical and paramedical assistants, internal service staff). By way of example, any Italian circuits’ paddock area and any national Rally’s service park measure above 30,000 m².

Motorsport activities and events have been able to restart reducing the infection risk thanks to all the sanitary measures taken, such as the widespread use of **Personal Protection Equipment** items by all participants, the compliance with the rules being monitored by appointed staff members and participants’ awareness of the importance of his/her own respectful behaviour towards sanitary rules and other participants.

Digitalisation of some competition activities (drivers’ briefing, administrative checking, Official Notice Board etc.) help to prevent people gatherings. Specific **Apps** developed for motorsport –

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provided they are privacy compliant – can also be used to track staff members up to 15 days following the event.

1.1. DEFINITIONS

Sport Subject is either an athlete or a staff member present at the event venue on the occasion of the event.

Sport site is any facilities intended to host sporting activities, or any facilities consisting of one or multiple sporting areas of the same type or different types, having common spaces and auxiliary services, as identified by the relevant sporting authority.

Reserved Area is any operational areas intended for the organization of motorsport events and particularly:

- 1) Paddock Area (for circuits, karting circuits and short tracks)
- 2) Service park (for Rallies)
- 3) Other operational areas (for other disciplines such as Hill Climb, slalom, off-road etc.)
- 4) Other functional areas, such as Press Room, Race Directors premises, Stewards Panel Room etc.

Isolation Area is the area where sport subjects showing Covid-19 symptoms during the event are isolated.

Covid Manager is the Organizer's appointed person in charge of coordinating infection prevention and control activities and reporting any symptomatic cases according to regional sanitary procedures.

Sport Authority is the Italian National Olympic Committee - CONI, the Italian Paralympics Committee, any National Sport Federation either Olympic and Paralympics.

Sport Organizer is any subject holding an Organizer licence issued by a National Sport Federation; any consortia (associations and companies established according to article 90 of Law 289/2002 and its successive amendments and corrigenda, and registered into the National Registry established according to article 5, paragraph 2, letter c) of the D.Lgs. 242/1999 and its successive amendments and corrigenda; companies established according to the criteria described in Law 91/1981; sport groups mentioned at article 6 of Law n. 78/2000).

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2. SANITARY PROTOCOL FOR RACES ON TRACK AND ON ROAD

As mentioned above, motorsport is an individual sport without physical contact with other participants and takes place in wide outdoor areas such as autodromes or karting circuits and in enclosed areas when competitions are held on ordinary roads (“**Reserved Areas**”).

By way of example, the Monza circuit’s paddock area measures about 40,000 m² and Vallelunga’s one about 37,000 m². Such extensions allow much wider social distancing than what is required by law.

People sharing these spaces include drivers, car mechanics and engineers from drivers’ teams, race officials, Organizer’s staff etc. (“the Participants”).

Another important element in the fight against Covid-19 is drivers’ clothing. Drivers wear flame-resistant suits, full-face helmet and a fireproof balaclava underneath it, fireproof gloves (except for co-drivers).

Additionally, in order to ensure social distancing and prevent gatherings, the following measures have been adopted:

- 1) Implementation of measures to manage the activities that are likely to generate gatherings (checkings, set-up, parc fermé, drivers’ briefing, prize giving ceremony etc.) by taking advantage of digital resources (some of which have been redesigned, and some others have been partially downsized).
- 2) Federal competitions and events may be open to the public. Compliance with a minimum social distancing of one meter and the use of masks for both audience and staff in case of gatherings is recommended. **In accordance with the regulations in force, the Organizer may provide for the mandatory use of masks in particular circumstances and/or places.**
- 3) In competitions on roads, the Organizer shall invite participants to respect social distancing and applicable sanitary protocols. Building on the actions above, further measures have been taken to ensure that competitions on track and on road can take place.

3. COVID MANAGER

- **Vigilance**

The Organizer may appoint a Covid Manager.

The Covid Manager monitors that these guidelines and the relevant safety measures are correctly applied during the event, also seeking cooperation by specific officers.

Any violation shall be reported by the Covid Manager to the Stewards who can apply penalties up to the exclusion from the event.



- **Management of a symptomatic case**

In case any Sport Subject during the event develops symptoms such as fever and/or other symptoms of Covid infection, s/he must immediately report it to the Covid Manager and be isolated in the Isolation Area, in rooms previously identified by the Organizer in cooperation with the Chief Medical Officer. Any other persons who has had close contact with the symptomatic person must self-monitor.

The regional sanitary procedure for symptomatic cases shall be started immediately.

4. PROCEDURE FOR ORGANISING MOTORSPORT COMPETITIONS IN LINE WITH APPLICABLE SANITARY PROVISIONS AGAINST COVID-19

This document sets the General Rules applicable to all motor sport disciplines.

Specific Regulations provided for each Motorsport Discipline must take into account these Rules in order to enable the organization of races and competitions in compliance with applicable sanitary regulations.

Step	Type	Mode	Where/How
1	Competition entry	on-line	<p>Applicants holding an Italian licence can log to their "Members' Area" on the Federazione website www.acisport.it and pre-register to the race. They have to check that information concerning personal details, driving licence, expiry date of the driving licence, ACI membership card and medical certificate are correct (see also at: http://acisport.it/it/acisport/news/comunicati/61329/preiscrizioni-online-alle-gare-automobilistiche).</p> <p>Competitors/Drivers holding a foreign licence have to download the application forms at www.acisport.it or from the Organizer's website, duly fill them in and send them via email together with the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Valid Licence - Medical Certificate - Authorization from their Parent ASN - Identity Document - Driving Licence (not mandatory for closed circuit races) <p>In case the driver is under 18 years of age, also a copy of a certificate stating parental responsibility on the child and copy of the parents' documents must be attached.</p>
2	Payment of Registration fees		<p>Payment must be made according to the Organizer's instructions.</p> <p>The registration to the race is not finalized until the payment is made.</p>
3	Accreditation Centre		<p>The Organizers shall set up an Accreditation Centre and shall give instructions to ensure social distancing is maintained.</p> <p>In the Accreditation Centre the Organizer's staff shall:</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Recommend the use of facemasks in the event of gatherings;(ii) hand over the event passes (if any);(iii) hand over the materials needed for the competition.
4	Reserved Areas		<p>These operational areas (mentioned above in the point 1.1) must be enclosed and marked.</p> <p>Access is permitted only to the authorized staff. Inside these areas, wearing a face mask is recommended.</p>
5	PPEs		<p>Anyone requesting access to the Reserved Areas must be equipped with adequate PPEs in line with sanitary rules for the duration of the whole event and whose use is recommended in case of gatherings.</p> <p>Please note that lack of adequate PPEs will determine denial of access to the Reserved Area.</p>
6	Set-up of technical assistance facilities		<p>The Reserved Area must be run in compliance with applicable sanitary regulations (set-up of facilities so as to allow the required social distancing etc.). All staff must be provided with the required health protective equipment. All technical assistance facilities must be placed at least 1 metre away from each other.</p>
7	Sanitising of Cars and Technical Assistance Areas		<p>Each Team shall ensure daily sanitising of their racing cars and technical assistance areas with appropriate chemical detergents.</p>
8	Sanitising of common spaces		<p>The Organizer shall ensure daily cleaning and necessary sanitising of technical areas, facilities, workstations and common areas. In case someone tested positive for Covid-19 has been in any such spaces, cleaning and sanitising will be carried out.</p>
9	Organizer's information duties		<p>The Organizer shall provide information on the updated sanitary regulations applicable throughout the event. Information must include the name of the appointed Covid Manager.</p> <p>Such communication must be distributed to the Accreditation Centre's visitors, be displayed in common spaces at the event venue and be published in the Official Notice Board.</p> <p>Any offences of the regulations are punishable by the Stewards.</p>
10	Official Notice Board		<p>The Organizer shall keep a paper Official Notice Board and a digital one. Documents entered in the digital Official Notice Board must be in a downloadable PDF</p>



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			<p>format (e.g. Competition's Supplementary Regulations, decisions, ranking etc.). Proof of documents' chronology is given by the registered time of publication.</p>
11	Administrative checking		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Participants holding an Italian Licence: Applicants who have enrolled online have checked their own documents already but the Organizer can ask for any supplement in case something is missing or any document's validity has expired (e.g. medical certificate etc.).- Participants holding a foreign Licence: Administrative checking is carried out by the Secretariat of the Race, in compliance with applicable sanitary regulations. The Organizer can ask for any supplement in case something is missing or any document's validity has expired (e.g. medical certificate etc.). The list of checked participants is published in the digital Official Notice Board. Access to the Reserved Area is not permitted to non-checked participants.
12	Scrutineering		<p>Pre-race scrutineering will be carried out in person. During such procedure, Scrutineers must check the correspondence of each vehicle's chassis number, group and class, with what is reported on their annual technical certification. A spot check will also be carried out on their safety equipment. Procedures must comply with the general anti-Covid sanitary regulations. Any random post-race scrutineering requested by the sport regulations shall be carried out in the special set-up scrutineering premises, in compliance with the applicable sanitary regulations. Opening hours of the scrutineering premises are published in the information notice to participants. Any supplementary scrutineering (stamping etc.) can be ruled by each discipline's regulations and must comply with the applicable sanitary regulations.</p>

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13	Briefings		<p>Briefings of the Race Director with the drivers and Race Officials can be made either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- via a conference-call;- in the briefing room in respect of social distancing, that is splitting up drivers in several briefing rounds. <p>Minutes of the briefing are to be published in the digital Official Notice Board.</p>
14	Secretariat of the Race		<p>Applicable sanitary regulations must be observed.</p>
15	Race director's office		<p>Applicable sanitary regulations must be observed. To get in touch with each team's sporting director it is possible to use whatsapp, radio messaging etc.</p>
16	Competitors' Relation officer		<p>At least one person must be appointed Competitors' Relation Officer, having the necessary experience to act as mediator between the race direction and participants.</p>
17	Panel of Stewards		<p>Applicable sanitary regulations must be observed. The maximum number of persons present in a room shall be identified according to social distancing rules and applicable sanitary regulations.</p>
18	Timekeeping		<p>The Organizer shall make available adequate spaces according to applicable social distancing sanitary regulations.</p>
19	Parc Fermé		<p>At the end of the qualifying sessions and of the race, cars must be driven into the Parc Fermé. Stewards instruct drivers on how to do so and how to collect cars back. Parc Fermé must be organized so that drivers, after having parked their cars according to Stewards' instructions, can quickly move away from the area while keeping adequate social distance from each other.</p>
20	Prize giving		<p>The Organizer shall verify that the designated area is compliant with the applicable sanitary regulations.</p>
21	Dismantlement of facilities		<p>Dismantlement of the Reserved Area must be made in compliance with applicable sanitary protocols. Removal of materials and persons movements must be supervised so as to avoid gatherings.</p>
22	Hospitality areas equipped for spectators (if they are included)		<p>Competitions and federal events can be open to the public. Compliance with current healthcare regulations is recommended.</p>