

IMPORTANT

Please read the Paddle Australia Covid Guidelines for Events first by [CLICKING HERE](#)

The Guideline provides information on:

- Contract tracing
- General risk management
- Vaccination
- Testing
- Updates – State/Federal Government
- Definition of a close contact
- Requirements for close contacts
- Additional costs
- State Government websites
- National hotline

COVID SAFE COORDINATOR

The Oceania Championships has appointed the following person as the “Oceania Covid Safety Coordinator” to execute the delivery of this plan and to act as a point of contact for information during the event.

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CONTACT TRACING

There will be a QR code to register attendance at the Penrith Whitewater Stadium to assist with contact tracing if required.

Participants should download the [free Service NSW app](#) prior to arrival so that they are ready to check-in to the venue and all other Covid-Safe venues as required by NSW health orders.

Paddle Australia will retain participant lists to assist in contacting attendees as/if needs be. Lists for the following groups will be kept including:

- Competing athletes
- Officials
- Team Leaders and coaches

CONTROL MEASURES FOR SPECIFIC AREAS

ACCESS TO BRIDGES

- Only officials and coaches may remain on the bridges
- Masks must be worn at all times by anyone positioned on the bridges
- Discussions with athletes should not occur on the bridges

ALL STATES TENT

- A Covid coordinator will be appointed for this area
- This coordinator will oversee the restrictions within the tent
- Masks must be worn at all times within the tent area

CHANGE ROOMS

- Access to change rooms should be restricted solely to athletes, officials and essential staff
- Masks are encouraged to be worn whilst in the change room

CAFE AND BREEZEWAY AREA

- Masks are strongly encouraged whilst not eating or drinking
- Social distancing should be maintained
- Generally, this area is outside the 'Field of Play' and it is not considered part of Paddle Australia's responsibility, but it is acknowledged that many participants will use this area

CSLX START PLATFORM & BOAT DISTRIBUTION

- Hand sanitiser will be available for use
- Boats will be sanitised between athlete use
- People in the pre-start area must either socially distance or wear a mask

BIB DISTRIBUTION

- Officials must sanitise their hands prior to sorting bibs
- Athletes must collect and return their own bibs

DOPING CONTROL AREA

- Only officials and required athletes are to be in the area
- Hand sanitiser will be available for use
- Covid countermeasure instructions of the doping control officer must be followed at all the times

ENQUIRY DESK

- Access limited to results officials and Team Leaders
- Masks must be worn in the enquiry area
- Hand sanitiser will be available for use

EVENT SHED (OVR)

- Access limited to results officials
- Hand sanitizer must be applied before entering OVR
- Door handles, light switches, bench tops will be wiped down with disinfectant daily
- Masks must be worn inside the event shed

GATE JUDGES

- Officials will receive a 'care package' of hand sanitiser and masks along with their uniform
- Hand sanitiser will be available for use
- Gate Judges should socially distance
- Gate Judge and iPad operator should sit a minimum of 1.5m apart

MEDAL CEREMONIES

- Hand sanitiser will be available for use
- Only one presenter to be involved in the ceremony
- Athletes will pick up their own medals / trophies from the trays
- Spectators of the medal ceremony should socially distance

RESULTS NOTICEBOARD

- Access limited to Team Leaders or their delegate and officials
- Whilst viewing the results board people need to either socially distance or wear a mask
- People are encouraged to take a photo of the results then move away from the area
- Results will be distributed to Team Leaders electronically via WhatsApp

SPECTATORS

- When spectating, ensure a distance of 1.5 metres is kept between all attendees including athletes, coaches, and others (unless part of a family group)
- Spectators will be encouraged to spread out along the banks and have limited access to the island

SPORTS PRESENTATION

- Hand sanitiser will be available for use
- Access is limited to sports commentary staff, maximum 2 people at a time
- Sports commentators should sit a minimum of 1.5 m apart

TEAM LEADER MEETING

- Team Leader meeting will be conducted in an open tent area with social distancing maintained
- Masks must be worn during Team Leader meetings
- Hand sanitiser will be available for use

TVS TENT

- A Covid coordinator will be appointed to manage the TVS tent area
- Access restricted to required personnel
- Masks must be worn
- Hand sanitiser will be available for use

MANAGEMENT OF UNWELL PARTICIPANTS

- Any unwell athletes, team members, officials or their families will be asked to leave the venue and seek testing
- For further information regarding isolation, testing and definitions and requirements for close contacts, please see <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/>