

# COVID 19 Guidelines for International and National events held at the Dubai Autodrome and Kartdrome

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## Introduction

Coronavirus (COVID 19) pandemic has shown the World how quick our livelihoods and lifestyles can change. It has also made the human race pay more attention to crucial aspects of self-hygiene and well-being to prevent infection. Most infected people experience mild to moderate disease symptoms; however, those with the underlying chronic disease may develop severe life-threatening conditions leading to death in some cases. [https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus#tab=tab\\_1](https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus#tab=tab_1)

These guidelines aim to mitigate the risk of infection by protecting everyone visiting at the Dubai Autodrome and Kartdrome during National and International Motorsport Events. The compliance of these guidelines is vital in creating a level of “normality” while at the Venue.

The guidelines are sourced from:

1. Appendix S of the International Sporting Code.
2. Emirates Motorsports Organization (EMSO) “Return to Race Guidelines” – Updated as of 15/10/2020
3. Recommendation and guidelines for the reopening of Sports Venues in the Emirate of Dubai from Dubai Health Authority, Dubai Sports Council, Dubai Police and Dubai Municipality
4. Dubai Autodrome COVID-19 Infection Control Policy and Procedures

These guidelines will be kept under review and may be amended from time to time to ensure their effectiveness as this pandemic evolves rapidly from day-to-day.

## Guidelines

With the United Arab Emirates motorsport season fast approaching including National and International Events, it is then our responsibility to mitigate the risk of transmission to an acceptable degree thus providing a safe sporting environment for everyone at the Venue. Non-compliance of the COVID-19 Guidelines and Infection Control Policy and Procedures may lead to access to the Venue be denied and exclusion from the Event. Please **NOTE** the UAE laws and regulations takes precedence while visiting Dubai Autodrome or Kartdrome.

### Applicable to:

- I. EMSO
- II. Dubai Autodrome / Kartdrome Personnel, Volunteers and others attending on behalf of the Organizer
- III. Motorsport Event Organizers
- IV. Promoters
- V. Competitors and Teams
- VI. Media personnel and organizations
- VII. Suppliers of products and services
- VIII. Outsourced Medical and Ambulance Personnel
- IX. Spectators

It is the responsibility of each Team Manager and each Organization representative to ensure all members/employees of its organization:

- Are familiar with the protocol and its modifications before their first appearance on site.
- Respect the Protocol at all times during the Event

## PART A - Medical Guidance

**Fit-to-Attend** – Means that all attendees have no COVID-19 symptoms or risk factors and are fit-to-attend the Event. All attendees **MUST** wear a face mask and will undergo mandatory Infrared Forehead Temperature screening to rule out fever at the entrance of the Venue.

Symptoms include but not limited to, the following:

- I. Fever
- II. Cough with shortness of breath
- III. Fatigue
- IV. Headache
- V. Running nose
- VI. Sore Throat
- VII. Loss of sense of smell and taste
- VIII. A skin rash
- IX. Discoloration of fingers and toes

Fit-to Attend **MUST**:

- I. Have completed the **COVID-19 Health Screening & Risk Profiling Questionnaire**
- II. Agree online that they understand and comply with the COVID-19 Infections Control Policy and Procedures and these Guidelines, failure to agree and comply may result in access to the Venue denied and exclusion from the Event.
- III. Have undergone one Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Test by an approved test provider before arriving at the Venue and provide a negative test result; when coming from outside of the UAE

Once fit-to-attend is determined, the Dubai Autodrome will provide attendees with the means to observe appropriate mitigating measures. These include social distancing (at least 2 meters), hand-washing hygiene, face masks (change every four hours) and alcohol-based hand sanitizers.

Dubai Autodrome strongly encourages any attendee requested to attend the Event to get tested before the start of the Event.

**Fit-to -Leave** - For those Competitors and Teams requiring a negative PCR test before departure to their home country, this testing is available on-site. This requirement **MUST** be brought to the Organizers attention before arriving at the Venue for the Event, so appropriate arrangements are made to ensure that the PRC test result is published early enough.

Any material non-compliance of these Guidelines **MUST** be reported to the Dubai Autodrome delegate without delay. All attendees **MUST** follow mitigating procedures such as regular hand washing, using alcohol-based hand sanitizer, observe one-way pedestrian systems, floor marking to facilitate social distancing (at least 2 meters) and wear a face

mask. If the attendee deliberately or repeatedly breaches these guidelines and the Dubai Autodrome delegate considers ejecting the attendee from/or denies any further access to the Event, the Dubai Autodrome delegate shall submit a report to the Stewards. They shall proceed in accordance with Article 11.9 of the International Sporting Code. The only exception is when social distancing would jeopardize safety. In these circumstances, the attendee in question is temporarily not required to observe social distancing but must wear a face mask (unless superseded by a balaclava and full-face helmet covering the eyes, nose and mouth) and should complete the task in question as quick and safe as possible.

All used face-mask and other personal protective equipment must be disposed of in the close medical waste containers located throughout the Venue.

The decision by the Dubai Autodrome delegate to reject the attendee from / or to deny access to the Venue based on an assessment that the attendee is or may be infected is **FINAL** for the safety of everyone at the Venue. An attendee already admitted to the Venue begins to present with symptoms of COVID-19 must report immediately to the on-site medical delegate. These attendees will be isolated at the COVID-19 Ward located at the Medical Center and will be managed appropriately, and a PRC test administered immediately.

While these guidelines are designed to reduce the risk of transmission, the Dubai Autodrome and the attendees acknowledge that it is not possible to eliminate the threat. Each attendee assumes the risk of infection and the consequences thereof and (in accordance with Article 1.1.3 of the International Sporting Code) agrees (on his/her behalf, and behalf of his/her estate, heirs, successors and assigns) that the Dubai Autodrome and its directors, officers, employees, agents and officials shall bear no liability in respect of any illness or fatality unless it is proven that the illness and fatality was suffered as a result of the Dubai Autodrome's willful misconduct or gross negligence

## PART B – Operational Guidelines

### Access to the Paddock

The Paddock Area and Race Control are considered High-Density Area (as per ISC Appendix S, Article 3.5) and are therefore only accessible by registered attendees (**Fit-to-Attend**).

- a. Paddock access will be controlled by the use of wristbands or another form of accreditation.
- b. Dubai Autodrome reserves the right to implement different categories of wristbands allowing access to different areas within the paddock (e.g. limited access to race control building).
- c. Each team or organization should appoint a representative in charge of collecting the accreditation for all their members.
- d. Wristbands will be allocated and handed out against submitted COVID-19 Health Screening & Risk Profiling Questionnaire.
- e. Media will be granted paddock access with media vest.

### Personal Movement

- a. Each person arriving at the circuit and accessing the paddock must go directly to his or her designated area.
- b. A system is in place to regulate the flow of pedestrians and promote social distancing as much as possible, and according to Dubai Government COVID-19 guidelines.
- c. Each person must remain in his or her work area as much as possible, and movement to another area should be limited if necessary, fulfil essential duties or if called by the race officials.

### Room / Garage Occupancy

- a. Maximum capacity of each room is based on the Dubai Autodrome [Social Distancing – Room Matrix](#), according to Dubai Government COVID-19 guidelines.
- b. Per garage bay, two cars or four bikes are allowed.
- c. Teams should be limited to essential staff only.

### Catering

- a. Catering during the Event should be limited to 50 guests at a time.
- b. Room Capacity will be monitored and restricted based on the Dubai Autodrome [Social Distancing – Room Matrix](#) according to Dubai Government COVID-19 guidelines

- c. All catering must be provided by Dubai Autodrome's catering partner, trained and licensed in providing catering according to the Municipality requirements and according to Dubai Government COVID-19 guidelines
- d. Setup must follow social distancing guidelines (min. 2m between tables, a limited number of chairs per table)

#### Administrative checks

- a. Digital event sign-on is mandatory.
- b. License copies (and start permission, where required) must be submitted to event organizer before the start to of the Event.
- c. Both documents must be sent to DAMC Secretary [damcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:damcsecretary@gmail.com), copying Dominic Simon ([dominics@dubaiautodrome.com](mailto:dominics@dubaiautodrome.com)).

#### Briefing

- a. Drivers/Riders briefing should be done remotely/digitally (e.g. by sending briefing presentation to all competitors in advance), with briefing presentation to be provided by the respective championship promoter.
- b. These briefings may be supplemented by CoC-Notes (need to be communicated by championship representative)
- c. All competitors must submit the digital sign-on document to confirm they have read and understood the briefing presentation.
- d. Competitors can request an individual face-to-face briefing with CoC through their championship representative.
- e. The Clerk of the Course reserves the right to call for a drivers/riders briefing, if necessary.

#### Starting Grid and Pitlane

- a. Only essential team members are allowed to access pitlane and starting grid.
- b. Per car, six team members will be allowed access to the grid (incl. driver).
- c. Per bike, four team members will be allowed access to the grid (incl. rider).
- d. Wearing a mask is mandatory at all times.

#### Podium

- a. Only winning drivers and one team representative is allowed to access the podium waiting room.

- b. Should there be multiple classes for the same race podium, room occupancy will be limited to 15 people; any additional drivers will be required to wait outside the podium room until previous class has left the podium area.
- c. Podium ceremonies and trophy presentation must be done by one dignitary only.
- d. It is the championship organizers responsibility to disinfect trophies before the start of the podium ceremony.

#### **Race Control & Stewards Room**

- a. Access to Race Control area by using the staircase from Race Admin.
  - Secretary of the Meeting will be positioned in Race Admin.
  - Secretary of the Meeting to record visitor and inform Race Control.
- b. Exit from Race Control area via glass door on the top floor.
- c. All officials to remain in their assigned offices.
- d. Communication between officials should be electronically or by phone whenever possible.
- e. Electronic signature (or email approval) of results are recommended.
- f. All results will be posted on the Electronic Notice board on the Dubai Autodrome website.
- g. Competitors can only access the Stewards Room or Race Control when invited by officials.

#### **Marshals**

- a. Wearing a mask is mandatory at all times for marshals except during fire interventions.
- b. Safety trucks will operate with a team of 2 marshals.
- c. Safety truck marshal teams must not change during the event (i.e. same marshal pairing in one truck for the whole Event).

#### **Media**

- a. Only registered media will be allowed to attend the Event.
- b. Media Accreditation has to be submitted through <https://www.dubaiautodrome.ae/media/>
- c. Media Centre access will be limited to accredited media and based on room capacity.
- d. Media vest allows media to access paddock.