

Recommendations for health, safety and hygiene conditions to the organisers of model powerboat competitions (domestic or international)

During the coronavirus pandemic, iMBRA recommends the following health and hygiene measures to all competition organisers and participants:

1. The venue of the competition should be possibly closed (no spectators allowed). The right of entry for the competitors and their helpers, family members should be proven with a competitor / mechanic / family member pass (cards).
2. Before the competition, but no later than the on-spot registration, all competitors (on behalf of themselves and their mechanics, family members) should sign a declaration that they understand the risks of the competition, related to the pandemic .
3. A free-to-use toilet and washroom, cleaned and disinfected at least every 2 hours, should be provided on site with running water (a mobile plastic toilet in itself does not meet this criteria).
4. Hand sanitiser fluid should be available permanently and should be used before and after entering the pontoon.
5. It should be mandatory to provide empty zones of at least 1 meter between the starting pits on the pontoon (competitor and mechanic can stand directly next to each other, but a minimum distance of 1 meter is required between 2 competitors). If the length of the pontoon does not allow it any other way, organisers should minimise the width of the starting pits, or as an ultimate option, reduce the number of competitors in the heats and finals.
6. The use of masks covering the nose and mouth on the pontoon should be mandatory for drivers and mechanics. The use of glasses / protection glasses / sunglasses is strongly recommended.
7. The rescue boat crew should always work in face masks, protection glasses and gloves.
8. When setting up the preparation zone, organisers should make sure that in the immediate vicinity of each other (e.g. in a tent, caravan and in the area next to it) max. 2-3 people stay permanently (this number can be higher in case they live in the same household). Cars, tents, motorhomes should be at least 1.5 meters apart.
9. In case of joint catering on site, we also recommend an“ airy” placement and the maximum observance of the hygiene rules.
10. For accommodation we do not recommend multi-bed options without separate bath and toilet and without permanent cleaning staff (e.g. multi-bed dormitory rooms). For camping it is also important that toilets and washrooms are cleaned and disinfected at least every 2 hours and it is recommended that guests staying in caravans and motorhomes preferably use their own toilets and showers.

Last, but not least: the basis of our (quite strict) recommendations is to make sure we keep on racing, but we do it as safe as possible. For this goal the ultimate way is to assume that everyone around us is a potential virus host, even if this sounds a bit scary. It is not possible to stay 100% safe, but we know this, since our sport in itself is dangerous. So, we need to adopt a similar attitude against the virus, as we already have adopted for safe racing (like keeping our boats under total control, or keeping a safe distance to the rescue boat, etc). We know how to deal with danger, so this is not a completely new situation to us: the more careful we are, the less chance we give to the virus, simple as that. Let's make sure we keep on looking after each other's health and safety!