

NCFFI Covid19 Return to Sport Guidelines



- The successful return to sport depends on, above all else, individual members taking personal responsibility for the behaviour to prevent the spread of the virus.
- Each event will appoint at least one lead match organiser, who will work with the anglers to ensure that COVID19 measures are strictly adhered to during the competition/festival/league/match. The organiser will have completed Covid19 Awareness Training.
- Before events reopen, there should be a briefing session for all organisers to make sure that they are up to speed on the Public Health Advice and Guidance. The lead organiser is responsible for this.
- Event organisers are also required to update their safety plans before reopening, in consultation with, and with the agreement of anglers.
- The plan should include measures relevant to COVID-19, for example, social distancing, availability of hand sanitisers, tissues and clinical waste bags, clear procedures around hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.
- The organiser should ensure that signage around hand hygiene, social distancing and cough etiquette is prominently displayed at the event.
- Event organisers will keep a log of any group of anglers, to facilitate Contact Tracing. This must include contact details, both phone number and address. This log should be held electronically to avoid delay in transferring it to tracing authorities, should that be necessary. Each competitor should be text or emailed the contact details of the lead organiser. A pre-booking system that captures contact details electronically is highly recommended
- Event organisers are required to put a response plan in place, outlining details of how they will deal with a suspected case of COVID-19 at the event, the match organiser is in charge.
- If anglers display any symptoms of the virus during the event, the lead organiser must direct that person to remain in isolation area away from all competitors, at all the time maintaining a 2 metre distance, and arrange for that person to remain in isolation before arranging for them to be transported home or to a medical facility, avoiding public transport.
- A set of PPE gear in a sealed bag should be included in a first aid kit. This set should include apron, surgical face mask, eye covering and two pairs of gloves to allow the First Aider to 'double-glove'.
- The lead organiser of event must also carry out a full risk assessment of the incident to see what, if any, further action needs to be taken.
- Entry fee for competitions can be made by e- transfer on PayPal or on Resolut, or in a sealed envelope with name and phone number.
- Individual can no longer make a draw for their angling positions. The organiser of the event must arrange this for all competitors, ensuring social distancing.
- Draws should be made outside, no draws should be inside unless the space can provide for safe social distancing protocols.
- Anglers should remain in their vehicles. When they arrive, the organiser will draw their angling position, by app or other safe method.
- Once anglers are in their positions they must remain on their peg and cannot under

any circumstances move around between other anglers. Only competitors and officials are allowed on the venue.

- For the weigh-in a designated scale person plus one other person to record weights, will be the only people allowed to move between competitors. The weighing will comply with social distancing and avoid contact.
- Anglers will not be required to sign a weigh-sheet.
- With no manual distribution of the results sheet possible, event organisers should consider uploading images of the results where possible.
- Competitors cannot follow the weigh team at the weigh-in.
- Prize giving ceremonies must respect social distancing and should where possible be outdoors. Trophies must be thoroughly disinfected, and prizes should be in the form of vouchers, sealed envelopes, or e-transfer

Hygiene

- All anglers should be advised to stay at home if they, or someone in their household feel unwell. In these circumstances a doctor should be consulted.
- Anglers should be asked to travel alone or with family members
- Encourage anglers to avoid congregating at the beginning or end of the event. In particular avoid crowded public areas
- Regular washing or Sanitising of hands before, during and after the event. Anglers should always have a hand sanitiser in their possession and use it regularly.
- Anglers should be reminded, with appropriate signage, to use good respiratory hygiene, covering nose and mouth with a tissue when sneezing or coughing. The tissue should be disposed of immediately.

- Where toilet facilities are in use, regular recorded cleaning, e.g. hourly, must be arranged. Disinfectant wipes with a sealable disposal unit should be available. The lead organizer is responsible for putting up notices in the toilets advising users to disinfect all hard surfaces they contact, before and after use. The notice should also make clear that the wipes are not suitable for flushing.
- Serious consideration should be given to using gloves and face coverings
- Always maintain Social Distancing. The event organiser should carefully plan the use of space at the venue.
- Each angler should have their own water bottle and should be advised against sharing
- Anglers should only use their own tackle,
- No sharing of any equipment during the event.
- After the event disinfect all equipment with a viricide i.e. Rely+ Virkon or similar.

Boat Angling

- Boat hygiene requires that hard surfaces are wiped down with a viricide solution such as the Rely+ on VIRKON used for biosecurity protocols.
- All anglers should take account of normal Health and Safety protocols
- Boats, with two or more anglers on board, must facilitate the social distancing requirements for the group.
- Social distancing measures when launching and retrieving require particular care. This will require careful planning by anglers.