



Health & Safety Protocol – Covid19

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.

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, the availability of hand sanitisers, tissues and clinical waste bags, clear procedures around hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.

Event organisers will keep a log of any group of anglers, to facilitate contact tracing.

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.

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.

Hygiene

- All anglers should be advised to stay at home if feeling unwell, and to consult a doctor
- 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 position and use it regularly.
- Anglers should be reminded to use good respiratory hygiene, covering nose and mouth with a tissue, when sneezing or coughing. The tissue should be disposed of immediately.
- 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. Virkon or similar.

Competitions, Leagues, Matches, Festivals

- 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.
- 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.
- 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

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 required particular care. This will require careful planning by anglers.