

KINGSTON REGATTA COVID-19 RISK ASSESSMENT

A. Macro Overview/Introduction

SARS-CoV-2 is primarily transmitted between people through respiratory (droplet and aerosol) and contact routes. Transmission risk is highest where people are in close proximity (within 2 metres). Airborne transmission may also occur in poorly ventilated indoor spaces, particularly if individuals are in the same room together for an extended period of time.

At the moment and notwithstanding the Delta variant, general infection rates are relatively low in the Kingston area and a considerable proportion of adults in the area have been double vaccinated and a considerable further proportion have been once vaccinated (and data suggests that this provides good protection from serious illness).

The regatta is taking place in an outdoors environment in an area with generous amounts of space - both the Spectator Enclosure along the last 75-100 metres of the course and generally along the riverbank. As a grass roots organised event, spectators are permitted, subject to capacity limitations. On a reasonable estimation of the number of spectators, based on previous holding of the regattas, the expectation is that the number of spectators will be considerably below relevant limitations (which we estimate as 500-750 (ignoring volunteers and officials)).

British Rowing has issued general guidance to the rowing community and all the clubs/schools attending the regatta will be familiar with this advice as it pertains to the manner in which they conduct their rowing operations and the precautionary procedures that are typically in place when attending regattas. All clubs and schools will be asked to confirm that they have read and will conform with such British Rowing guidance.

As far as the organisers of the regatta are aware, there have been no known cases of transmission resulting from the undertaking of rowing activities - certainly this is the experience of Kingston Rowing Club throughout the pandemic and British Rowing has not published any known incidences.

Nevertheless, as possible transmission routes are present at the regatta, through respiratory and contact routes or where people are in close proximity, a Covid-19 risk assessment is required (per both British Rowing guidance and to demonstrate to the landowner (Hampton Court Palace), the local authority (Richmond) and to other concerned bodies that careful consideration has been given by the organisers to take all reasonable steps to mitigate any related Covid related public health risks in holding the regatta.

B. Nature of Risk Assessment

This risk assessment uses the standard BS 8800:2004 risk matrix.

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Very Unlikely	Very low risk	Low risk	Low risk
Unlikely	Low risk	Medium risk	Medium risk
Likely	Medium risk	Medium risk	High risk
Very likely	Medium risk	High risk	Extremely high risk

Risk Category	Evaluation of Acceptability
Very Low	No action required.
Low	No additional controls are required. Consideration may be given to a more effective solution or improvement.
Medium	Efforts should be made to reduce the risk. Risk reduction measures should be implemented within a defined time period. Where the medium risk is associated with harmful/serious consequences further assessment may be necessary to establish more precisely the likelihood of harm as a basis for determining the need for improved control measures.
High	The activity should not be started until the risk has been reduced. Considerable resources may have to be allocated to reduce the risk. Where the risk involves activity already in progress, urgent action should be taken.
Extremely High	Activity should not be started or continued until the risk has been reduced. If it is not possible to reduce risk even with unlimited resources, activity has to remain prohibited.

C. Detailed Risk Assessment

Detailed in the below risk assessment are a number of events / hazards which may compromise or increase the COVID related risk as well as the actions taken to reduce this.

Event	Probability	Severity	Risk	Action
GENERAL ARANGEMENTS				
General activities by virtue of being at the event	Very Unlikely	Low		All competitive and spectator activities are outside
COVID positive person on site	Very Unlikely	Low		<p>All clubs and schools (on behalf of their competitors and coaches), all volunteers and all spectators entering the Spectator Enclosure will confirm that they are, inter alia, free of Covid-19 symptoms.</p> <p>The regatta will have details of the names of all the competitors (via the race entry process), volunteers (via the volunteer sign up forms) and spectators entering the Spectator Enclosure (via a sign in and declaration process that will be at the entrance to the enclosure) which will enable Track and Trace be followed should there be an issue.</p>

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<p>Contact between different participant groups e.g Officials / Competitors / Spectators</p>	<p>Unlikely</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>All competitors, coaches, spectators and volunteers will directly (or indirectly via their clubs/schools) have confirmed that they are, inter alia, free of Covid-19 symptoms.</p> <p>Competitors will be encouraged to stay within their crew groups in or around their trailer area.</p> <p>Competitors/coaches/ anyone assisting juniors with the carrying of their boats and volunteers will be wearing masks to and from the trailer area and in and around the boating areas.</p> <p>Spectators may not enter the trailer area or the boating area.</p> <p>PPE will be used if a competitor requires rescuing from a capsized situation.</p> <p>Specific spectator guidance will be issued to spectators (mainly parents of juniors racing on the Sunday) as cars are parked.</p> <p>Spectators entering the Spectator Enclosure will be requested to conform to social distancing guidelines.</p> <p>Spectators sitting on the river bank (further up the race course) will be encouraged to conform to government social contact and social distancing guidelines.</p> <p>Concessions within the Spectator Enclosure will all be takeaway only with appropriate queuing arrangements. Spectators will be requested not to linger near the concessions after making their purchases</p> <p>The whole event (apart from the toilets where masks will be required) is being held outside.</p>
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Positive test post event	Un-likely	Low	<p>Record of all competitors, volunteers, coaches (via their clubs/ schools) and spectators entering the Spectator Enclosure will be available for any subsequent track and trace required. Spectators, competitors and volunteers entering the Spectator Enclosure will be asked to scan the QR code before entering.</p>
Contact Transmission between umpires	Very Un-likely	Low	<p>All officials requested to bring hand sanitiser and hand sanitiser stations around site. Shared equipment minimised. Equipment disinfected between days and shifts if required.</p>
Social distancing/close contact in the Spectator Enclosure	Un-likely	Low	<p>All Spectators will self certify that they are free of Covid symptoms prior to entry to the enclosure</p> <p>Spectators arriving by car will be given a leaflet (as a part of the parking procedures) with guidance.</p> <p>All spectators will be asked to conform to social distancing guidelines and to the requests/instructions of any marshalls</p> <p>All concessions will be takeaway only.</p> <p>Masks will be required in the toilets.</p> <p>Spectators will be requested to avoid excessive shouting/encouragement of the racing crews.</p>

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Person to person contact (General)				<p>Competitors to be requested to arrive changed and ready to race</p> <p>Regatta on both days run in two halves to encourage people who are not racing in both divisions to leave after half a day - so fewer people on site</p> <p>Coaches to re-locate competitor footwear to reduce overall movement on site</p> <p>Social distancing queues at concessions on site</p> <p>Results only published on-line to avoid gathering of large numbers</p> <p>No prize giving to avoid people waiting around</p> <p>No use of indoor facilities (other than toilets where masks are required)</p>

<p>Person to person contact (Competitors and Officials)</p>	<p>Unlikely</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>No substitutions notified at the event - to be done online</p> <p>No check-in required, crews checked in / presented with number as they boat.</p> <p>Hand sanitiser available at Crew Control Spot checks only for control commission</p> <p>No weight certificates - any crew who should be carrying deadweight will have this noted electronically</p> <p>Crews to provide own dead-weight</p> <p>Each umpire to be issued with PPE kit for emergency use</p> <p>Health screening declaration required before event</p>
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Person to Person contact (Officials)	Un-likely	M o d e r a t e		Briefings to be conducted via radio. Where possible reduce multi-occupancy official positions to 1. Minimise sharing of equipment Clean re-used equipment between shifts.
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				<p>Minimise rotation of duties Health screening declaration required before event Launches - most launches will allow appropriate distance between a driver and the umpire - where not possible, masks should be worn as mitigation. No sharing of headsets.</p>
<p>Person to person contact (Safety Boats and Medics)</p>	<p>Unlikely</p>	<p>Moderate</p>		<p>In the event of capsized competitors will be encouraged to get back in unaided in the first instance first aid personnel to wear PPE in line with their own RA Only professional first aiders / personnel to engage in casualty care Alert casualties encouraged to self-recover / self help Any individual administering CPR should immediately self isolate and contact COVID officer.</p>

<p><i>Social distancing person to person contact (finish team and results/race scheduling teams)</i></p>	<p>Un-likely</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Finish team tent (which will be open-sided to allow good air circulation) to provide sufficient space for social distancing. Appropriate mitigation should be taken where this cannot be achieved effectively (eg masks/sitting side by side/back to back).</p> <p>All officials will be signing a health declaration (see above) and all officials in the Finish Tent are understood to be twice vaccinated.</p> <p>Same to apply to results and race scheduling teams and for umpire meetings.</p> <p>Only those who are directly involved with the judging of the finish/race results/scheduling to be allowed in Finish Tent area.</p>
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