



COVID19 – General Safety Protocol

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FIPS-Mouche International Sport Fly Fishing

This protocol overrides the existing version of FIPS-Mouche Competition Rules and Rule Modifications and is to be applied as a minimum or as an extension to the existing national / local or regional safety rules of the host country which shall take precedence.

Basic definitions

Social distance - safety distance of 2 metres

Face covering - a surgical mask or FFP2/N95 mask (a textile covers such as scarf, buff is not acceptable)

PPE – personal protective equipment

Basic requirements

- Permission from the Government or other official body of the host Nation for the International Organiser/Committee to hold the Championship.
- Permission to travel to and from the host country for participating teams. Some countries may still have a travel ban in place.
- Generation of risk self-assessments and an anti COVID-19 strategy which is approved by all concerned parties. This would be circulated well before the Championship.
- Evaluation of the feasibility of holding the Championship. Number of participating teams and championship budget including costs associated with the anti COVID-19 strategy.
- Provision of suitably trained anti COVID-19 medical support throughout the course of the Championship. Contingency planning in the event of an outbreak of COVID-19 during the Championship including immediate termination of the competition and a containment strategy which may include significant medical intervention.
- Acceptance by all participants that quarantine restrictions may be imposed by the host country on entry and in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak.
- Ensure that participants understood to be in higher risk groups (e.g., with underlying medical conditions and 65+ years) are aware of the increased risk of severe disease. Data information rules may apply. Vaccination of at-risk participants useful in the mitigation of severe disease (particularly relevant to World Masters Championship).
- Host federation must provide details all national, regional and local safety rules for all participants
- Acceptance by all participants of the national, regional and local safety rules
- All teams to have their own face coverings (including spare ones), hand disinfectants and to form a “safety bubble” for entire event
- All used face coverings, other PPE and disinfecting materials must be disposed of in a secure and safe manner.

1. REGISTRATION

Registration must be carried out in a dedicated registration room. The organizer must provide disinfectants (e.g. hand sanitizer fluid) at the entrance to the room. The wearing of face covering is mandatory during the registration process. Only 1 dedicated person per team (ideally captain/manager) can register the team. All participants (competitors and officials) must provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 (PCR) test within 72 hours of registration at the hotel (organizers to provide advice on rules). Prior to registration teams are obliged to send to the organizers:

- set of the photos of each team member (for ID badges)
- application forms (by the deadline provided)
- signed team commitment to follow anti-COVID-19 guidelines (attached to the application)
- correct names of team members + official reserve (no correction at the Captain's Meeting will be possible due to time limitation)
- all official documents regarding COVID-19 tests and vaccinations (if required by the organizer)

2. HOTEL

The organizer/hotel must provide all necessary disinfecting materials in the hotel. The wearing of face covering is mandatory during the entire stay in common areas and restaurants except for the consumption of food and drink. Communal meals and drinks must be served and consumed at the table (**no** self-service buffet). Each team must have its own dedicated table for the entire duration of the event. Full compliance with the safety rules provided for restaurants, bars and hotels must be strictly followed. Team members must stay at the table for duration of meal in the restaurant. Packed lunches for competition days are to be provided. Only one dedicated person (ideally captain/manager) will come to collect the packed lunches in boxes for his/her whole team. After any excursion, each participant's temperature will be tested with an infrared non contact thermometer before entering the hotel. **No** socializing among team resident in the hotel is allowed.

3. CONTINGENCY PLAN

All participants should be tested for COVID-19 (PCR), preferably under medical supervision before Registration. Any positive cases to be immediately isolated and excluded from further participation. In the event of any team member/official testing positive then all contacts of that individual would have to self-isolate for 7+ days. If a positive case is detected within a team during the championship, then the team bubble is immediately put into a quarantine (this effectively disqualifies the entire team from competition). In addition, all team members must be PCR tested and a contact tracing procedure is to be applied (all close distance contacts to be tested e.g. neighbours in the bus, controllers...).

4. CAPTAINS' MEETINGS

A large room with chairs at a social distance from other must be provided. At the entrance to the meeting room each participant must disinfect his/her hands using the provided fluid. Only one team representative can take part at the Captains' meeting. The use of hand-held/mobile microphones is not allowed. In order to reduce meeting time, the captains of each team must have previously checked and signed off the list of their competitors' data and have declared their reserve (at registration). The results of the draw and rankings will be made available to participants only via the Internet (to avoid any concentration of people, there will **no** information board available). To minimise movement within a room, the FIPS-Mouche Representatives will be carry out the manual draw instead of the captains. A virtual captains' meeting is an option and will be at the discretion of International Organizer and FIPS-Mouche Representatives.

5. OFFICIAL PRACTICE

No official practice will be held during the championship. Any saved costs will be used to cover the anti-COVID measures.

6. BUS TRANSPORT TO THE SECTORS

Only large busses of sufficient size to allow social distancing can be used. Disinfection will be required at the entering the bus, and all passengers must wear a face covering for the duration of the entire trip. Only the competitor, reserve or one team official may use the bus. Closer seating may be used by fellow teammates/captain as long as social distancing with other passengers can be maintained. Each group of competitors should occupy the same seat on the same bus for all sessions (a fixed seating plan for each bus to be prepared by organizers). Any luggage/equipment to be sanitised where appropriate and carried only by the owner. Vehicles to be cleaned internally between trips.

7. CEREMONIES

Opening ceremony is to be held ideally during the opening banquet (it is strongly recommended that this to be held in the hotel or within walking distance of the hotel). The formal declaration of opening of the championship opening by the FIPS-Mouche representatives and reading of the Olympic oath by a host nation team member is required as a minimum.

During the closing ceremony, whether it takes place outdoors or indoors, it will be mandatory to wear face covering and maintain a social distance...

Medals and the trophies will be placed on a table near the podium and each competitor, called, will take his/her medal and trophy before going to the podium. The disinfection of hands and exposed surfaces beforehand is strongly recommended. The use of hand-held/mobile microphones is not allowed. Only static/fixed microphones are permitted and must be thoroughly disinfected before their use by individual speakers.

8. SYMPOSIUM

The staging of a Symposium will be at the discretion of the Organizers (with anti-COVID-19 rules applied).

9. COMPETITION – BANK FISHING

Host country officials and controllers to be adequately briefed on COVID-19 Protocol and supplied with appropriate PPE and disinfection materials. Controllers, competitors and organizing staff must wear face coverings and maintain social distancing during all pre- and post-competition activity.

The scoring card after recording of a fish will be shown visibly to the competitor and will be signed off by the controller after a gesture of approval by the competitor. At the end of the session, the competitor is advised to take a digital picture of the scoring sheet. However, the competitor may take, at the discretion, the carbon paper copy. The competitor is not required to wear face covering during the competition session. The controller/official must use face covering during any close contact and/or in conversation with the competitor. Minimum length of the nets is 100 cm.

10. COMPETITION – BOAT FISHING

All above instructions for the bank fishing apply. All boats must be disinfected before each session. In order to maintain a social distance for the entire session, no exchange of seats is not allowed. A seating plan should be agreed by the competitors before the session starts. If agreement cannot be reached,

then the allocation of seats will be decided by the toss of coin carried out by the controller. The controller is to wear a face covering during the entire session.

11. SPECTATORS

All spectators must comply with host country COVID-19 regulations.