

pie events policy and procedures during Coronavirus

Sportives / Non-guided rides

In response to the health concerns surrounding Covid-19, we want to reassure our clients we are doing everything in our power to protect the safety of their cyclists, our staff and suppliers.

We will therefore be implementing the following measures at our sportives in accordance with good practice, Government guidance and common sense. These measures will be reviewed on a regular basis and will form part of the Risk Assessment of individual events. These measures apply to all clients, cyclists, staff, suppliers and anybody else who may be involved in our events (e.g. office admin / friends and family attending the event).

General Principles of the Policy:

- Take care not to expose anyone to unnecessary risk
- Be considerate to others
- Event documentation will be sent out electronically in advance of the ride
- Adhere to the guidelines (*wash hands thoroughly and regularly / or sanitise, stay the recommended distance apart, avoid touching your face, wear a mask*)

Registration/start

- Registration is a part of the start area. The start area hosts many opportunities for charities and companies to display their wares and is important to sponsors and partners.
- Registration typically is where people might pick up a timing chip or a race / ride number, where they are asked to confirm personal details, and have opportunities to ask more questions. In order to minimise interactions, we will send out as much information as possible electronically; we will still give out timing chips and ride numbers (where relevant) but they will be on a collection basis rather than a hand over basis; timing chips (and race numbers if applicable) will have been sanitised; we will reduce human interactions by having site map boards for people to see where to go; staff will wear masks; and we will reduce queueing to a minimum. Wherever the need to queue is still evident we will maintain correct social distancing with visual aids such as markers on the ground. Registration will also be outdoors wherever possible.
- Arrival instructions for the start of the ride may be very time specific, with instructions not to arrive early or late, for example, so that people do not “bunch up”. This may mean more frequent but smaller waves setting off and possibly staggered departures from different areas of the start zone if necessary. This means an earlier start and a later end to most rides, if the same numbers are maintained.
- Safety briefings will be in the cyclist information documents sent out in advance and on sign posts around the site where possible.

Finish Area:

- The finish area will be extended to give people more space as they come over the line.
- With smaller more frequent waves at the start, there should be a steady flow of people arriving at the end over a longer period.
- Memorabilia such as finish medals will be available for individuals to collect instead of the medals being placed around people’s necks. These will be sanitised.



To be communicated in the Cyclist Information Document instructions to cyclists whilst cycling:

- Increase the gap between yourself and the cyclist in front of you. Research recommends a gap increasing in length as the cyclists' speed increases. If possible, stay out of the slipstream of the cyclist in front
- Always observe social distancing rules when overtaking or when stopped
- When stopped, avoid standing face to face with other cyclists. It is best to stand side-by-side or back to back
- If pulling over, stop and step away from other path users to maintain social distance
- When passing pedestrians and members of the general public maintain social distance.
- Be considerate towards others and adjust your speed appropriately. This includes keeping an eye out behind you for faster cyclists wishing to overtake, and ahead of you for slower cyclists dropping back towards you
- Greet other cyclists without shaking hands or hugging – a friendly wave will suffice
- Clean your hands and your own bike and accessories thoroughly before and after cycling
- Shower immediately once you arrive home
- Ensure you carry your own spare inner tubes, pump, multi-tool, and know how to use them
- Cyclists are advised to bring their own masks and gloves to wear when not cycling, and carry small hand sanitiser containers for frequent application
- Ensure your bike is in good condition for the ride ahead. We advise you to have it serviced before the event

Refreshment Stops / Food, instructions to cyclists:

- Wash your hands (or use hand sanitiser) before handling or eating food
- Unless actually eating or drinking we recommend the wearing of face masks or face coverings
- Adhere to the social distance rule at all times, keeping to the markers on the floor / ground where they exist
- Where possible we will operate a one-way system at refreshment stops to avoid queuing and congestion
- Where possible eat your food outside in the fresh air
- All refreshment stops will be self-service. Where necessary our staff or volunteers will replenish food items. If so, they will wear face coverings and gloves
- Dry food stuffs will be served in individual wrappers
- Fresh foods i.e. items with a short shelf life such as fruit, will be peelable
- Place all rubbish in the bins provided
- If seating is provided, it will be set so people eat side by side or back to back. Tables and chairs will be set out with the recommended distance between them. We ask you respect this placement by leaving them as placed
- All serving utensils, tables, chairs, etc will be cleaned before and after use

Marshals

- Marshals have many jobs. As well as indicating the direction of travel, they cheer on the cyclists, are asked for directions, show a human face to passers-by, etc. However we will consider whether a marshal is absolutely necessary or whether a marshal could be substituted with additional signage
- If a marshal is necessary, they will receive a full and comprehensive pack in advance (electronically) of their position and duties. On arrival at the ride, they should make their own way to their designated point without reporting to the event HQ beforehand if possible. When this is done, it is recommended the marshal calls the marshal coordinator to confirm they are in the correct location



- Marshals should remain socially distanced from all cyclists and members of the general public at all times

Washing facilities / Sanitiser Stations

- If possible, washing facilities / hand sanitiser will be available for cyclists to wash their hands at stops and village halls. However, for extra precaution, we recommend cyclists bring their own hand sanitiser with them.

Measures for pie event staff

In addition to the measures above:

- Where possible, staff will be allocated roles they can complete on their own
- If help is required, we will aim to limit this to the same group of helpers i.e. we will form pie “teams/bubbles” with specific roles. pie staff will be encouraged to work in these specific teams
- If accommodation is required (e.g. the signage teams), then pie staff will share a room with the same person each night
- Hand washing facilities / hand sanitiser will be available for all staff and they will also be encouraged to carry their own
- Staff briefings will be kept as short as possible, ideally taking place outside
- Event documentation will be sent out electronically in advance of the ride
- All staff will be asked to bring and wear their own masks. Gloves will be provided by pie

