

Competitor Bulletin # 2021-07

To: American Flat Track Community
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Effective: Immediately
Subject: AFT Event Operating Protocols – New York Short Track Update

Since returning to racing in July 2020, AMA Pro Racing has relied upon comprehensive operating protocols incorporating CDC guidance and developed with the advice of our consulting physicians, all deeply experienced in treating COVID-19 patients. AMA Pro Racing's operating protocols have evolved as conditions have changed, and with the increased virus activity associated with the Delta variant, we will continue adjusting our protocols to preserve our ability to conduct events as safely as possible.

Effective with the New York Half-Mile event weekend and until rescinded, AMA Pro Racing will require that all personnel wear a face mask in general enclosed areas, regardless of vaccination status of the individual. Enclosed areas include buildings such as registration, media center, restrooms and suites. This update to the Event Operations Protocol is being implemented on the advice of AMA Pro Racing's consulting physicians and recently issued medical guidance.

- In smaller enclosed areas with secure access, such as team trailers, RV's, or operational rooms, where all parties are known to have been vaccinated, masks are recommended but not required.
- Meetings or gatherings of large numbers of people in enclosed spaces should be avoided when possible.
- Masks are not required when outdoors at AFT events, provided individuals refrain from sustained close contact.
- If inclement weather forces large groups to gather under tents or in other areas, then masks should be worn in these situations.
- When used, masks must be worn over the mouth and nose and secured under the chin.

EVENT ROSTERS

- Teams, and other participating organizations will continue to submit Event Rosters.

RISK MITIGATION

- Non-vaccinated individuals should minimize potential exposure to COVID-19 by strictly limiting contact with persons outside their immediate family and those with whom they work on a routine basis.
- While at track, non-vaccinated participants must limit their movement to the area in which they perform their primary function – and avoid accessing multiple locations.

HEALTH MONITORING

- Individuals must be symptom and fever free for a minimum of five (5) days before the event day without the use of acetaminophen, Ibuprofen or similar drugs used to prevent or reduce fever.
- Individuals with a confirmed COVID-19 infection, with known exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 case in the last 10 days, exhibiting physical symptoms of COVID-19 or experiencing a fever must consult with their physician and will not access an AMA Pro Racing event. A "Known Exposure" to COVID-19 is defined by the CDC [here](#).
- Individuals should report to their immediate supervisor if they meet any of the criteria listed above. Organizations are required to (1) report to AMA Pro Racing's Competition Department if an individual is directed to self-isolate due to known COVID-19 exposure or (2) if an individual receives a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19. Those reports may be submitted via email to: [AMA Pro Racing Competition Department](#)

EVENT TRAVEL RECOMMENDATIONS / PPE

PLEASE DO YOUR PART AND TRAVEL RESPONSIBLY. Do not travel if you are sick or plan to travel with someone who is sick.

- Individuals should avoid situations that increase potential exposure to COVID-19.
- The complete list of CDC recommendations for travelers can be found [here](#).

EXPOSURE / INFECTION

- In accordance with [CDC guidance](#), individuals exposed to an infected person must self-quarantine. The optimal self-quarantine length remains 14 days, but two CDC-approved options for reducing the quarantine period are:
 - Quarantine can be reduced to 10 days without testing if no symptoms develop.
 - Quarantine can be reduced to seven days with a negative test result and no symptoms. Test must occur on day 5 of quarantine or later.
- Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 must self-isolate for a minimum of ten days.
- Symptomatic individuals may return to events 10 days after the date of symptom onset, provided they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing drugs, and other symptoms (*i.e. cough and headache*) are improving.
- Asymptomatic individuals may return to events 10 days after the date of the positive test.
- Those who experience severe COVID-related illness requiring hospitalization will not be immediately eligible to return to AMA Pro Racing events within 10 days of testing positive; these individuals must receive written medical clearance from their personal physician prior to returning to AMA Pro Racing events.
- Vaccinated Persons: Vaccinated persons who are exposed to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 are not required to quarantine, but should get tested 3-5 days after exposure, even if symptom free. The CDC also recommends wearing a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until a negative test result is received.
- Fully vaccinated persons who test positive must isolate for 10 days.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

To protect individuals and safeguard the entire American Flat Track Industry against spread of the virus, AMA Pro Racing must respond immediately to COVID-19 positives and known exposures to COVID-19. Comprehensive contact tracing is key to maintaining the on-going operations of the sport and depends on cooperation among everyone.

- Organizations must immediately report to AMA Pro Racing if a participant (1) is diagnosed with COVID-19 or (2) has a known exposure to COVID-19.
- Organizations must immediately conduct extensive contact tracing to determine if other individuals may have been exposed and should seek testing, self-isolate or contact their physician.
- Organizations must also report to AMA Pro Racing if a participant has been directed to quarantine due to exposure to a confirmed case.
- Reports of suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases within the industry must be submitted to AMA Pro Racing's Competition department. Those reports may be submitted via email to: [AMA Pro Racing Competition Department](#)
- Failure to report suspected or confirmed cases within 24 hours of isolation ordered or test results received may result in a penalty.