



**Statement of purpose: To safely race snowmobiles in the winter of 2021.
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This program represents the collective input from a diverse group of motorsports venues with the goal to safely race snowmobiles in the winter of 2021. All aspects of this effort are based on a full understanding of necessary safe practices, including safe distancing and personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements, local, state and federal guidelines and the generally accepted attention to public health that will be expected of every commercial entity planning to conduct business activities in the COVID-19 changed environment.

The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends that event organizers consider the following three phases in planning appropriate preparedness health measures for sporting events:

- a. Planning phase- the period before the event when operational plans for health and security services during the event are developed, tested and revised;
- b. Operational phase – the period after plans are finalized and event services are implemented; and
- c. Post-event phase – the period after the event finishes when participants are returning home organizers are reviewing the event results and any follow-up actions that may be necessary, including reviewing lessons learned.

It is the mission of MIRA to provide guidelines and best practices consistent with current health and safety standards for social distancing to enable a safe and successful race season. These operations will be conducted with full regard to public safety guidelines regarding social distancing and proper health measures to limit or eliminate exposure to possible respiratory illness.

To accomplish this goal, the number of event staff and participants will be limited, social distancing guidelines will be enforced, staff will be tested for elevated temperatures, PPE will be required in accordance with CDC guidelines, fixed seating areas will be restricted and/or eliminated, food sales will be limited, and health and safety messaging will be prominent throughout the facility.

A. PLANNING PHASE

During the Planning Phase MIRA, will develop health plans that they feel meet the current guidelines as set forth by the WHO and the US Dept. Of Health & Human Services, Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This includes contacting local health authorities and officials and developing a direct line of communication.

Contact with Local Authorities:

Contact with local health department and elected officials is critical. MIRA will appoint a liaison person to be the key contact with these officials. Regular contact should be maintained throughout the planning period to share information, risk assessments, and plans. Furthermore, the MIRA President (Karl

Schwartz) will serve as Health Executive In-Charge (HEIC) who is both knowledgeable of all aspects of this program and responsible for implementation of these guidelines at the facility.

1. Risk Assessment:

The decision to proceed with any event, to restrict, modify, postpone or cancel an event should be based on a thorough risk assessment. The WHO recommends taking into account specific features when assessing the risks of the event. These include:

- Crowd density
- Nature of contact between participants
- Indoors vs. outdoors
- Registered vs. nonregistered participants
- Age of participants and their potential to be in a high-risk group
- Profession of the participants and their possible previous exposure
- Number of participants coming from areas affected by the COVID-19 outbreak within 14-days of the event

Snowmobile Racing is an activity conducted at an outdoor, well-ventilated, fresh-air facility situated on large areas of land, generally located in rural areas. These venues provide non-designated, festival-type seating that can easily accommodate physical distancing guidelines. Fixed or permanent seating is rare and can be eliminated completely.

Racetracks are ½ mile in length and from 60 to 100 feet in width.

Riders arrive in their personal transport vehicles, typically enclosed trailer pulled by pickup trucks. Accompanied mostly by team members, they park and pit as a team unit, and park in assigned area.

Registration is required to participate. Riders bring their own snowmobiles and their own riding equipment. Protective gear worn by racers includes: Full-face helmet, protective eyewear (goggles), gloves, boots, winter jackets, winter pants. They generally do not share their equipment.

Most riders are young, healthy and athletic, and include riders as young as 12 years old. They are not members of the elderly or the COVID-19 high-risk community. Most riders are young blue-collar professionals, and generally live within a 200-mile radius of the race track they are attending.

One key consideration for hosting a sporting event in the context of the current COVID-19 outbreak is whether the sport could be considered a lower or higher risk. Lower risk sports are those where physical distancing is possible. These will be less of a risk if physical distancing guidelines for riders, crew and spectators is followed. High risk sports include physical contact sports among players.

The goal for a snowmobile racer is to NOT come into contact with another rider. Given the key considerations above, snowmobiling is a **lower risk** sport.

2. Medical Action Plan for COVID-19

MIRA will have a Medical Action Plan in place in the event a person feels unwell/shows symptoms of an acute respiratory infection during an event. This plan will consider measures to:

- Detect and monitor event-related COVID-19;
- Reduce the spread of the virus;
- Manage and treat ill persons;
- Disseminate public health messages specific to COVID-19.

The Medical Action Plan developed by MIRA, in compliance with CDC and WHO guidelines, recommends the following in the event of a suspected COVID-19 case during an event:

1. MIRA has a Director of Safety; Jan Bailey to report to if someone gets sick.
2. Event medical staff and transportation services will be equipped to support patients with respiratory symptoms.
3. If anyone becomes sick at a MIRA event, they will be separated from others as soon as possible, and provided with clean, disposable facemasks immediately.
4. Event medical staff will assess the sick person and determine the level of medical treatment, if any, necessary and whether the person requires emergency medical care.
5. If possible, symptomatic persons should leave the event immediately. Transportation can be provided by private means or medical transport, as determined by event medical staff. Public transportation, shared rides and taxis will be avoided for this purpose.
6. Event medical staff will determine if transportation to a medical facility is necessary, or whether self-quarantine at home is sufficient, in which case the sick person should leave the event immediately.
7. Medical staff or Director of Safety will develop contact list of all persons with whom the sick person had contact at the event.
8. Symptomatic persons should be suspended from further participation, no matter their role at the event (rider, track crew, medical personnel, etc.).
9. Depending upon the jurisdiction, reporting to public health officials may be required. This will be the responsibility of the event medical staff or MIRA Director of Safety.

Persons who start to feel sick should be directed to leave immediately and to contact their doctor for further instruction.

B. Operational Phase

1. Messaging & Risk Communications:

Communication between Public health officials, participants, and the local community, before, during and after the event is key. Key messaging should be coordinated and consistent. We do not want to give conflicting information.

This communication should include:

- Sharing information with public health officials;
- Sharing information with participants on how to access health advice, and;
- Sharing information with local population to alleviate health fears and concerns.

There are several ways to get the message out. Most effective means before and after the event include:

- MIRA website post
- MIRA Facebook post

Messaging during an event usually involves:

- On-site signage
- On-site public address (PA) system
- Drivers meeting with registered participants

Messaging will include information and advice to help ensure public awareness of the dangers of COVID-19. It is important to instill confidence in participants and the local community that good hygiene practices are in place.

MIRA will have a signage package with graphics and informative content, placed in prominent locations throughout the facility that is easy to read and guides participants on best practices. Message will be supported with friendly and informative PA announcements throughout the event.

Here are some messages that MIRA may make available for their events:

Prior to the event:

“We hope to see you at our event. But your health and safety are most important to us. Here are some things you need to consider before your visit”:

- Ambulance and medics onsite the entire Race day
- Advance registration preferred to avoid contact with our staff. It's fast, easy and safe
- Bring your own pen for Registration. We won't share (Pre-Register)
- Adult rider's and parents of minors only need to attend Registration
- Protective barrier installed between staff and riders for Registrations and only 3 people in MIRA Registration Trailer at one time
- Credit card payment preferred. No signature required
- Cash sales require; exact change. We won't give you change
- Be prepared to take your trash home with you. We don't want it
- Facility closes at 6 pm or immediately after completion of activity. No overnight camping
- The CDC recommends persons who are sick with even a cough, elderly or at high risk to stay at home. Please do not attend our event
- Please take your temperature before you leave home. If you have a temperature over 100.4 you have a fever and should stay home
- If you know you have had contact with someone diagnosed with having COVID-19 in the last 14 days, please stay home
- Respect the local community; wear gloves and wash hands if supporting local businesses

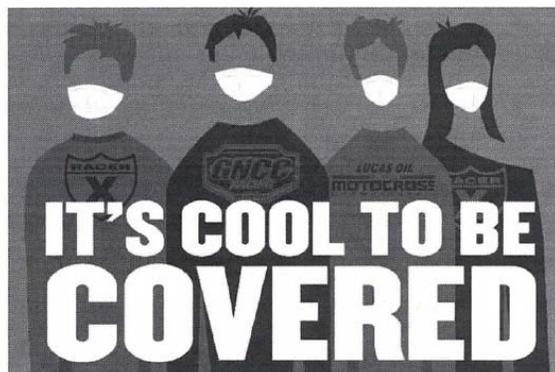
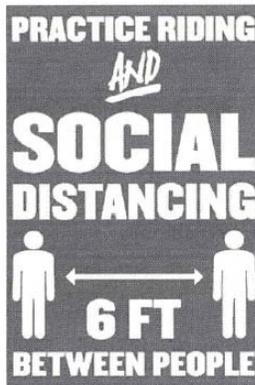
During the event:

“We're glad you're here! Your health and safety remain important to us. Here are some things you need to know during your time at a MIRA event”

- Practice social distancing; stand 6' apart
- Wear facemask when closer than 6' of others
- Use hand sanitizer and handwashing stations often
- Park no less than 10' apart from your neighbor
- If you are sick, please go home. You should not be here
- If you start to feel sick, go home and call your doctor
- If you are considered 'High Risk', go home and come back when it's safe to do so
- When not on the track, please remain in your pit area
- Don't roam or visit your neighbors pit area or race trailer. Use your phone for that
- “Leave No Trace”- Take your trash home with you
- Don't touch your face

Some suggested Signage Graphics:

**SHARE THE TRACK
NOT THE PEN**
**PLEASE BRING
YOUR OWN PEN**



2. Staff Health & Safety:

- a. Prior to opening all staff will receive a safety briefing on the proper conduct of personal safety measures, including use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and the social distancing policy for each functional area of the facility for both themselves and for participants.
- b. PPE will be issued to all event staff based on their work location and function. Front gate and rider registration staff will always be required to wear facemasks and protective gloves. Remaining staff (i.e., equipment operators, track crew, flaggers) will be required to wear facemasks anytime they are within 6 feet of the public or each other. All staff will have ready access to hand sanitizer. There will be a ready supply of PPE, sanitizing wipes, hand sanitizer available throughout the event.
- c. Upon reporting to the event; all staff will have their forehead temperature taken. Any staff demonstrating an elevated temperature will be sent home. Additional temperature checks will be required if staff starts to feel ill.
- d. Shared equipment like radio equipment, etc., will be sanitized before and in-between use
- e. Working staff will be limited to the bare minimum necessary to safely conduct the limited operations of the facility.
- f. The Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) will have the appropriate PPE as is now best practice in the medical field.

3. Participant Health & Safety:

'Participant' includes: Riders, crew members, guests, spectators, and all persons onsite.

- a. Advance online electronic waivers for hands-free registrations will be adopted where possible.
- b. Electronic waivers eliminate the requirements for a paper signature or use of a pen that can be shared.

- c. Participants will receive a printed handout upon entry detailing social distancing and facility rules regarding safe practices. These include avoiding groups, wearing facemasks at all times (when not racing), use of hand sanitizer stations, etc.
- d. Participant parking will be spaced out to maintain approximately 10 feet between vehicles and will be organized in accordance with social distancing guidelines.
- e. Competition rules will be modified to meet social distancing guidelines where possible. Drivers Meetings will be conducted via FM transmitter on MIRA close range radio channel.
- f. Signs will be displayed at entry gates and throughout the facility regarding proper safe health practices and use of facemasks.
- g. Bleachers or any fixed seating in general spectating areas will be restricted and/or eliminated.
- h. To assist in keeping social distancing guidelines, admissions will be limited to a percentage capacity within given sections of the facility, e.g., the larger the area the larger the number of admissions.
- i. Primary First Aid Station will be provided at all events as normal.

C. Post-Event Phase

1. After the event:

In the event public health authorities suspect a COVID-19 transmission incident has occurred, MIRA and participants will fully support the response of authorities.

- MIRA will meet with public health authorities and provide full disclosure of information about all symptomatic participants, if known.
- Persons who develop symptoms during the event should cooperate and isolate themselves, seek medical attention, and inform the appropriate public health authorities about their potential exposure, both in the county/state where the event was held and their home county/state.

2. Lessons Learned

As always, it will be important for lessons from any event to be identified through review after the event. We learn from our successes and our mistakes.

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