

Maidstone Small Boats Head (“MSBH”) 26th September 2021

Covid Risk Assessment

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The risk assessment below was written taking into account government guidelines at the time. Club and competitors will be expected to follow current guidance on attendance and be vigilant to any changes over the coming weeks. Guidance on Covid-19 is updated regularly through BR, so club officials and competitors have easy access to updates.

Introduction

The MSBH is taking place in an outdoors environment spread over the Maidstone Invicta Clubhouse, the Maidstone Football Club and along the riverbank. As a grass roots events, spectators are permitted subject to capacity limitations. The Club House has a small footprint and hence the risk registered has identified areas where people flow will be managed to ensure social distancing can be managed.

A list of Covid-19 protocols will be sent to all participating clubs at least 24 hours prior to the MSBH. In addition, MIRC will hold contact information for all competitors, coaches, volunteers and officials at the event via competing and host Club’s lead contact, and the QR location code will be available on request.

Risk Assessment Matrix

Probability	SEVERITY		
	Acceptable risk – Little or No harmful effect	Medium Risk – Potential for greater harm	High Risk – Serious harm/Disastrous effects likely
Highly Unlikely (Low probability)	TRIVIAL RISK	TOLERABLE RISK	MODERATE RISK
Unlikely (Medium Probability)	TOLERABLE RISK	MODERATE RISK	SUBSTANTIAL RISK
Likely (High probability)	MODERATE RISK	SUBSTANTIAL RISK	INTOLERABLE RISK

Hazard	Risk	To Whom	Controls	Probability	Severity	Risk Level (with controls implemented)
1. Social Distancing On Water	Cross Contamination/Spread Of Covid-19	Competitors Coaches Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social distancing Guidelines to be followed wherever practicable Where it is impracticable to maintain adequate social distances, MIRC will have a stock of PPE which volunteers and officials may request. Launch boats will have a stock of PPE and sanitising gel, in case of emergency rescue. <p>In the event of a capsize, crew will be requested to get back into the boat if possible/safe to do so. If unsafe or not possible, the usual rescue protocol will be initiated. PPE is will be available in the launch, if the launch crew require it.</p>	Highly unlikely	Medium	Low (tolerable)
2. Social Distancing on Land	Cross Contamination/Spread Of Covid-19	Competitors, Public Volunteers Coaches, Officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear Social distancing signage MIRC will not actively encourage attendance from general public. However, the tow path is a public area. Hand sanitation stations will be placed for all to use at strategic points. Substitutions to be made through BROE or not accepted Rowers to compete in 4 "divisions" throughout the day – crews to follow the instructions of boating marshals to minimising crowding at the boating area and to queue single file when waiting to access the river. Competitors who are not racing will be discouraged from standing around the landing stage whilst boating is taking place. Non MIRC Competitors to rig their boats at their trailers. The above information will be provided to competitors upon registration as 	Unlikely	Medium (Moderate Harm)	Moderate

			<p>part of the overall safety guidance for the event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the end of the day Prize Giving ceremony will read out the results but handshaking will not be part of the ceremony. A representative from each Club will collect the medals and trophies for their Club. 			
3. Shared use of Club's Equipment	Cross Contamination/Spread Of Covid-19	Competitors Volunteers Officials/Coaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where Clubs have a need to share boats, blades, cox boxes etc. all equipment should be thoroughly wiped down following each use with a suitable sanitizing agent/disinfectant. Key touch points in launches to be wiped down between divisions. Where possible, officials will be provided with their own equipment for the course of the day or equipment will be wiped down when transferred. 	Highly unlikely	Medium	Low
4. Food/ beverage Stalls	Cross Contamination/Spread Of Covid-19	Competitors Volunteers/officials Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refreshment stalls will operate offering a limited selection of hot and cold food. The stalls will remain fully open and under the boat shed roof. A one-way system will be in operation with hand sanitiser at the start and end of the queue. Several tables will be located outdoors, towards the rear of the site to provide a space for rest and relaxation between divisions. All reciprocals for food and drink will be disposable Surfaces wiped down regularly 	Highly unlikely	Medium	Low
5. MIRC Clubhouse and Toilets	Cross contamination/spread of Covid-19	Competitors Public Volunteers Officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mask wearing will be required to enter the Clubhouse toilets and facilities. Porta-loo's will be available and will be equipped with running water or hand santiser there will be clear signage 	Unlikely	Medium	Moderate Risk

			encouraging hand sanitising after use.			
6. First Aid	Cross Contamination/Spread Of Covid-19	Competitors Volunteers Officials Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A professional first aider will be on hand throughout the day. Clubs/competitors will be asked to advise MIRC of any specific first aid requirements (i.e. potential for anaphylaxis/epilepsy/angina) along with any established protocols to be followed. The professional first aider will be provided with PPE and will use PPE as required according to best practice. 	Highly unlikely	Medium	Tolerable
7. Adverse Weather	Over-crowding of covered spaces leading to Covid-19 cross infection		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gazebo's to be set up across the site and Clubs will be encouraged to bring their own gazebos. <p>In the event of inclement weather, competitor will be encouraged to shelter under their Club gazebo and/or spread evenly across the MIRC site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the event of a thunderstorm or high winds, competitors will be advised to leave the water and seek shelter. In the event of continued adverse weather, racing may be cancelled. 	Unlikely	Low	Tolerable