



28-30 January 2022

COVID-19 specifications

For the 2022 Walmart UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships, the [Protocol for the organisation of cyclo-cross events in the context of the coronavirus pandemic](#) must be respected.

For the purpose of this document, all riders, National Team's staff and National Federation representatives who are accredited to the event are referred to as "Teams".

SITUATION IN ARKANSAS

- The risk assessment following the UCI matrix is presented in annex 1.
- The local situation regarding COVID-19 is updated every day on that [WEBSITE](#). The O-micron rate is 97% of the COVID-19 contamination at the date of 08 January 2022 in the USA.
- Note that there is only few obligation or prohibition in the civil society in the USA regarding COVID-19. Vaccination is highly recommended through the whole nation, and mandatory in certain professional activities.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- The 2022 Walmart UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships will **be organised with public/spectators**. However, there will be no spectators allowed within Teams parking. All Teams parking and servicing is within the accredited bubble.
- Each National Federation, each group of collaborators, each media and also the Organising Committee and the UCI will **adopt a responsible attitude in the context of the pandemic and limit the presence** of their representatives to the people necessary to carry out the event.
- **Face masks must be worn correctly, covering both the nose and the mouth at all times at all of the event venues**, except for riders during training, warming up and racing, and that includes in and around the Teams parking area. Any person at the event venue who is seen to be without a mask for an extended period of time will have their accreditation removed.
- The use of **N95, KN95 (FFP2) type masks are highly recommended. If these are not available, a surgical mask** is recommended.
- **Social distancing of minimum 2m (6ft)** is expected at all times. Keep in mind that face masks on their own cannot provide complete protection against infection, and there is a need to use them alongside maintaining physical distancing.
- **Regular hand washing/sanitizing is expected**. Hand sanitizer will be provided at multiple locations in the event area.
- The recommended general hygiene provisions are reminded in annex 2.

ISOLATION BUBBLES

- There are **NO mandatory isolation bubbles while at venue**.
- Two populations will be distinguished and physically separated on the competition venue:
accredited persons / NON-accredited persons.

As stated in General Provisions, all Teams parking and accredited staff will be in a non-spectator area.

- Outside of the competition's venue and the official opening hours of the event, it is of the individuals responsibility to limit the social contacts. Also at those moments, we strongly recommend the wear of facial mask, correctly covering both the nose and the mouth.



COVID TESTING

- There are **NO mandatory negative test or vaccination check** prior to entering venue.
- The Local Organising Committee is currently working on an onsite testing operation (29/30 JAN) for outgoing international teams. This service will be a fee-based PCR test with a turnaround time of 12 hours. More info will be released as it is validated
- Athletes and accredited persons need to refer to point “WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF SYMPTOMS” at the end of that document

TRAVELING TO USA

Each participant whatever his function is responsible for ensuring compliance with the US authority regulations for entry into the USA and the conditions of the relevant authorities in their own country to travel back.

Please check latest information here: [US Department of State – Bureau of Consular Affairs](#)
[Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

ACCREDITATION CENTRE

- The wear of facial mask, correctly covering both the nose and the mouth is mandatory in the accreditation centre.
- The flow and procedures are made to bring to the minimum the number of persons visiting the accreditation centre and the duration of their stay in the building
- The Team Managers or group’s leaders may pick-up the accreditations for the members of their group, the physical presence of the members is not mandatory.
- A group larger than 10 persons may contact the following address in order to organise the accreditation pick-up: c.petrozzi@wingsmedia.it. For Teams, specific instructions will be sent in order to help the Team Manager to prepare the documents.

RIDERS’ CONFIRMATION

- Only one person per Nation is allowed for the riders’ confirmation. The wear of facial mask, correctly covering both the nose and the mouth is mandatory in the confirmation room.
- Social distancing in the confirmation room must be respected.

TEAM MANAGERS MEETING

- No Team Managers’ meeting will be held. All information will be distributed by pre-event communiques.
- The most important information including the pit boxes allocation will be done by video conference.

MEDIA

- The post-race press conference will be organised at the competition venue and also streamed live to the Media Centre.
- Social distance will be organised between the working stations, nevertheless the wear of facial mask, correctly covering both the nose and the mouth is mandatory in the Media Centre and in the press conference room.



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NATIONAL TEAMS

- Signing autographs and taking selfies even with accredited persons is prohibited.
- Only agree to a media interview if the interviewer is distancing & taking appropriate hygiene measures. The mixed zone is the best place for that and set up with correct social distancing. The wear of facial mask, correctly covering both the nose and the mouth is mandatory in the Mixed Zone for everybody including riders.
- Riders must wear a mask except when they warm-up, train, race, or recover immediately after their race.
- Minimize the interpersonal contacts during celebrations
- In case of transportation in a shuttle or a car, wear a mask and ensure adequate ventilation in the car with slightly open windows.
- Teams are responsible for enforcing a "life bubble" around their riders and staff. They must ensure that their accommodation is adequate to maintain this bubble:
 - Grouping the team on a single floor or one wing of the hotel
 - Preventive measures implemented by hotel staff (room cleaning, physical distancing, hand washing, wearing a mask during service, etc.)
 - All of these provisions are in addition to the basic measures of maintaining physical distancing in all circumstances and wearing a mask (compulsory in hotels, except in rooms and during catering).

COURSE AND FACILITIES

- Start
 - The wear of facial mask, correctly covering both the nose and the mouth is mandatory in the start area for everybody except riders.
 - Team staff should stay in the areas set up to collect clothing, bottles etc.
 - Do not leave waste, especially bottles on the floor, do not offer bottles to the public
- Pit area
 - Only team staff with dedicated accreditation or a bracelet can enter the area.
 - The wear of facial mask, correctly covering both the nose and the mouth is mandatory in the pit area for everybody
 - Commissaires shall keep their distance from the teams where possible.
- Finish
 - The wear of facial mask, correctly covering both the nose and the mouth is mandatory in the start area for everybody except riders.
 - A reduced number of media will be allowed.
 - A minimum number of key UCI / Organising Committee staff will be present.
 - All riders will pass through a mixed zone after the finish, media will respect distancing
 - Riders will be able to access a member of team staff to collect a face mask, bottle, clothing etc. before crossing the mixed zone
 - Riders must wear a mask when they are in the mixed zone.
 - There is no common changing room for the riders, except for the 3 riders participating in the award ceremony
 - In the podium preparation zone, each rider may be accompanied by only 1 assistant and 1 Team Manager
- Podium
 - The wear of facial mask, correctly covering both the nose and the mouth is mandatory in the start area for everybody including riders.
 - Only 1 UCI and 1 LOC official will be allowed on the stage but without any contact with the riders.
 - Only one person will prepare the objects and awards dedicated to riders, with frequent hand sanitizer.
 - The awards (medals, trophy, flowers, jersey) will be presented by hostesses on a plate, without touching them.



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- Riders will be allowed to remove briefly the facial mask for pictures after the play of the National anthem and until they have again a certain proximity with

AUTO-DIAGNOSTIC

- During the event, the UCI recommends to perform daily health checks – for Teams under the responsibility of the team doctor or physician. That check will look for suspicious clinical signs using the questionnaire suggested below or another suitable tool. The check should be completed in the morning, before the daily activities.
- Avoid any contact with persons developing the following symptoms

Covid-19 questionnaire	
Fever > 38°C	4 pts
Cough	4 pts
Shortness of breath	4 pts
Stuffy nose or sore throat	2 pts
Unusual aches	2 pts
Abnormal fatigue	2 pts
Unusual headache	1 pt
Diarrhea - vomiting	1 pt
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< or = 2	a little suspicious
3 - 5	moderately suspicious → PCR test according to the context
> or = 6	highly suspicious → PCR test

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF SYMPTOMS

In the event of symptoms, please immediately isolate individual and call:

University of Arkansas Medical Sciences
 Primary: **Kayla Ekhlund +1 479 502 5266**
 Secondary: **Dr Wesley Cox +1 479 445 3888**

The individual will be assessed over the phone and given instruction on how to receive test and what protocol is as test is being processed. Based on test result, the individual will be given instruction on quarantine timeframe and any additional testing.

UAMS Doctors will immediately notify the UCI Chief Medical Officer of any team situation and the UCI CMO will work with team directly to assess how it may affect team participation.

BEING TESTED IN FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS

In case of symptoms.

Contact above UAMS numbers, they will give you orientation to the most convenient testing center.

Because you want to have a status of your group / individuals / in case of suspicious contact

WHERE	WHEN	HOW TO BOOK	TYPE OF TEST	APPRO. COST
		Will be communicated by the 21. January		





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Because you need a 24/ 48 hours test to travel back

WHERE	WHEN	HOW TO BOOK	TYPE OF TEST	APPRO. COST
Bentonville XNA airport Next baggage claim	Mon-Fri: 8.00 am to 6.00 pm	WEBSITE for passengers departing and arriving to and from XNA xnaairport@rapidresultsnwa.com	RT-PCR (result within 1 hour)	\$199-
	Sat-Sun: 8.00 am to 5.00 pm		Antigenic (immediate result)	\$99-
Rapid Results, 400 N. Walton Blvd Suite A, Bentonville, AR 72712	Mon-Fri: 7.00 am to 7.00 pm	WEBSITE Accounting@COVID19test.net	RT-PCR (result within 2 hours)	\$199-
	Sat-Sun: 8.00 am to 5.00 pm		Antigenic (immediate result)	\$99-
Competition venue	Saturday 29 Jan Sunday 30 Jan Time slots to be communicated by the 21. January	Will be communicated by the 21. January	RT-PCR (result within 12 hours)	~ \$200-

ANNEX 1: RISK ANALYSIS

Update on: 13 JAN 2022

The current risk assessment regarding the spread of the COVID-19 virus during the event and the appropriate means to mitigate such a risk are presented below following the analysis grid recommended by the UCI in all its COVID-19 protocols.

That risk assessment takes into consideration the pandemic phase in Arkansas, the risk factors linked to travel, human movement, and the possibility of spreading the virus linked to characteristics of the competition itself.

The pondered reply to these questions leads to the following result of the analysis matrix:

Moderate Risk (Low-Moderate)

		Total mitigation score			
		Very prepared to mitigate COVID-19 impacts (76-100)	Somewhat prepared to mitigate COVID-19 impacts (51-75)	Somewhat unprepared to mitigate COVID-19 impacts (26-50)	Very unprepared to mitigate COVID-19 impacts (0-25)
Total COVID-19 risk score	0 - Negligible	Very low	Very low	Very low	Very low
	1 - Very Low Risk	Very low	Very low	Low	Low
	2 - Low Risk	Low	Low	Low	Moderate
	3 - Moderate Risk (low-moderate)	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
	4 - Moderate Risk (high-moderate)	Moderate	Moderate	High	Very High
	5 - High Risk	High	High	Very High	Very High
	6 - Very High Risk	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High



ANNEX 2: GENERAL HYGIENE PROVISIONS

1. Wear a facial mask. After use, throw it in a closed trash can
2. Keep a minimal distance of 2 meters / 6 feet with other persons and speak quietly without raising the voice
3. Wash your hands regularly and carefully with soap and water during minimum 30-45 seconds or with an hydro-alcoholic solution
4. Are you coughing? Do it in a tissue or inside your elbow
5. Use throwaway tissues when sneezing and throw them in a closed trash can
6. Don't give or accept to kiss, hug, handshake or high five
7. Touch your face as few as possible with your hands
8. Clean work equipment such as tools, smartphones, keyboards, work surfaces, etc.
9. Make sure the rooms and desks are sufficiently ventilated especially when several persons are in the room
10. Avoid unnecessary contact with objects