

## FLBT Coronavirus Plan

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### **Introduction**

The purpose of this document is to show how the club is mitigating the risks associated with the coronavirus COVID-19 (CV) pandemic.

We will enable our members to race in as safe an environment as reasonably possible.

We will comply with current government guidelines.

### **What is the risk we are managing?**

1. There is a risk that in attending FLBT meetings, people may become infected with CV.
2. There is a risk that by using the premises after an FLBT meeting, people may become infected with CV.
3. There is a risk that a person with COVID-19, or who is asymptomatic, could attend and be a source of infection.

We are seeking to reduce these risks, by following current government guidelines. The reader should be aware that it is not possible to completely eliminate the risks above.

### **Scope**

This document considers the risks within the curtilage of the Church Hall, Silverless Street and Bulkington Community Hall only (the premises). This means not only the hall building but also the immediate surroundings, for example within the front gate and around the hall at Marlborough, in the car park at Bulkington. There are no current plans to meet at Clench.

This document considers the CV risks above only.

This document considers the risk to FLBT members and visitors to any FLBT event on the premises, variously referred to as people, everyone, etc in this document. Further any people who may use the premises after FLBT, for whom we leave the premises in as low-risk state as we can (as clean, or better, than we found it).

FLBT will adhere to the government capacity guidance at the time of writing:

‘Organised indoor sport must adhere to the relevant capacity restrictions for indoor sport facilities including allowing a minimum of 100sqft per person for all people in the venue.’  
The hall is approx. 1200sqft. A limit of 12 will be permitted in the hall at any one time.

### **Actions to reduce risk:**

1. Personal protection
  - a. People should wear face coverings as advised by government.
  - b. People should use hand sanitiser on arrival and on leaving the premises. Hands should be washed or sanitised regularly to limit cross contamination. The toilet will be open for hand-washing.
  - c. Individuals are responsible for cleaning their own cars, controllers and tools before, during and after the meeting to their own satisfaction.
  - d. The toilet is available in the interests of wider hygiene considerations. Please flush, wipe down surfaces and dispose of any used materials.

## 2. Room Hygiene

- a. Windows and doors to the hall should be opened on arrival to disperse and dilute Covid 19 particles.
- b. Racers will be provided with a chair, and a tabled area to work. 1+ meter spacing should be observed.
- c. Any communal items used (for example tables and chairs) should be wiped down before use and at the end of the evening.
- d. The track and FLBT does not need to be wiped down as the virus cannot survive a week on surfaces. People may of course choose to wipe these items down at their own personal choice
- e. The kitchen is off limits. People requiring drink should bring personal drinks (water bottles, cans etc). Eating in the hall is discouraged.
- f. Everyone is responsible for removing their own litter at the end of the evening.

## 3. Erecting the track

- a. Our current ways of working state that handling track pieces is a two-person job; note the following:
  - i. Two people, each on one side of a track piece, are deemed socially distant: this is to avoid people adopting unnatural body positions (eg lifting with arms outstretched) in order to preserve 1m+ distance
- b. Only two people in the store room at any time
- c. Dismantling is the reverse of erection: all can participate as long as social distancing is preserved.

## 4. Layouts

- a. We will use track and room layouts which
  - i. allow ample circulation room around the layout, allowing people to walk fully around the layout.
  - ii. Allow at least 1m spacing amongst marshals, drivers and the race controller
  - iii. Allow a pit table and a parc ferme table, again at least 1m from other positions

Note that a 1m circulation space all around the track is not required, but excessively narrow pinch points should be avoided.

Note that many of our layouts already meet these constraints: new layouts may need to be designed. Very short and very complex layouts may make social distancing more difficult.

Note that two people across a standard track piece from each other are deemed socially distant.

Drivers should position themselves so that they are at least 1m+ apart. Podium extensions should be used to encourage 1+meter distancing.

## 5. Pit area/Parc Ferme

- a. Pit tables and one parc ferme table (depending on layout) will be provided. Tabled areas to work should observe 1+ meter spacing.

- b. Racers should bring a maximum of One pit box to a meeting. Car type brought to the club should be limited to those listed on the race calendar. Club controllers are available in the event of controller problems.
  - c. Only one person at the parc ferme table (if used) at any one time
- 6. Spectators, non-participants
  - a. People may bring hall chairs (but not tables) into the room
  - b. Standing or seated people must observe social distancing and must not impede circulation around the room.
  - c. Spectators, non-participants are included in the total number of persons permissible, as per government guidance.
- 7. Handling cars
  - a. Throughout, it is anticipated that people will handle each others' cars and that they are in CV terms, 'dirty' (at risk, however small, of carrying CV infection)
  - b. Therefore, people should only handle cars if they are practicing regular hand cleaning.
  - c. If a racer wishes only to handle his own car, he can be exempted from marshalling.
- 8. Running practice with social distancing
  - a. Practice will be organised to promote social distancing. Avoid queuing with others to practice.
  - b. There will also practice laps before each race.
- 9. Running racing with social distancing
  - a. There will be designated marshal points around the track. Marshals should stand at their points though they may have to move to replace cars. A marshal moving to replace a car is deemed to remain socially distant, even if momentarily they may have to get within the social distancing limit of another person. This avoids confusion and unnatural stretching.
  - b. Drivers should stay at their driver position for the duration of the race, unless they need to repair their car.
  - c. The race controller will call drivers to the start
  - d. At the end of the race, everyone should stay where they are until the race controller has read out the next heat assignments as d above
  - e. Repeat as necessary
- 10. Responsible Reporting of Infection

Those attending the Club may need to book into meetings in advance and the Treasurer will keep a record of their attendance. The Treasurer will record names and contact numbers to assist with any Track and Trace requirements. Where Attendees have access to the NHS Covid App, they are to use the 'Check into venue' facility via the smartphone app. A QR code is available in the hall. Numbers will be limited in accordance with Government guidelines. Club members will not come to the meetings if they or anyone they have been in contact with (where known) in the last 14 days, are feeling unwell or have any of the Covid 19 symptoms. Club members will make it their business to know what the latest published Covid 19 symptoms are.

Club members will tell the club leadership if they become ill from, or test positive for, Covid 19. Club leader will forward this information to the manager of FLBT venues attended by the infected person a.s.a.p. This is in addition to any government track and trace initiative.

Racers are encouraged to partake in Lateral Flow Testing.

#### 11. Review

- a. This document is written with current government advice for Coronavirus (COVID-19): grassroots sports guidance for the public and sport providers Last updated 16 May 2021.
- b. FLBT are Club members of the national body, BSCRA, who recognise slot car racing as a sport.
- c. We will review this plan as government advice changes and with experience.

#### Notes

1. The calendar will be published on the FLBT website when we resume. We will not be visiting Clench until further notice. Race formats may be simplified.
2. All Tuesday events will be non-championship until further notice.
3. We will log results for the record.
4. We will collect race fees – please bring the correct change
5. FLBT will provide gloves, wipes, hand sanitiser and cleaning fluid