

WRMA COVID Fall Series Racing Rules

Notice to all Participants

In order to host this race series, we must abide by the COVID rules provided to us by Alberta Health Services. Race 1 was certainly a learning lesson for us all and our joint goal is to avoid another race day - or the whole series - being cancelled because we are not abiding by the COVID rules.

You can feel any way you want about these rules, but this will not stop WRMA from enforcing them and kicking people out of the Park if they are not in compliance. Please treat all Park staff, contractors and volunteers with kindness and respect. They are not responsible for the COVID rules, but they are responsible for enforcing them.

The rules put in place are based on the direct feedback we received from the Alberta Health Services Inspection. Some feel like they contradict the information you can read online about COVID rules. Our challenge is that, as we failed the inspection once, we cannot afford to fail it again. Failing comes with a great risk to the Park, with a worst case scenario are fines of upwards of \$100,000 and having this facility shut down.

The Directors received feedback from multiple racers with statements such as “All we want to do is race, so do what you need to do to make it happen”. We are focusing the Fall Series on racing, we are not hosting this event for socialization purposes.

We need everyone to be accountable for following the rules and it would be extremely helpful for everyone in the Park to remind each other to follow those rules. We will have random inspections from Alberta Health Services and if we are all reminding each other and holding each other accountable, we will be sure to pass these inspections.

If you choose to participate in this race series, you are agreeing to following the rules. If you do not plan on complying to the rules, please do not come.

KEEP READING

WRMA Fall Series COVID Rules - Summary

- **A mask must be worn at all times in common areas - a “common area” is everywhere in the Park except your pit.**
- **A cohort is a maximum of 6 people - if there are people in your pit who are not in your cohort, everyone must wear a mask.**
- **Understand and Follow the Social Distancing rule - Stay 6 feet apart from people who are not in your cohort**
- **No General Public Spectators will be allowed in the Park.**
- **Understand and Follow the “Staging” rules.**
- **Understand and Follow the “On the Line” rules.**
- **Follow the Pitting/Parking Rules**

Consequences of not following rules: You will be removed from the Park.

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WRMA Fall Series Detailed COVID Rules:

Mask Rules:

- A mask could be a “face shield” or a “buff” as well. The Health Inspector has advised that a standard MX helmet does NOT offer sufficient protection to count as a mask.
- A mask must be worn **AT ALL TIMES** in common areas
 - Examples:
 - At the Tower - Riders Meeting, checking race results, race sign-in
 - Spectator Areas
 - Mechanic in the lineup for staging, in staging and at the line with your rider
 - In the pits, when you are talking to anyone outside of your cohort
 - Playgrounds
 - Even on your pit bike, peddle bikes, etc.
 - Even if there is no one around you and you are in a common area, we need you to wear a mask
 - If you are in your pit, with your cohort people, you do not have to wear a mask. As soon as someone who is not part of your cohort joins your pit, everyone needs to put on a mask.

Although there are exceptions to the face coverings bylaw, know that many people will be enforcing wearing a mask, if you look like an individual who could be wearing a mask, expect to be asked several times throughout the day by different people to put a mask on. Do not be upset at these people, be prepared to be asked and be kind and respectful to them.

Exceptions include:

- *Children under 2 years of age*
- *People with underlying medical conditions or disabilities inhibiting their ability to wear a face covering*
- *People who are unable to place, use or remove a face covering safely without assistance*
- *People who are eating or drinking at a public premises that offers food or beverage services*
- *People engaging in an athletic or fitness activity*

- *People who are caregiving for or accompanying a person with a disability where wearing a face covering would hinder the accommodation of the person's disability (for example, the ability to lip read)*
- *People who have temporarily removed their face covering where doing so is necessary to provide or receive a service (for example, a visit to the dentist)*
- *Please note: Proof is not required if someone has an exception. Businesses are also not expected to deny services as not everyone is required to wear a face covering.*

Social Distancing Rules:

- Remain 6 ft. away from all people who are not within your cohort
- Remember not to touch people who are not within your cohort, it is common for racers to fist bump, high-five, sometimes we hug. We are going to have to keep it to "air high-fives"

Pitting/Parking Rules:

- There will be organized pitting/parking in place. If and when a Health Inspector arrives, we need the pits/parking to look as organized as possible, with plenty of space for people to distance themselves from one another. Things we will be enforcing include:
 - Trailer doors all facing in the same direction
 - Provide a 10ft gap (on both sides) between trailers
 - 1 vehicle in each pit, 1 trailer in each pit
 - If you are bringing more than one vehicle, you will be potentially directed to park the 2nd vehicle in a designated spot for vehicle parking only
 - These rules will be enforced, please be kind and respectful to the people enforcing them

Spectator Rules:

- The Health Inspector was very unhappy with the number of people in the Park. To ensure compliance with rules, so that we pass future inspections, we will be limiting Park entry to only the people in a racer's "pit crew". This means:
 - No General Public Spectators will be allowed in the Park
 - We will be closing the entrance gates in the morning. If you leave and come back, expect to be questioned. The Entrance Gate staff will be doing their best to ensure they are not allowing the General Public entrance to the Park.

Cohorts: (aka "pit crew")

- The Health Inspector informed us the cohort size is a maximum of 6 people. This means you can have a maximum of 6 people (including you) as part of your pit crew.
 - Examples of people in your "pit crew"
 - Both parents of a minor rider
 - A rider's minor sibling
 - A legal guardian of a minor rider if parents are not present

- Mechanics
- Other riders who are part of your team or cohort
- No General Public Spectators

Rider Sign-in (if you have not signed in online)

- We highly recommend all racers sign in and pay online to simplify sign up for you and to reduce your exposure while standing in lines.
- There will be tables set up at the Tower to fill in a form.
- You will need to line-up single file and adequately spaced to complete the forms and make payment .
- Don't forget to wear a mask, this is a common area.

Staging Rules:

- Organized staging and gate selection will be in place to prevent crowding. There will no longer be "first come, first served" gate picks.
- Staging for each moto will be announced from the Tower over the speakers and broadcast on FM radio 91.3.
- Please do not arrive for staging unless your race number has been called.
- Your mechanic is allowed with you in the staging process and at the line but with strict guidelines for spacing and wearing a mask.

Gate (on the line) Rules:

- The Health Inspector did not like the riders on the line so close together (as an MX helmet is not considered a mask). Therefore, where possible every second gate must remain empty. If, due to the size of a class, we are unable to have every second gate empty, we will stagger placement on the line. Once the 30 second board comes up, the riders staggered back can move forward to the gate. There will be an Enforcer present at the line to ensure this procedure is followed.
 - We will not be forcing racers who are in staging and on the line to wear a mask if your helmet is on, if your helmet is off, put a mask on. (We know, confusing and frustrating, but if you want to make it simple for yourself, go ahead and wear a mask under your helmet and take it off once you are on the line)
- Mechanic only with you on the line, the mechanic must be wearing a mask in both the staging area and with the rider on the line. Masks must be worn at all times. Mechanics must evacuate the area before the 30 second board is displayed.
- There will be an individual who will be enforcing the stagger at the line, please be respectful of this person.

Race Results Viewing:

- To view race results, please line up, single file, leave space between yourself and others in the line, one person at a time at the Results Board.

- Quickly check your results and move on so the next person in line can take a look. The longer you stand at the results board, the longer you are making people wait who are in line behind you.

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