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**A FRAMEWORK FOR RESUMING FOUR-
WHEELED MOTORSPORT AMID COVID
PANDEMIC**

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Introduction

Motorsport plays an important role in the Philippine community. In economic terms, it is estimated that motorsport constitutes at least Php 500 million of economic activity in the Philippines, contributed by almost 10,000 active competitors and generating approximately 2,000 full time jobs in the industry.

As the national sporting authority of Philippine four-wheeled motorsport, the Automobile Association Philippines (AAP) wishes to convey to the community and all relevant stakeholders a strategy to manage the resumption of motorsport in the most expeditious, responsible and risk averse manner possible in the COVID-19 environment.

To underpin this strategy, the AAP has consulted broadly with a number of expert bodies, its affiliated organizers, and drawn upon published documentation from the World Health Organization (WHO), the Federation Internationale De L'Automobile (FIA), and other reputable authorities.

The AAP is aware that it must develop a strategy with appropriate safety measures that are in full compliance with National and Local Government requirements. It is acknowledged that all motorsport disciplines require differing safety and health guidelines by their varying nature and characteristics.

The Philippine Government's (IATF) acknowledges the need for the resumption of sport. Its current guidelines allow for "Indoor and outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise" of such sports and fitness activities like running, biking, golf, swimming, tennis, equestrian, range shooting in the GCQ, MGCQ, and New Normal levels of quarantine.

However there remains ambiguity in the status of the resumption of motorsport. The lack of awareness of motorsport by the government and the public has been a perennial problem over the history of the sport.

With that in mind, it is important to note the following:

- Motorsport activity is conducted outdoors and, in most cases, in locations with a large site area
- Motorsport is a non-contact sport conducted by people who are 'isolated' in a vehicle
- There is no (or limited) sharing of equipment with minimal sharing of communal facilities
- Events can be run without spectators

This presents opportunities for event organizers to implement practical strategies to segregate different groups of people to comply with ongoing mass gathering regulations. The AAP will work proactively with event organizers to assist in this area.

This strategy will be submitted to the relevant Philippine Government authorities for further review and approval, to ensure the safe resumption of motorsport in the Philippines within a COVID-19 environment.

About the Automobile Association Philippines

The Automobile Association of the Philippines (AAP) is the national sports association for 4-wheeled motor racing in the country recognized by the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) which governs world championships such as Formula One, World Rally Championship, and Formula-Electric. The FIA is recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) following many of its sporting values and advocacies, thus making AAP also locally recognized under the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC).

Affiliated under the AAP are various race organizers that lead various automobile races around the country, such as the Vios Racing Festival and Formula V1 organized by Tuason Racing; Phil GT, National Drag Racing Championship, Super Karting Series organized by Batangas Racing Circuit; National Slalom Series organized by Race Motorsports Club; the Philippine Rallycross Series and 4x4 Off Road by PHRX; National Drift Series by Backstage events; Philippine Autocross Championship Series by Shago Racing and the Motorsport Development Program (MSDP) and its other provincial organizers in Visayas and Mindanao under the guidance of AAP's national motorsports development initiatives.

Strategy for Resuming Philippine Motorsport

Preface

AAP is committed to the safe and socially responsible resumption of motorsport in a COVID-19 environment. Having reviewed the latest advice from the IATF and consulted with various experts in the medical and sporting field and other key stakeholders, AAP Motorsport has developed a plan for its various motorsport disciplines to not only conform to Government regulation but also ensure safety and wellness for all those undertaking motorsport activities.

Please note this salient fact: **Motorsport is by nature a non-physical-contact sport.**

By the nature of the sport, participants are isolated inside their competition vehicle during events. Marshalling and warnings to competitors are communicated using flag, light and hand signals that have been done even before the current pandemic. The minimal support staff of each competitor can be isolated following existing social distancing guidelines.

Additionally, motor races are held in large vacant areas. Event organizers can easily isolate groups of people to ensure as minimal contacts with people as possible. Administrative matters during the competition such as registration, scrutineering, driver's briefings, timing and record keeping, and dissemination of results can be done remotely using information technology, protecting organizers and their staff from possible transmission.

Quarantine Levels	Motorsport Disciplines							
	Permanent Venues				Temporary Venues			
	Practice and Testing	Circuit Racing/ Karting	Drag Racing	Motorkhana/ Rallycross/ etc.	Practice and Testing	Motorkhana	Rallycross/ Off-Road Racing	Hillclimb, Rally, Etc.
ECQ	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
MECQ	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
GCQ	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Yellow	Red	Red	Red
MGCQ	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red
New Normal	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red
Vaccine Available	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Guide		Red	Not allowed	Yellow	With Restrictions	Green	No Restrictions	

Figure 1 Motorsport Events allowed per Government Restrictions Declared

Definitions

For the purposes of this document, the AAP sanctions motorsport held in three (3) types of venue:

1. Motorsport held in Permanent Facility – usually Circuit racing / Karting / Drag Racing
2. Motorsport held in Temporary Facility – usually Motorkhana, Slalom, Gymkhana, Autocross, Rallycross, Off-road Racing
3. Digital Motorsport – computer games based on various real-life motorsport disciplines including but not limited to those mentioned above

Also for the purposes of this document, AAP considers two (2) types of motorsport events subject to its purview:

1. Practice and Testing Session – events that allow competitors to practice driving and to test and tune their competition vehicles, without direct competition with one another (i.e. Track Days, Test and Tune Days)
2. Sporting Event – competitive events for time trial or for grid-style racing
 - a. Local Event – events organized as a National championship, Provincial/Island Group championship, or Club championship, featuring locally-based competitors
 - b. International Event – events considered as Regional championship, Continental championship, or International championship, featuring local and foreign competitors

General Guidelines

1. No AAP-sanctioned event will take place without approval from national government and local government unit/s where events are to take place.
2. Consider Digital Motorsport as a temporary alternative to real life motorsport activities.
3. Event organizers must apply for an Event Permit from AAP Motorsport, submitting their social distancing and hygiene plans for every event to be held.
4. Government guidelines on activity restrictions based on age apply. See section "Special Health Considerations in Motorsport amid COVID-19"
5. On-site spectators are not allowed. Instead, set up live-streaming of events on social media for promotions and awareness to supporters and the public. Events that is deemed by AAP as being unable to control the influx of spectators in the venue shall not be allowed.
6. Minimal health and safety precautions will apply as ordered by government, such as social distancing, wearing of face masks and face shields, use of hand sanitizer, frequent hand washing, discouraging participation of the youth and elderly, body temperature testing prior to venue entry, etc.
7. Prior to sanctioned event, all entrants, their team members, and all event officials, organizers and marshals must have tested for COVID within one (1) week prior to the event. Testing can be antigen (rapid) or RT-PCR (swab) in nature. Proof of testing must be shown to organizer upon registration for the event.
8. Everyone present in the venue must be registered with the organizer for contact tracing purposes. An electronic copy of the Event Register should be sent to AAP after every event.
9. Basic health and temperature checks must be undertaken by everyone. A team of people must be assigned to do these tasks, and other relevant jobs, to ensure the health and safety of everyone.
10. Methods of leveraging Information Technology to drastically reduce interpersonal contact is strongly encouraged, such as online pre-registration, holding events online, live-streaming events via social media, etc. are strongly encouraged
11. Organizers setting up medical protocols specific to this pandemic situation, such as hand sanitizing stations and foot baths, a delineated health station with ambulance and medical staff, etc.
12. Limit number of competitors and team members at the event venue based on venue capacity and social distancing guidelines. Rule of thumb is that the venue should only have entrants equaling fifty to sixty percent (50-60%) of its maximum capacity, determined by number of permanent paddocks, capacity of extended or temporary paddock area/s, grid positions on track, and the like.
13. Limit number of people in tents, rooms and other enclosed locations. Post maximum room/tent capacity in entrance of area. Suggested capacity is 1 person for every 3 sqm of room/tent area

Sporting Events held in Permanent Facility

1. Only AAP sanctioned and affiliated events can run under government declared quarantine levels in an approved Permanent Facility, if an event is planned, and if events are cleared to run by government. See Figure 1 (Motorsport Events allowed per Government Restrictions Declared) for allowed events per quarantine level.
2. No spectators allowed
3. Venue owners should support other AAP-affiliated organizers in holding events in permanent venues by offering incentives, reduced rental fees, and the like.
4. Pit-paddock usage will have a spacing of an unoccupied pit-paddock between 2 occupied pit-paddocks. Up to 5 team members per entry including driver will be allowed within a pit-paddock.
5. A skeletal workforce in the track.
 - a. Marshal posts must contain a maximum of 2 marshals per post in critical areas, one marshal per post in less-critical areas. Marshal posts must allow marshals to sit one (1) meter apart.
 - b. Race stewards will be limited to two (2). They may converse with one another via online telecommunication.
 - c. Clerk-of-course will only be one (1) person.
6. Race scrutineers will be limited in number and will locate themselves in a designated enclosed garage.
7. There will be no post-race celebrations. Unofficial results will be announced within 12 hours of the event.

Sporting Events held in Temporary Facility

1. AAP sanctioned and affiliated organizers should seek guidance and approval for proposed venues for their events run under government declared quarantine levels, if said events are cleared to run by government. See Figure 1 (Motorsport Events allowed per Government Restrictions Declared) for allowed events per quarantine level.
2. Events that is deemed by AAP as being unable to control the influx of spectators in the venue shall not be allowed.
3. Venues with easy access to random spectators like mall parking lots should be reconsidered. Limited access vacant private properties should be considered
4. Organizers must dissuade competitors from bringing their team members with them to reduce amount of people in racing venue.
5. If area for paddock space is ample for number of competitors, ample distance between paddocks must be provided, with one vacant paddock area between two occupied areas.
6. If paddock space is limited, organizers must consider measures limiting the need for paddock space, like pre-scheduled starting times per competitor. In this case, competitors will arrive at the venue and drive their needed runs, then leave the venue immediately.
7. Officials and marshals will be minimal (1 clerk-of-the-course, 2 secretariats/ starter in a table that maintains distancing, up to 3 marshals around the course).
8. All officials are to use radio transmitters to communicate.
9. Other people who may be allowed are 2 media people and a medical team.
10. To start the cars, they will use either only hand, flag, or start light signals. The timer will be placed for drivers to see.
11. There will be no post-race celebrations, and all results will be mentioned online. Unofficial results will be announced within 12 hours of the event.

Practice and Test Sessions

1. Allowed during GCQ, MGCQ and New Normal periods
2. Seek clearance from Local Government Unit (LGU) prior to event
3. Any form of competition not allowed. Timekeeping is allowed, no ranking of drivers and teams allowed, no awards allowed
4. Limit number of allowed participants based on venue capacity and social distancing guidelines
5. Limit number of team members allowed in paddock areas
6. Observe all health and safety protocols same as Sporting Events (See "Special Health Considerations in Motorsport amid COVID-19" section)

Special Health Considerations in Motorsport amid COVID-19

The current government guidelines that is concerned with the conduct of sporting events is the Philippine Sports Commission/Games and Amusements Board/Department of Health Joint Administrative Order 2020-0001 (JAO 2020-0001).

Current government regulations discourage people aged 20 years old and younger, and 60 years old and older, to leave their homes. AAP takes the position of strictly discouraging the same age groups from competing in any sanctioned motorsport event.

Individuals who are found to be immunocompromised are not allowed to compete in any motorsport unless a vaccine is found and is readily available locally.

To ensure the health and wellness against Covid-19 of competitors, a medical clearance to contest events will be required to be secured from the AAP's Medical Officer as part of the application process for a Competition License. For applicants below 35 years old, a comprehensive medical and physical examination shall be required for new and renewal applications. Applicants from ages 35 to below 45 will be required to undergo ECG tests. Applicants aged 45 to 59 years old must undergo a stress treadmill test in addition to the preceding requirements.

Drivers with moderate and/or severe hypertension will not be allowed to race. A medical clearance from the AAP's Medical Officer must be secured before the hypertensive driver is allowed to join events.

For drivers with co-morbid condition, such as HPN, Diabetes Mellitus, and pulmonary problems, an additional blood workup and medical clearance from their family physician or specialist is required before they are cleared to race.

All sporting events must not proceed unless the organizer and/or facility owner/track operator informs nearby hospitals that an event is to take place at a scheduled date, and that the hospital/s confirm that they have sufficient capacity to accommodate any emergency medical incidents to happen at the event. Other medical guidelines based on international standards of the FIA must also be implemented.

For sporting events, a medical plan must be developed. This must include procedures in case of discovering, isolating, and proper turnover to an appropriate facility of a suspected positive COVID case. Also, ample amounts of alcohol sanitation and handwash stations must be present and easily accessible by everybody in the Event. A minimum of two (2) ambulances must be on standby for every sanctioned Event.

All COVID-19 testing for four-wheeled motorsport must be done by a medical doctor or laboratory duly accredited by AAP's Chief Medical Officer.

Digital Motorsport Events

The AAP highly recommends Digital Motorsport as an alternative activity during the pandemic period, as races can be done in the comfort of one's home, while battling other racers via the Internet.

In these times of pandemic, there is minimal reason for Digital Motorsport to have live events. In case that a live event is warranted by the organizer, for the purposes of a Finals or Championship event, all government approvals must be obtained, and safety protocols as listed above are to be followed. AAP will only sanction one (1) such live event per organizer per year until the pandemic threat is reduced.

Organizing and Attending International Events

Due to international travel restrictions, the feasibility of the Philippines hosting International Events may be remote in the next 12 to 18 months. Any proposed International Event must gain clearance from the relevant authorities in the National Government and LGU/s. Relevant health clearances for drivers, team members, and other delegates must also be secured from the competitors' respective ASNs. All health and safety requirements apply, including mandated quarantine periods, et. al.

AAP will strictly discourage outside travel of competitors to compete in international motorsport events. It is at the peril of the competitor and his team and management to travel abroad for this purpose. Competitors must submit a waiver to the AAP Motor Sport Department in doing so. Competitors must also agree to submit themselves to quarantine procedures of both the Philippines and the destination country.

Step-by-step Procedures on Organizing Motorsport under the Pandemic

Introduction

This document is for submission to the relevant government agencies that includes, but is not limited to, DOH, IATF, PSC, GAB, and DTI for the proper resumption and reintroduction of motorsports during the pandemic and the "new normal". Once approved, this will serve as a guide for event organizers and facility owners to help resume Philippine motorsport.

This procedural guideline is subject to change given the fluid nature of the current pandemic, as well as the need to balance both the health, economy, and sporting aspect of the motorsport community. These were developed with the best judgement of AAP Motorsport, given the information currently available from the FIA and current world best practices. These have been checked by AAP's Official Health Officer, Dr. Henry Yanez, and were reviewed by AAP's affiliated motorsport clubs and organizers.

Sporting Events Held in Temporary Facility

Example event: Motorkhana

- A time-trial event ran in tarmac within a closed private space (ex. parking lot, closed compound)
- Each participant runs one at a time.
- Other names of motorkhana are SLALOM, GYMKHANA, AUTOCROSS

The following protocols are applicable to other motorsport disciplines held in temporary facilities, such as DRIFTING, RALLYCROSS.

All events will have no spectators and have limited essential personnel only to run the event. Competitors will not go down from the car as much as possible. Social distancing between all persons in the event will be observed. Media personnel limited to at least 3 people only in the venue.

Step 1: Pre-Event Online Registration

All entries will be registered online 1 week before the day of event. Online registration can be done via an online service like Google Forms.

All participants will be informed of all protocols and guidelines from briefings to procedures. Briefing can be done by sharing a document and or via teleconferencing services like Zoom or Facebook.

Entries must list names of participating drivers for purposes of contact tracing.

Before the event, drivers will already be assigned time slots where he/she will be scheduled to do his/her runs. Drivers will not be allowed to queue in one long line. The driver will be only be allowed to run on the given time, and if missed, may be rescheduled to an available time slot, or be skipped completely.

Step 2: COVID Testing prior to the Event

All persons related to the event (drivers, mechanics, team members, organizers, and essential personnel) will need to go to an official COVID-19 testing clinic and must obtain results before the day of competition. Certified results must be submitted before the start of the event to the organizer before entering the event premises.

Method of testing may be antigen (rapid) or RT-PCR (swab). The testing facility must be approved by AAP's official health officer.

Step 3: Overall Setup of the Conducted Event

Zones to be delineated at the event are as follows:

- Arrival and Waiting area – zone where competitors queue to register and wait for their run times
- Registration Area – zone for competitors to register and confirm their run schedules
- Starting Area – zone where entrants will stage themselves just before their runs
- Active Track – zone where actual runs take place and are timed
- Isolation Tent and Medical Area – zone where medical facilities are made available, including a tent where suspected cases of COVID can be held before referral to appropriate medical facility

No participant will be allowed to go down from their vehicle at Registration, Starting, and Active Track areas.

Step 4: Entrants Arrive during the Day

Entrants will first head to the Arrival and Waiting area, on a timing pre-planned with the organizer, as to avoid congestion in the area.

In this zone, participants must maintain a gap of one (1) car parking slot away from each other for social distancing purposes. Participants must avoid going down from their vehicle at the Arrival and Waiting Area.

If space in the venue is insufficient, entrant must leave the venue and return in time for his/her time slot for runs.

All entrants must be pre-registered. "Walk-in" entries will not be allowed.

Step 5: Entrants will Register by Drive-through and Check-In

Participants will register on a "drive-through" basis in the Registration Area and will "check-in" for their run schedules. Temperature checks will be done at this time.

Once checked-in and deemed on time for their time slots, the participants will go to the Starting Area to stage themselves for their runs. If not yet their time, they must go back to the Arrival and Waiting Area (or leave the Event Venue) until it is time for their scheduled runs.

The Registration Area will feature an electronic timing board to indicate the official time of the event, as well as the participants' lap times and results. This will avoid unnecessary face-to-face contact with the organizers on checking of results and official timing.

An event marshal will be present to confirm information of the participants and direct them to the Starting Area. His communication will be done via loudspeaker, radio, or any suitable telecommunication device. This person will be wearing face mask and face shield, like all other persons in the Event.

Step 6: Entrants at the Starting Area

The participants will be at the Starting Area, waiting for their turn to take their timed runs. There are only a limited number of entrants to be staged at the Starting Area. They are not allowed to go out of the cars, nor can their crews go near them at the Starting Area. It is assumed that they are suited, belted and otherwise ready to undertake their runs at this time.

A timekeeper and a secretariat operate timer and record elapsed times of each competitor. A marshal ensures proper staging of the participants behind the timing beacons (or starting line), and flags them off for their runs. These persons will be wearing face mask and face shield, like all other persons in the Event. They will be maintaining adequate distance away from each other for social distancing guidelines.

Step 7: Entrants doing the actual Run

The Active Track Area will be a course that is approximately less than 1km long, with runs lasting between 40-120 seconds long. No spectators are allowed in the Event Venue.

The officials/marshals at the Active Track Area will be limited (not more than 10). Media persons will be allowed to be present at the Active Track Area to document or livestream the event. All persons working in the Active Track Area will maintain social distancing guidelines and wear face masks and face shields.

Step 8: Entrants after the Run

Participants who still have remaining runs in their time slots will go back to the starting line (see Step 6). If they are done with all their runs, they will be asked to leave the venue immediately. They will be able to see their results either on the event's electronic timing board, or on the official announcements posted online.

There will be no post-event awarding ceremonies.

Sporting Events Held in Permanent Facility

Example event: Circuit/Karting

- A wheel-to-wheel (grid) race event ran inside a closed circuit or motorsports facility
 - Clark International Speedway, Batangas Racing Circuit, Carmona Race Track, etc.
- Vehicles used are purpose built racing machines called go-karts.

The following protocols are applicable to other motorsport disciplines held in permanent facilities, such as FORMULA CAR, TOURING CAR, DRIFTING, RALLYCROSS, etc.

Venues will only be allowed to contain entrants numbering a maximum of 50% to 60% of the venue's normal capacity. If a venue can accommodate 100 entries during a race day, the maximum allowed to participate is 60.

Permanent pit garages will contain a maximum of 5 people including driver. This group must maintain a "bubble system", where they will associate only with themselves and restrict contact with other groups or individuals in the event.

All events will have no spectators and have limited essential personnel only to run the event. Competitors will not go down from the car as much as possible. Social distancing between all persons in the event will be observed. Media personnel limited to at least 3 people only in the venue.

Step 1: Pre-Event Online Registration

All entries will be registered online 1 week before the day of event. Online registration can be done via an online service like Google Forms.

All participants will be informed of all protocols and guidelines from briefings to procedures. Briefing can be done by sharing a document and or via teleconferencing services like Zoom or Facebook.

Entries must list names of participating drivers for purposes of contact tracing.

Before the event, drivers will already be assigned time slots where he/she will be scheduled to do his/her runs. Drivers will not be allowed to queue in one long line. The driver will be only be allowed to run on the given time, and if missed, may be rescheduled to an available time slot, or be skipped completely.

Step 2: COVID Testing prior to the Event

All persons related to the event (drivers, mechanics, team members, organizers, and essential personnel) will need to go to an official COVID-19 testing clinic and must obtain results before the day of competition. Certified results must be submitted before the start of the event to the organizer before entering the event premises.

Method of testing may be antigen (rapid) or RT-PCR (swab). The testing facility must be approved by AAP's official health officer.

Step 3: Overall Setup of the Conducted Event

Zones to be delineated at the event are as follows:

- Arrival and Disinfection area – zone where all vehicles and persons arrive and undergo disinfection procedures
- Registration Area and Secretariat – zone for competitors to register and confirm their run schedules
- Pit Garage – areas where entrants are parked and where they can fix or work on their race vehicles
- Park Ferme – area where scrutineers can check car for legality and safety
- Control Room – area where race officials can monitor the event
- Active Track – zone where actual runs take place and are timed. Includes pitlane
- Isolation Tent and Medical Area – zone where medical facilities are made available, including a tent where suspected cases of COVID can be held before referral to appropriate medical facility

No participant will be allowed to go down from their vehicle at Registration, Starting, and Active Track areas.

Step 4: Entrants Arrival prior to Event

Entrants will first head to the Arrival and Disinfection area, on a timing pre-planned with the organizer, as to avoid congestion in the area. Entrants' race vehicles, support vehicles and equipment will undergo disinfection procedures. Entrant team members, including driver/s, mechanics, support crew, etc., will undergo temperature checks.

In this zone, participants must maintain a gap of one (1) car parking slot away from each other for social distancing purposes. Participants must avoid going down from their vehicle at this zone. Each entrant must wait for instructions from marshal before proceeding to Registration/Secretariat for "check-in"

All entrants must be pre-registered. "Walk-in" entries will not be allowed. Loitering in the Registration/Secretariat Area is not allowed.

Step 5: Entrants to immediately report to Pit Garage

After "check-in", entrants will be led to their respective Pit Garages with designated signage facilitating such. Teams will place their race vehicle and their equipment, spares and tools inside the pit garage. They will park their service vehicles directly at the back of their pit garage.

Step 6: Pit Garage Limit and Guidelines

There will be limited people inside each pit garage, with a maximum of 5 people including the driver. This group must maintain a “bubble system”, where they will associate only with themselves and restrict contact with other groups or individuals in the event. At all times, each team member must locate themselves at least 2 meters away from each other in the pit garage.

Step 7: Arrival of Track Marshals

The track marshals will report in an open space with enough social distancing. The Clerk of Course or the Chief Marshal will give instructions therein. After, they will be tasked to walk to their designated posts, located at least 150m away from each other.

Marshal posts will only contain a maximum of 2 people at critical areas, and a maximum of 1 on less critical areas. Marshals sharing a post will practice social distancing and wear face mask and face shield.

Step 8: Arrival of Officials

The officials of the Event, such as the Clerk of Course, Chief Steward, and Stewards, will immediately report in their designated office or Control Room. A footbath will be placed outside their office, and all will undergo sanitation procedures and wear face mask and face shield. All meetings, paper works, and signatures will be done online.

Unauthorized persons are not allowed inside the official’s room.

Step 9: Race Proper

Announcer will state schedule of the races of the day, as well as the entrants of those races. Speakers will be positioned so that entrants can hear announcements from their pit garages.

When the entrants are called for their scheduled races, they will move from their pit garages, line up in pit lane, and wait for safe entry into race track. Once cleared, they will do the normal formation and warm-up lap.

The races will go on as normal, with normal staging procedures, with start of race prompted by usual starting lights, and warnings indicated by pit boards and flags.

Relevant announcements will be broadcasted to racers on grid via PA system with speakers pointed directly at grid.

Step 10: Entrants after the Race

If existing race procedures warrant the use of park ferme, it shall continue to be allowed. Only designated officials are allowed to stay in park ferme.

Podium ceremonies are allowed with mandatory health protocols and social distancing. No excessive crowding near the podium.

Afterward, drivers and team members remain inside the pit garage as they prepare to egress. After packing up, all will proceed to leave immediately. No unnecessary “getting together” with friends are allowed after the race in the Event Venue.

COVID-19 Planning Matrix for Motorsport Event Organizers

Event Element	Requirement	Mechanism
Government Regulations regarding Mass Gatherings and Sporting Events and Activities	Organizers adhere to government regulation/s	Refer to AAP Motor Sport COVID-19 Document for guidance
		Consult with AAP Motor Sport Office for latest guidelines and advice
		Refer to PSC/GAB/DOH JAO 2020-0001
		Refer to relevant DILG, DTI, and DOH guidelines
		Refer with Local Government Unit for clearance
		Organizer follows all government regulation/s and disseminates information to staff and participants
Monitoring and Contact Tracing	Create a register of all event attendees	Pre-event communication to competitors and officials, including entry, registration and signage
		Maintain attendance list of entrants and their companions, as well as staff and other relevant guests, with location and contact details
		Submit register to AAP Motor Sport Office electronically
Event Permit	Apply for an Event Permit from AAP Motor Sport	Prior to each event, organizers must submit a plan providing social distancing, medical provisions and measures, and hygiene measures in the event.
Documentation and License Checking	Have participants pre-register online	Create an online registration form via Google Docs or other easy-to-use software
	Avoid in-person license check	With electronic pre-registration prior to event, organizers should double check if entrants are licensed to compete

Event Element	Requirement	Mechanism
Driver and Officials briefings	No gatherings of drivers or officials (or team personnel)	Briefing documents circulated and acknowledged electronically
		Live briefings via public address system, with attendees adhering to social distancing requirements, or via teleconferencing applications like Zoom, Skype, FB Messenger, etc.
Scrutineering / Parc Ferme	Ease of excessive scrutineering to avoid too much social contact	Have a wide, separate enclosed area with access only for authorized personnel
		Have competitors self-declare clearance to regulations.
		Scrutineer vehicles via random sampling
Equipment deployment	Hygiene protocols to be adopted	Equipment thoroughly wiped down prior to deployment
		Equipment deployed and operated by 1 person wherever possible
		Equipment not to be shared unless absolutely necessary, in which case appropriate hygiene measures are to be implemented
Paddock, marshalling areas	Avoid gathering of personnel	Social distancing requirements to be adhered to by all event attendees (1.5m to be adopted)
		Competitors to remain in vehicles whenever possible
		All in paddock areas to wear face mask and face shield
Secretariat/Command Center	Social distancing measures to be implemented	Officials to maintain social distancing requirements (min 1.5m)
		Signage indicating maximum capacity of each room/tent

Event Element	Requirement	Mechanism
Medical Centre / Facilities / Isolation Facility	Medical Centre configuration/staffing	Ensure availability of Medical Personnel as usual
	Isolation plan - for any COVID-19 case at an event	Create plan and protocol in case of suspected COVID case, including having an isolation area, available transport to medical or quarantine facility
	Rapid testing for suspected cases	Make available and undertake rapid testing for those showing COVID symptoms
	Clearance from Hospitals	Inform and secure approval of nearby hospitals that a motorsport event is taking place and that they have sufficient capacity to absorb emergency medical cases
Competitors	Ensure competitors do not signify any COVID-related symptoms	Undertake temperature checks, have competitors fill up health checklist
	Regular hand washing/sanitizing	Provide ample sanitizing stations and/or handwashing facilities
	Wear face masks and face shields	Competitors must wear face masks and face shields when not competing inside venue
	No Passenger Rides	Do not allow passenger rides while in competition under any circumstance
Apparel and Personal Safety Equipment	No sharing of driver or officials apparel, helmets and other personal safety equipment	All participants to provide and wear their own event-specific protective apparel
Fire, Medical and Recovery Teams	Vehicles to contain a maximum of 2 people when in operation, utilising PPE, face mask, face shield at all times	When not in operation, personnel to remain outside vehicles and maintain appropriate social distance
		Additional time to be factored into event schedules to reduce time pressure on incident management teams
Competition Team personnel	Absolute minimum personnel to attend per competition vehicle	For permanent venues: maximum five (5) personnel including driver
		For temporary venues: no additional team personnel allowed

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Track Marshals	Deploy minimum number of marshals	Preferred 1 person per marshal post. Maximum 2 persons per marshal post in critical areas, with social distancing measures in place.
Sanitation Teams	Routine disinfection of frequently touched surfaces, objects and equipment	Disinfection using chlorine solution, 70% rubbing alcohol, or other similar solution, every 2 hours.
Results	Communicated digitally	Posted online or emailed to competitors
Podium ceremonies	No in-person ceremonies can be conducted	Send trophies/certificates via courier or postal service
Spectators	No spectators allowed	Consider live casting event via social media
		Information that no spectators are allowed must be communicated clearly to competitors and other stakeholders, via relevant media or club communications
Media and communications	COVID Strategy and Plans to be communicated broadly	Information on COVID related plans of the event must be communicated clearly to competitors and other stakeholders, via relevant media or club communications
		All entrants must acknowledge the policy
Media Centre and media attendance at event	To be minimized	Limit total number of photographers at photo points to ensure social distancing requirements can be met
		Consider 'media pooling' - one event photographer to supply photos for all media to use
		No media conferences or one-on-one interviews with drivers or personnel – use phone or Zoom, FB Messenger etc.
Food and catering	To be minimized	Ask competitors to bring their own pack lunches and refreshments
		Any fixed food or catering outlets must operate according to government guidelines on social distancing, hygiene and maximum number of services allowed in an area

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Support contractors	To be minimized to essential providers and to adhere to guidelines	Event Organizer to work with contractors to ensure essential people only attend events
Venue operations	Venue owners and/or track operators agree to adhere to return to race policies	AAP Motor Sport to approve venues for operation upon venues' submission of health and safety plans
Judicial, protests and Stewards hearings	Avoid in-person Stewards hearings at events, held by teleconference or video conference if necessary	Protests and appeals to be lodged electronically. Organizers to provide email address to competitors
		Hearings to be held electronically (eg: Zoom, FB Messenger, etc.)