

Teams Briefing

European Rowing Championships,
Varese

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COVID-19 MEASURES - GENERAL

Organising Committee COVID-19 Response Plan

- Please familiarize yourself with the OC's [COVID protection plan](#)
- Wearing a mask over nose and mouth is mandatory in all areas at the venue as well as in transport and in the hotel when not in your room – ensure that you bring sufficient masks for your stay.
- Please use the hand sanitizer provided when entering rooms/buildings and wash your hands regularly.
- Keep at least 1.5m distance from other people at all times



WEAR
FACEMASK



SANITIZE
YOUR HANDS



KEEP
DISTANCE

COVID-19 MEASURES - TESTING

Pre-event Test Requirements

There is no requirement for a negative test prior to arriving at the venue, however the Italian Government require a negative PCR or rapid test within 48 hours of entering Italy.



COVID-19 MEASURES - MONITORING

Temperature Checking

Everyone should take their temperature in the morning at the hotel and, if over 37.5°C or if showing symptoms (as per below) must immediately report to your Team Doctor/Team Manager who will inform the OC. Remain isolated in your hotel room. The OC shall arrange for you to take a rapid test at the hotel. Additionally, each person entering the venue shall have their temperature checked; any person measuring over 37.5°C shall be isolated and taken for next steps.

COVID Symptoms

If at any time you feel any of the following symptoms, let your Team Doctor or Team Manager know. If you are at the hotel, remain isolated in your room.

- Fever
- Tiredness
- Sore throat
- Diarrhoea
- Headache
- Dry cough
- Aches and pains
- Loss of taste or smell
- Conjunctivitis
- Rash on skin, or discolouration of fingers or toes



COVID-19 MEASURES - QUESTIONNAIRES

Pre-Event Health Questionnaire

All participants are required to complete and submit the Pre-Event Health Questionnaire to the OC before arrival at the venue, sent to covidmanager@vareserowing.com. Failure to submit this in advance will lead to delays in collecting accreditation.



COVID-19 MEASURES – IN VARESE

Access to the venue

- Only people with accreditation will have access to the venue
- There will be no spectators
- During the ERCH, only crews competing in that event will have access to the venue

Movement in Varese

- Please limit interaction with people as much as possible
- The Lombardy region, including Varese, is currently in a 'red' zone and non-essential shops are closed. You are required to stay within the hotel, in transport or in the venue during the event. Only with special permission from World Rowing or the OC may you leave this framework



COVID-19 MEASURES – IN VARESE

Food and Supplies in Varese

- All non-essential stores are closed.
- Restaurants, supermarkets and pharmacies may offer delivery to your hotel – please see the hotel reception for more information



COVID-19 MEASURES – IN VARESE

Boat Racks

- Racks will be assigned to individual teams as much as possible to limit interaction between teams
- Do not move your boat to non-assigned racks

Athlete Weighing

- Only one crew at a time will be allowed in the waiting area
- Please sanitize the test scales after use



COVID-19 MEASURES – IN VARESE

Athlete Warm-Up and Cool-Down

- Ergometers in the warm-up area will be socially distanced – please do not move them
- Ensure that you sanitize your erg after you use it with the provided materials
- If you bring your own ergs, please ensure that they remain within your team tent area so that social distancing is maintained

Launching Pontoons

- Athletes must wear their mask until they are seated in the boat and have left the pontoon
- Do not leave items on the pontoon e.g. shoes, water bottles, clothes etc



COVID-19 MEASURES – IN VARESE

Team Information Centre

- Only one person at a time shall be allowed to enter. Please respect social distancing

Showers at the Venue

- Showers at the venue shall be closed, please shower at your hotel.
- Exemptions may be made in exceptional circumstances, such as departing directly to the airport after racing.



COVID-19 MEASURES – IN VARESE

Victory Ceremonies

- Will be performed with no contact
- Athletes to take medals from the trays themselves
- No contact is allowed with other crews, ie. No hugs, handshakes or high fives with other rowers. Social distancing must be maintained.



COVID-19 MEASURES – IN VARESE

COVID Test for return travel

The OC has arranged for an on-venue testing location to be available for return tests to be taken (PCR or rapid test as required). The form for booking the test is available on the event pages of the World Rowing website. Teams must book their tests no later than two days before the start of the event (7 April).



COVID-19 MEASURES – IN VARESE

What happens if I have symptoms either at the hotel or venue?

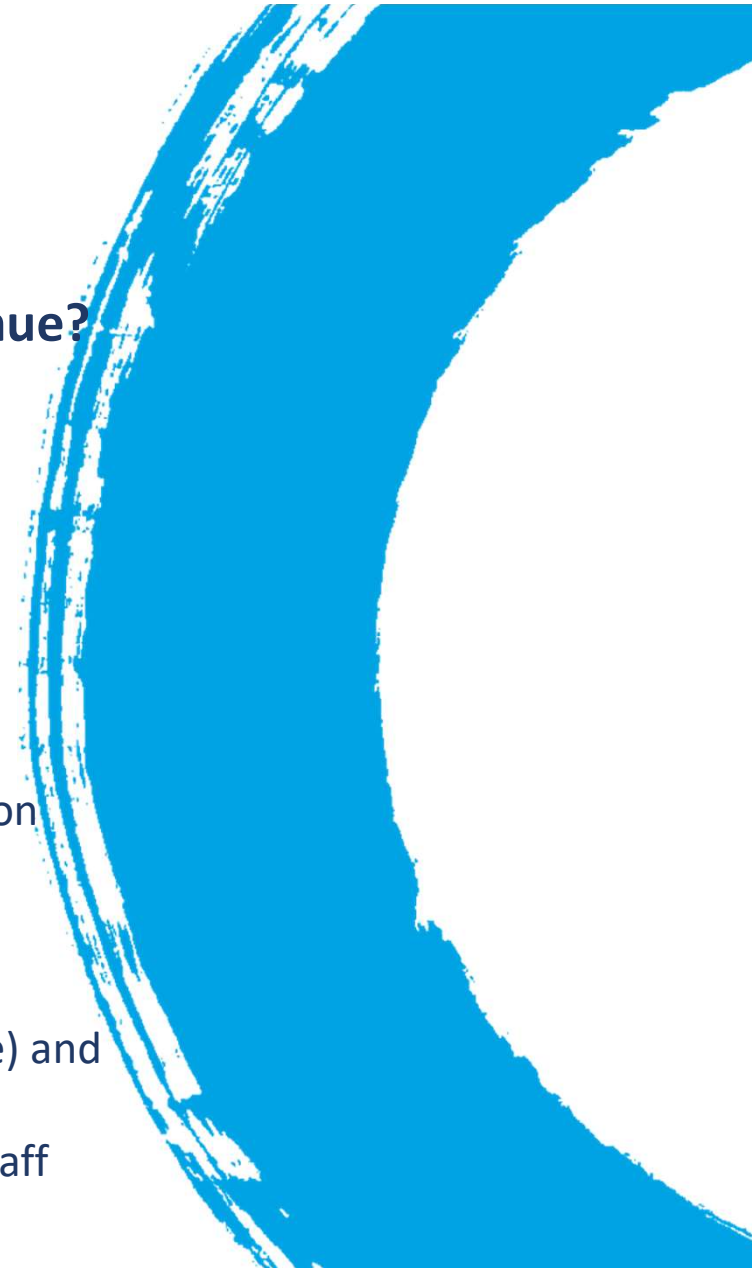
- Report immediately to your Team Doctor or Team Manager who will report to the OC COVID Manager.
- Isolate in your hotel room or in the venue COVID medical room
- A rapid test will be arranged for you

Negative Rapid Test Result

- Your symptoms will be monitored
- If cleared by medical staff you will be released from medical supervision

Positive Rapid Test Result

- Follow up testing will be organized immediately
- If in a stable condition you will be taken to your hotel (or remain there) and managed by the OC medical staff and local health authorities.
- If not in a stable condition you will be treated on site by OC medical staff and hospitalised as required by local health authorities



COVID-19 MEASURES – IN VARESE

Potential Sanctions

- To protect the health of all participants, anyone not adhering to the participation conditions will be immediately disqualified and excluded from the event, at the discretion of the European Rowing Board.



KEY DATES AND TIMES

European Olympic and Paralympic Qualification Regatta

Tuesday 6 April: 16:30hrs – venue opens for boat unloading (no training)

Wednesday 7 April: 12:00hrs – venue officially opens

Thursday 8 April: 15:00hrs – Team Managers Meeting and Draw (virtual)

Friday 9 April: Racing starts. Daily Team Managers Meeting one hour after the last race (virtually)

Saturday 10 April: Daily Team Managers Meeting one hour after the last race (virtually).



EVENT COMMUNICATIONS

Key messages will come via WhatsApp and Official Communications

Team Managers will be asked to join the event Team Managers WhatsApp group.



QUESTIONS?

Please use the Q&A function in Zoom!