

**Cycling Ireland**

**COVID-19**

**Recommendation for BMX Track Cycling Facility**

**General**

COVID-19 continues to cause significant challenges. The transition period following the outbreak will be long and facilities will be asked to implement all possible measures for respecting the social distancing and hygiene requirements. Our sport will be affected as well and we need to look into ways of conducting training and racing in a safer way for the participants, the organising committee and the spectators. We need to be creative and adapt to new ideas that should be shared among the entire cycling family for everyone's benefit.

Cycling Ireland is following all the recommendations from the Government of Ireland, Northern Ireland and the UCI.

The UCI has advised that during the evolving COVID-19 outbreak, effective protection of the health and safety of athletes must remain a priority. Under the UCI regulations, we must ensure all athletes are covered by adequate measures to protect their health and that they have access to prompt medical care while participating. Preventative measures must be in place to stop the transmission of infection and put in place mitigation measures to minimise the risk of infection. You must ensure that any athlete or participant in an event, who needs immediate medical care is given access to medical facilities.

**ABOUT COVID-19****WHERE DO I GET THE LATEST INFO ABOUT COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)?**

The Health Service Executive (HSE) <https://www2.hse.ie/coronavirus/> is the first place you should go for official information. Here you'll find detail on the disease itself, how to protect yourself, the Alert System, latest Government updates, information for communities and other resources.

**WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19?**

The HSE lists symptoms of COVID-19 as one or more of the following:

- a cough
- a high temperature (at least 38°C)
- shortness of breath
- sore throat
- sneezing and runny nose
- temporary loss of smell

These symptoms do not necessarily mean you have COVID-19. The symptoms are similar to other illnesses that are much more common, such as cold and flu.

**WHAT DO I DO IF I THINK I'M GETTING SICK?**

Firstly, if you feel ill at any stage you should stay away.

In case of symptoms suggestive of acute respiratory illness before, during or after travel, you are encouraged to seek medical attention and share travel history with your healthcare provider. (Standard Infection Protection and Control precautions emphasise the vital importance of hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette for every person.) For every structured cycle documentation of who participated must be recorded on the Contact Tracing Sign on/Booking System.

**RISK ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION CHECKLIST IN THE CONTEXT OF COVID-19**

- 1) Adhere to general guidelines on hand hygiene, cough etiquette and social distancing
- 2) Complete risk assessment before undertaking group competition
- 3) Participants to complete self-assessment form
- 4) Participants to register online and use the check in facility
- 5) All volunteers to be added to the Contact Tracing Sign on/Booking System

Cycling Ireland strongly recommends that each club activity is assessed using the Risk Assessment and Mitigation Checklist for Gatherings in the context of COVID-19 (mandatory for all Cycling Ireland training sessions or groups rides). This is an operational tool that offers guidance for clubs during the COVID-19 outbreak and that should be accompanied by the COVID-19 Generic Risk Assessment Excel file. Cycling Ireland strongly advises that clubs do not perform the risk assessment alone; do it in cooperation with counterparts especially with local Public Health Authorities.

The level of risk for each factor is a function of two variables: the probability of a threat occurring and the consequences (impact) of that small training session. This is often mapped on a risk matrix. Decision making on acceptable levels of risk should be determined primarily by human health considerations. Other factors could also be considered, particularly when determining risk management of the mitigation measures to be undertaken.

Characterisation of risks depends on the question that is being asked (Likelihood and Vulnerability Assessment). For example, many questions that characterise risk could be asked of any potential public health threat:

- What is the impact on the event?
- What is the impact on public health?
- What is the impact on personal Health & Safety?

Answers could be:

- **VERY LOW** – Overall risk of transmission and further spread of COVID-19 in relation to group training is considered very low. Little or no risk of creating a hazard for participants or members of the public.
- **LOW** – Overall risk of transmission and further spread of COVID-19 in relation to group training is considered low. Little or no risk of creating a hazard for participants or members of the public.
- **MODERATE** – Overall risk of transmission and further spread of COVID-19 in relation to group training is considered moderate. Moderate risk of creating a hazard for participants or members of the public. Recommend significant efforts to improve mitigation measures or reduce risk of transmission (to decrease risk assessment score). Some controlled impact on the club and reputation for the host. Death and/or severe illness (e.g. COVID-19) cases occur. Public health and medical services are strained.
- **HIGH** – Overall risk of transmission and further spread of COVID-19 in relation to group competition is considered high. High risk of creating a hazard for participants or members of the public. Recommend significant efforts to improve both mitigation measures and reduce risk of transmission (to decrease risk assessment score). A risk-based decision to postpone or to cancel the group training should be considered. Disruptive to the club and reputation of the host. Many deaths or illnesses are associated to COVID-19 cases. Disrupts public health and medical services.

- SEVERE – Overall risk of transmission and further spread of COVID-19 in relation to group training is considered very high. Causes cancellation of the group training. Significant adverse impact on the club and host reputation. Substantial loss of life and serious illness. Widespread disruption of local services and infrastructure.

Cycling Ireland advises you to conduct the event only if the risk falls into the Very Low or Low risk categories.

It is strongly recommended that anyone organising or attending a cycling activity complete the following e-learning COVID-19 Course developed by Sport Ireland – <https://www.sportireland.ie/covid19/course>

### WHEN IS THE BMX TRACK REOPENING?

#### Cork BMX – Tramore Valley Park

We will be open on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Saturday	12noon – 1.15pm
	1.30pm - 2.45pm
	3.00pm – 4.15pm
Sunday	12noon – 1.15pm
	1.30pm - 2.45pm
	3.00pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday	5.00pm – 6.15pm
	6.30pm – 7.45pm

#### Lisburn BMX – Bells Lane, Lambeg, Lisburn

We will be open on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Thursday	6.00pm – 7.00pm
	7.30pm - 8.30pm
Saturday	12noon – 1.00pm
	1.30pm - 2.30pm
Sunday	12noon – 1.00pm
	1.30pm - 2.30pm

#### Lucan BMX – St. Catherine’s Park, Lucan

We will be open on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Friday	2.00pm – 3.00pm
	3.30pm - 4.30pm
	6.00pm – 7.00pm
	7.30pm - 8.30pm
Saturday	12noon – 1.00pm
	1.30pm - 2.30pm
Sunday	12noon – 1.00pm
	1.30pm - 2.30pm

#### Ratoath BMX – Fairyhouse Road, Ratoath

We will be open on the TBC.

- Monday – Friday – TBC
- Saturday – TBC

- Sunday – TBC

### **Courtown BMX – Riverchapel Community Complex, Gorey**

We will be open on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Friday	7.00pm – 8.30pm
Saturday	11.00am – 1.00pm
Sunday	11.00am – 1.00pm
Monday	1.30pm - 2.30pm
Tuesday	7.00pm – 8.30pm
Thursday	7.00pm – 8.30pm

All sessions will be pre booked only by using the Contact Tracing Sign on/Booking System

### **WHAT ARE WE DOING TO KEEP YOU SAFE?**

Your safety is our number one priority. We have put processes in place to ensure the BMX Track remains a safe place for everyone to enjoy.

- Track Training only, Clubhouse will be closed
- Training numbers will be limited to 12 maximum per session with only 3 riders at any time on track (members only)
- Online booking only (Cycling Ireland Contact Tracing Sign on/Booking System)
- Ensure adherence to current government social distancing rules [LINK](#)
- Clubs to have designated areas for bikes, gear and accompanying parents/guardians
- Clubs to have a designated COVID-19 Liaison Officer
- Only one parent/guardian to accompany rider to limit numbers on club grounds at any one time
- At least 30min between each session
- Additional sanitisation stations to be provided where possible
- Designated separate Entrances and Exits
- COVID-19 area-specific signage
- Sessions to have at least 2/3 committee members in attendance with one mandatory First Aid volunteer in attendance at every training session and one acting COVID-19 Liaison Officer
- All sessions to be paid online, no cash to be taken at track
- All accompanying parent/guardian must also use the Contact Tracing Sign on/Booking System
- Masks will be provided to all volunteers who wish to use them

### **WHAT HYGIENE ETIQUETTE DOES EVERYONE HAVE TO FOLLOW?**

We ask that every member takes responsibility for personal hygiene and also respects the space of others. That means washing / sanitising hands, covering coughs and sneezes, keeping to government guidance on social distancing [LINK](#), bringing your own towel and using it, and bringing your own filled drink bottle / bike / helmet, and not sharing or touching anything that you don't have to.

### **DO I NEED TO WEAR A MASK?**

The wearing of a mask is recommended [LINK](#).

### **WILL SANITISING STATIONS BE AVAILABLE?**

There are hand sanitiser stations placed in the track.

### **WHAT ABOUT SOCIAL DISTANCING?**

Ensure adherence to current government social distancing rules [LINK](#). Session sizes will also be limited to 12 people maximum with only 3 riders allowed on the track at any time.

**WHAT ABOUT OUR VOLUNTEERS?**

The BMX Commission and Coaches have all been briefed about the processes and protocol we will be following. Please respect this and be kind to our volunteers.

**DO I NEED TO DO ANYTHING BEFORE I COME BACK?**

Pre book! This is compulsory if you want to ride on the track. Use the Cycling Ireland Contact Tracing Sign on/Booking System LINK. Complete the Self-Assessment Personal Screening Questionnaire LINK.

**THE CONDITIONS OF ENTRY ARE:**

- Stay home if unwell.
- You must pre book.
- Wash or sanitise hands before entering the Track and when moving through different areas.
- Bring and use your own equipment.

**COVID-19 HEALTH QUESTIONS:**

- You do not have any symptoms associated with COVID-19 (e.g. fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, sneezing/runny nose or loss of sense of smell)
- You do not have COVID-19 nor are you awaiting the results from being tested for COVID-19
- You have not been in contact with any known or suspected cases of COVID-19 in the past 14 days
- You have not returned, or been in contact with anyone else who has returned, from overseas in the past 14 days

**TRACK SESSIONS****WILL THERE BE A SESSION NUMBER LIMITS?**

Yes. There will be both physical distancing limits and 'gathering' limits.

**WILL I NEED TO BOOK EVERY CLASS I GO TO?**

Yes. Session sizes will be strictly limited so you will not be allowed to attend unless you pre book.

**WILL TIMETABLES BE THE SAME?**

No. Our track schedule changes regularly so it pays to check our website for updates.

<http://www.bmxireland.ie/>

**WILL I BE ABLE TO USE ALL THE EQUIPMENT I HAVE IN THE PAST?**

Hire bikes and helmets remain off limits.

## Self-Assessment Personal Screening Questionnaire

This is a self-assessment form for your personal use. If you answer YES to any of the questions below you should stay at home, DO NOT ATTEND ANY CYCLING ACTIVITIES and inform your medical practitioner if you have not already done so.

Date:

Name:

Contact details: (email/contact number)

1. Are you currently diagnosed with or believe you may have COVID-19? YES NO
2. Have you had any of these symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days [LINK?](#)
  - High temperature (fever)? YES NO
  - A new continuous cough? YES NO
  - New unexplained shortness of breath? YES NO
  - A sore throat? YES NO
  - Loss of smell? YES NO
3. Have you been in contact with a COVID-19 confirmed or suspect case in the previous 14 days? YES NO
4. Have you provided direct care for COVID-19 patients in the past 14 days? YES NO
5. Have you visited or stayed in a closed environment with anyone with COVID-19 in the past 14 days? YES NO
6. Have you travelled together with COVID-19 patient in any kind of conveyance in the past 14 days? YES NO
7. Have you arrived on the Island of Ireland from another country in the last 14 days – this includes citizens travelling home? YES NO

*\*Healthcare or frontline workers wearing full PPE, in line with HSE/NHS guidelines are permitted to participate provided their employer has not advised self-isolation.*