

Attendee Briefing Note

The Sharks at Shepperton Canoe Slalom 29-30 May 2021

All individuals attending the event must read this Attendee Briefing note in full, and acknowledge they are choosing to take part in activities that may require COVID-19 mitigations to be put in place. Willingness to comply with these measures is a condition of attendance.

In accordance with government advice for adults and secondary school children, it is recommended to take a LFD test for covid twice weekly, and immediately prior to travelling. If the result is positive, then do not attend. If you show any of the symptoms of covid then do not attend. In both cases, get a PCR test for covid.

The site is open to racers and those providing essential support to a racer; attendance of other spectators is discouraged.

Maintain social distance at >2m from those not in your bubble. Social interaction is restricted to outdoors, groups of up to 6 people or 2 household bubbles.

Wear mask if able, to protect others, whenever indoors or at <2m separation. Also when at the Control tent.

Carry personal hand sanitiser gel, and use it before touching anything touched by others, and after.

Travel: Car sharing is permitted from 17 May ([Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): safer travel guidance for passengers - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers)), though it is recommended you share within your household bubble. Reduce the risk of transmission by sharing with the same people each time, minimising the group size, opening windows for ventilation, maximising distance between people in the vehicle, clean door handles and other areas that people may touch, wear face coverings.

Parking

Parking is available beside the road adjacent to the lock, much used by residents, and on the approach in Ferry Road in marked zones prior to Fat Al's Gym. Avoid spaces marked for use by local businesses. If approaching via Docket Eddy Lane (one way) parking is possible prior to the narrow section before the Thames Court pub (200m from the lock).

Access

Shepperton Canoe Slalom Club grounds are accessed by crossing the upstream lock gate and following the gated path for 20m, the turn left before reaching the weir. Rather than carrying canoes, they can be launched from below the lock (don't use the ferry slipway) and paddled (wearing proper kit) round to the site to avoid congestion crossing the lock gate.

Toilets

Limit one person at a time to enter club to use toilet, no waiting inside, wear mask inside. Window always open, leave door open on exit. Encourage use of alternative gents urinal outdoors, one at a time. Wash hands as per gov guidance after use. Wipe taps/flush/handles/surfaces touched prior to exit. Wipes provided for this purpose, bin on exit.

Refreshments

Wear mask when ordering drinks at the kitchen window; do not enter; maintain distancing while waiting. Only hot drinks will be available, for donations, cash will be accepted. No food provision.

Camping

A limited number of tents will be permitted, subject to restrictions. If you wish to camp then contact the organiser.

Control

Always wear your mask at the Control desk, sited outdoors under gazebo. All outstanding payments will be by contactless card payment, no cash. Maintain 2m distance while waiting.

First Aid

If necessary, access a trained first aider via Control.

Changing

No access to changing room, except for Shepperton Club members who should minimise time inside and are advised to wear mask indoors and not share the room with others outside their bubble. Recommend arriving in base layer kit ready for your practice session. Gazebo outdoor to provide shelter, if needed, whilst changing; minimise time under gazebo, maintain 2m distance from others.

Shelter

All attendees are advised to pack an umbrella to provide their own shelter should there be torrential rain.

Getting on the water

Access pontoon only for entry and exit from canoe, or to help a racer do so.

Maintain 2m separation on entering and exiting water, following instruction from pontoon marshal to limit numbers on pontoon and direction of travel on steps.

Site limits

No access to bridge over weir, except for officials accessing for course adjustments.

Cleaning zone – shared equipment

Water buckets, soap, sponge available for washing any equipment touched by others. Responsibility of user to only use allocated shared equipment and to wash shared equipment before use and again after use. Maintain distancing while cleaning equipment.

Spectating

Attendees may spectate but should maintain 2m distance from others and avoid excessive shouting.

Officials

Jobs will be allocated amongst volunteers prior to the event, with individuals responsible for taking precautions against covid transmission.

Reporting

To raise any issues and concerns, regarding covid or otherwise, arising during the event, attendees are encouraged to notify the organiser and to use the **British Canoeing Incident Report Form** <https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/go-canoeing/access-and-environment/access-to-water/incident-reporting>