

USATF OREGON EVENT HOST COVID-19 INFO



Step 1: Determine risk stratification level

Level 1 / Low Risk events

- Horizontal jumps with physical distancing
- Throwing events where only athletes contact their own implements
- Individual events where athletes run completely in lanes, using every other lane
- Vertical jumps with individual pit coverings disinfected between each competitor or single use disposable pit coverings

Level 2 / Moderate Risk events

- Distance races of 800m or longer (run in the normal manner)
- Sprint events using all lanes
- Vertical jumps with no pit coverings
- Throwing events with officials retrieving implements / implement sharing
- A track meet run in a “normal” manner, all events would be considered Level 2 / Moderate Risk

Sanctioned events may have two different levels of risk within the same event. An example would be running the sprint events in every other lane followed by the 1500m with a waterfall start. The sprint events would be Level 1 / Low Risk while the 1500m event would fall under the Level 2 / Moderate Risk threshold.

Non-Competitors risk stratification

- All officials and event staff would be considered in the Level 1 / Low Risk category for participation, as long as their duties allow for proper social distancing and no contact with athlete-touched equipment.
- Spectators, media and vendors would be considered Level 1 / Low Risk category, as long as a social distancing plan is available for their specific areas of the venue. There should be a designated area for COVID tested individuals, separate from non-COVID tested individuals, outside of the field of play.

Medical providers

- Current guidance = emergency or minimal triage only

Pending update: would allow manual therapies within the meet facility under specific circumstances (vaccinated medical provider, PPE restrictions, COVID tested, etc.)

Step 2: Participant Screen Criteria

Criteria for entry to facility and participation applies to every individual who enters the stadium, facility or gated areas of a course or facility.

For all Level 1 / Low Risk participants

- Survey completed daily on entrance to the facility
 - Must confirm no signs or symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 7d, no close, sustained contact (within 6' for 15 minutes or longer) with a COVID-19 infected individual in the last 14d, no international travel in the last 14d (or 7d with negative Covid test)
- Temperature check on entrance to the facility < 100.4 F / 38 C
- Must wear a mask at all times in the facility (except athlete w/u, comp.)

For all Level 2 / Moderate Risk participants

- Same requirements as Level 1 **AND**
- One negative **PCR** COVID-19 test performed within 7d of competition - **OR**
- One negative **ANTIGEN** test performed within 7 days of competition and both the county of residence of the athlete / participant **AND** the county of the event have a state government reported COVID-19 positivity rate in each of the last two weeks of < 5% - **OR**
- Positive COVID-19 test in the last 90d, at least 14d since positive test, resolution of symptoms, (for athlete) permission to compete from a medical doctor.

Additional criteria:

- USATF recommends that individuals considered by the CDC to be “at-risk” not participate in the sanctioned event in any capacity
- COVID-19 vaccination does NOT exempt an individual from COVID-19 testing / screening requirements.

Pending: Sanctioned events must name a COVID-19 Officer. Duties to be performed:

1. Understanding the components of USATF’s Event Hosting Guidance and state / local regulations
2. Collections / verification of any required COVID-19 test results
3. Collection of symptom surveys, temp. Checks, and USATF waivers
4. Oversight of communication of COVID-19 safety protocols to all participants, staff, officials and spectators
5. Oversight of enforcement of all USATF COVID-19 safety protocols
6. Coordination with the event director on the implementation of the events medical response plan.

Event directors are also responsible to follow all local governance and COVID-19 safety protocols. Where USATF and local guidelines are in conflict, event directors are to follow the more restrictive protocol. Example, the state or county may not mandate mask wearing, but the USATF guidance does require masks to be worn. In this instance USATF has the more restrictive guidance and is to be the guidance followed.

Failure to follow USATF COVID-19 safety protocols will void an approved USATF sanction.