



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS RELATING TO LWC 2022

The following questions and answers should give you the information that you need to be able to understand the reasons for having to reschedule some of the LWC 2022 Championships and why some Championships and events have had to be cancelled.

The issues are summarised by the following topics:

- A. The rescheduling of LWC 2022 Championships, refunds, cancelled Championships/events, revised programmes**
- B. Entry into Italy and general rules on entering venues**
- C. Social Distancing measures and Covid-19 restrictions, sanitisation of equipment**
- D. Mandatory Covid-19 testing during LWC 2022**

Additionally, the full criteria Section B for entry into Italy are included in **Appendix A**, while the restrictions referred to in Section C regarding social distancing and Covid-19 restrictions are included in **Appendix B**.

If you have a question and the answer is not provided here, please send your enquiry to:

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- A. The rescheduling of LWC 2022 Championships, refunds, cancelled Championships/events, revised programmes**

- 1. Why is the ILS making this decision now more than 10 months before the LWC 2022 events are due to start? Is it not too early?**

The ILS has had to make this decision now because an increasing number of participants are beginning to make their preparations to travel to Italy in September 2022 as their countries begin to emerge from the various Covid-19 restrictions and lockdowns that were in place. We need to provide clarity on the position as soon as we can to avoid participants beginning to book travel and accommodation charges which may need to be cancelled.

We cannot be absolutely certain that all of the currently known restrictions will still be in place next year. However, having monitored the position carefully for more than 6 months, we do not now foresee significant changes are likely.

These restrictions impact considerably on our host's capacity to organise all the LWC 2022 events while they remain in place. Our colleagues in FIN are doing all they can to ensure that some LWC 2022 events can take place, and they have concluded that what is being offered is the best option.

As we approach the winter months in the northern hemisphere the Covid-19 infection rates in some countries are rising again, and there is still much uncertainty around the world. However, we believe that now is the right time to make this decision rather than leave it until the early part of 2022 when it may be too late.

2. What if the Covid-19 pandemic situation deteriorates again in Italy? Will there be further cancellations?

The schedule that has now been announced is what we believe can effectively be delivered in September 2022, but as with any serious public health issue on a global scale, it is possible that further changes could be announced if the pandemic situation deteriorates significantly.

We will make any further announcements as soon as is necessary but believe that this the schedule that has been announced can be delivered both safely and successfully.

3. If my Championship/event has been cancelled, how can I get my accommodation and entry fee costs reimbursed?

The host organisation, FIN is working with the accommodation provider Orion to provide full details of how to get a refund of the accommodation and entry fee costs that have paid for attendance at a Championship/event that has now been cancelled. This will apply equally to Technical Officials who were intending to officiate at a cancelled event.

This information, including the timeframe and procedures to follow, will be made available shortly through a direct written personal communication to those individuals/groups affected. Please be patient and wait for Orion to make contact with you directly about this through the month of November.

4. Why has the Masters been retained in the LWC 2022 programme when all the other Interclub events have not?

The Covid-19 restrictions that are likely to be in place make the Interclub events logistically impossible to run within the timescales available, even if the competition dates are extended by a few days.

The numbers of participants allowed at any one time into the indoor pool venue in particular will mean that it takes too long to safely manage the conduct of the Championships, given the amount of sanitisation, testing and checking required, and suitable space to manage the entrance and exit of larger event groups into the venues for each event.

The transportation within the Covid-19 restrictions for sporting events of multiple competition teams to two different venues simultaneously also adds to the logistical difficulties.

The hosts feel that it is possible to manage the numbers in the Masters programme and control venue access by age groups and gender more easily.

The ILS realises that this will be a big disappointment to those clubs that have already booked their accommodation packages or started to organise their travel arrangements. However, in the circumstances it is not possible to run all the events at this LWC due to Covid-19 restrictions.

5. Why have the IRB events been cancelled?

With the amount of sanitisation, testing and checking required of this pool of equipment it has been agreed that there is no capacity to manage the conduct of these events at LWC 2022. All the equipment used is pooled equipment, not personal, for these events, including the PFDs and Helmets that are supplied for use by the hosts.

6. Why have the Surfboat events been cancelled?

With the amount of sanitisation, testing and checking required of this pool of equipment, it has been agreed that there is no capacity to manage the conduct of these events at LWC 2022. All the equipment used is pooled equipment, not personal, for these events.

7. Why have the SERC events been cancelled?

The SERC event presents logistical challenges that cannot be overcome. All the competing teams in the SERC event have to be placed into a “lock-up” location at the same time, so that they cannot see or hear anything that is taking place in the pool until it is their turn to compete. Under the current restrictions, each individual or group needs to be socially distanced with so much personal space between them that there is no suitable location within the Riccione pool complex where they can be “locked up”.

The scenarios for the event also need to consider that any equipment that is used needs to be sanitised after each team has participated, and close personal contact between rescuers and victims who are not part of the same team needs to be avoided. For all these reasons, it is not possible to hold any SERC event.

8. Why has the National Teams Open and Youth Championships been extended by 2 days?

More time is required to enable the appropriate sanitisation, testing and checking requirements to be conducted, and to manage the movement of the National Teams groups of competitors in each event in and out of the competition venues, particularly in the pool, before starting the next event. While this is easier to manage at the ocean venue, each section of the National Teams event, Open and Youth, requires 3 days instead of the 2 originally allocated. As the Open and Youth cannot participate in the same venue at the same time, a total of 6 days is required. Furthermore, it will not be possible to provide food and catering at the competition venues. Only limited refreshments of water and sealed energy bars can be provided, so more time is required to transport teams back to their accommodation for lunch.

9. Why have the Masters events been brought forward by 2 days?

The National Teams Open and National Teams Youth Championships have had to be extended by two days which means that the Masters Championships has to start two days earlier. Previous restrictions on accommodation availability also now make it possible, for the start of that event to be moved forward.

10. Why has the Masters programme not been extended?

The original programme is not affected in content or timings as the competitors will be managed in and out of competition venues by age groups and gender that are generally smaller than for National Teams events. Based on the anticipated number of competitors, within the existing programme there is sufficient time to run the Masters events within the six days allocated. Most events will be completed within one session, rather than requiring a break.

11. I applied to be a Technical Official (TO) in a Championships/Event that has been cancelled and the Application System has now just closed. Can I revise my application to apply for a position at one of the Championships that will still be held?

The TO Application System will be kept open for you to review your application and make changes as required. The ILS Sport Commission Secretary, Jelle Meintsma, is writing to all TOs to make them aware of the revised schedule and the cancelled Championships and events. Please address any enquiries on your participation to him by e-mail: meintsmaj@gmail.com

12. When will the revised competition programme be available?

Revised detailed programmes are now being worked on for the National Teams Open and National Teams Youth Championships as the competitions will run over 2 more days. They will be published in due course when ready, hopefully by the end of 2021.

The Masters' Programme is not expected to be changed from the existing design. All Masters events in the pool are run as timed finals/heat declared winners only. However, as is always the case, in the ocean, the running order of events can be disrupted by adverse sea or weather conditions.

12. Will the cancelled Championships and events be restored to the LWC 2024 Championships?

Yes, we are pleased to confirm that all Championships and events cancelled at LWC 2022 will be held at the LWC 2024 Championships at the Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia. The cancellations only apply to LWC 2022 because of the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic and restrictions that will be in place in the host country, Italy. That is the only reason for the cancellations.

13. What opportunities are there to participate at a world-level International Lifesaving Competition at a club level before 2024 now that the Interclub Championships have been cancelled for 2022?

Recognising that there is a big gap for Interclub Competitors between 2018 when the LWC events were last held and LWC 2024 when they will next be held, the host organisation has agreed to run an International Lifesaving event for non-Master competitors alongside the LWC 2022 Masters events. This will allow for 3 age groups between 15 and 29, participating in individual events only, with no team events or point score. The events will not impact on the conduct of the LWC 2022 Masters events and will be run alongside at the same venues.

B. Entry into Italy and general rules on entering venues

1. Is it safe to travel to Italy?

Provided that all the necessary precautions are taken before departure to and arrival in Italy, and that all required Covid-19 restrictions are observed while in Italy, then it is deemed safe to travel to Italy. While a steady flow of new cases of Covid-19 is recorded each day, the current rate of infection is much, much lower than it was.

Italy has run a strong vaccination programme. As of 28 October over 86% of the population over 12 years of age have been vaccinated once and 82% have had both doses. In the Emilia-Romagna region where LWC 2022 will take place the two-dose figure is 93%. All workers are required by law to have a double vaccination in order to do their job. Italy does not appear on the 'red list' for any other nation at present. Of course all participants travelling to a foreign country to their own should take out the necessary private travel and personal health insurance in case of illness or accidental injury.

2. What are the entry criteria to be able to get into Italy?

These are set out clearly in **Appendix A** and show the different criteria according to the Categories A to E as defined by the Italian Government. While some countries remain on their 'red list' defined as Category E, it is believed that all participants for a sporting event of national (and international) interest are able to enter Italy without the need to quarantine on arrival (but also see the answer to question B.6 below regarding vaccination status).

Entry will be permitted if the event is 'recognized of pre-eminent national interest with provision of Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI) and the Italian Committee Paralympic (CIP) and regulated by a specific security protocol adopted by the sports organization organising the event.' For LWC 2022, it is recognised by CONI, and it is regulated by the host organisation, FIN.

To be able to enter Italy using this method, a participating team will need a letter of invitation provided by the host organisation. FIN will facilitate this process once each team/competitor confirms their intent to participate. Further details will be provided at a later date.

Participants will also still need to provide the required documentation through the Passenger Locator Form, and evidence of vaccination and where required a negative PCR test (generally required for all non-Schengen area countries) in the 2 or 3 days before arrival.

3. What documentation do I need to enter Italy?

The requirements as currently known are shown in **Appendix A** against each of the 5 categories of country. Proof of double-vaccination will certainly be a big advantage to gaining the Covid-19 Green Certificate that will allow entry. All participants will need to provide a fully completed Passenger Locator form as part of the entry process. Without this entry is not possible.

4. How do I get a Covid-19 Green Certificate in Italy?

The Covid-19 Green Certificate is obtained for non-Italians by initially completing the Passenger Locator Form. This requires the individual to provide the required proof of their vaccination status, and details of the relevant tests that have to be conducted before arrival. Through this process, a Covid-19 Green Certificate is then produced for the individual.

This can be shown in paper form provided it has the appropriate QR code visible, or digitally via a mobile phone. It is important to ensure that this certificate can be made immediately available to be shown when required at the checkpoints to access venues, including bars, restaurants and shops.

5. What documentation will I need to be able to access my transport, accommodation, and competition venues?

The information provided in Appendix A allows for entry into the country of Italy. Once in country, access to your accommodation will not require the Covid-19 Green Certificate. Access to the restaurant area within your accommodation will not require the certificate either. However, if you decide to go out to eat then you will need to show your certificate to enter the premises. Access to the provided transport will require you to show the Certificate. Access to any competition venue will be strictly controlled and you will not be permitted to enter without it.

6. Do I have to be double vaccinated to be able to participate in the LWC 2022 events?

While it is not mandatory to be double vaccinated to be able to participate in the LWC 2022 events, it will be a distinct advantage to be able to prove that you have that status.

Even if you are double vaccinated, you will still need a negative PCR/molecular test from most countries (non-Schengen Area) either 72 or 48 hours before your arrival into Italy, and thereafter a negative Lateral Flow/Anti-gen test every 72 hours while in Italy.

However, if you are non-vaccinated, you will need to have a negative PCR/molecular test 48 hours before your arrival into Italy. You will then be quarantined (at your expense) for 5 days, at the end of which you will need to provide a further negative PCR/molecular test and be retested afterwards every 72 hours using a Lateral Flow/Anti-gen test.

For that reason, everyone who participates is strongly advised to ensure that they are double vaccinated to facilitate their entry into Italy in the first place, and then participation in the LWC 2022 events.

7. Will Team Managers/Coaches/Physios be allowed into the Riccione Pool while my event is held?

There is a tight restriction on the number of people allowed into the venue at any one time which cannot be exceeded. Within the pool venue, only one team official per 5 competitors will be permitted to accompany their team members into the facility when their event group is admitted to the facility. They must occupy the designated seats allocated to them for their team and can only leave when directed.

Team officials will also not be allowed to accompany their competitors into either the marshalling area or field of play at any of the competition venues.

8. Will spectators be allowed at all the LWC 2022 events?

At the Pool venue, due to the restrictions on numbers that can be present in a venue at any time, there is no possibility for spectators to attend the LWC Pool events.

At the Ocean venue because of the greater amount of space and a higher capacity restriction, it should be possible for spectators to attend, provided that the necessary social distancing and other measures are observed. Spectators that are admitted will be required to stay in designated spectator measures.

All participants, whether competitors, team officials, technical officials or spectators will need to provide the Covid-19 Green Certificate and be subject to a temperature check to gain access to any venue, including the Ocean area.

9. Will I be allowed to go and eat and drink in a restaurant or bar while in Riccione?

Yes, you will be allowed to eat and drink in a restaurant or bar while in Riccione. However, you will be required to observe all the required social distancing and Covid-19 restrictions that each venue will require you to follow. As an example, at present, each venue must display details of how many patrons they can allow in their premises at any one time.

Consumption at table is always allowed. There is no limit to the number of people who may sit at the same outdoor table. Up to a maximum of 6 non-cohabiting people may sit together indoors; there are no limits to the number of people for 2 families who decide to dine together at the same table.

Everyone over 12 years of age must show the COVID-19 digital green certificate for consumption at table indoors.

10. Can I use public transport in Riccione or must I use the official transport provided by the Local Organising Committee to travel to the competition venues?

It is recommended that you only use the official transport provided by the Local Organising Committee. It may be that some teams will bring their own transport to Riccione, and they will be permitted to use this of course. Other teams will have to rely on the official transport. Logistically this will present a challenge. If a bus has more than one team on it, then the capacity is limited to 50%. If only one team is on the transport, then the capacity restriction is not a problem.

C. Social Distancing measures and Covid-19 restrictions, sanitisation of equipment

1. What social distancing measures will I need to follow while at LWC 2022?

A list of current measures in place that affect the conduct of LWC 2022 is given in [Appendix B](#). Further details are contained in the answers to the questions in this section.

2. Will I need to wear a mask when participating at LWC 2022?

In any indoor venue, yes, you will have to wear a mask at all times, except when you are racing in an event. The mask must be worn in the marshalling area and until you reach your lane on the pool deck. After participating you must wear your mask again. All other people inside the pool must wear a mask at all times. Away from the competition venues, you will be expected to wear a mask when entering any premises such as shops, bars, restaurants etc and follow whatever instructions are required within the venue. The mask must be worn on any transport that is used to get to a venue.

At an outdoor venue a mask is not mandatory except when you cannot maintain at least 1m distance from the next person. Further guidance will be provided on this nearer to the time.

All participants at any venue must have a temperature check done before being allowed to enter a venue and this includes the ocean venue. Everybody must be able to provide the Covid-19 Green Certificate/Pass to be able to enter any venue also.

3. What sanitisation of equipment procedures will be required during LWC 2022?

The list of equipment that must be sanitised during the LWC 2022 events is set out in [Appendix B.8.a-q](#).

All equipment in the pool, including the starting blocks, rescue tubes, throw lines etc must be sanitised before the start of every race.

The equipment pool of boards, skis and paddles used at the ocean venue must also be sanitised after each use, even if it is being used in the next race by a competitor from the same team.

4. If I am using my personal equipment – i.e. board, ski and paddles – do I need to sanitise this after each race?

You should ensure that your personal equipment is sanitised before being used each day. If you lend your equipment to another team member it must always be sanitised before they use it.

D. Mandatory Covid-19 testing

1. What mandatory Covid-19 testing is required while I am at LWC 2022?

All participants at LWC 2022 will have to undergo mandatory Covid-19 testing using an anti-gen test, commonly known as a Lateral Flow Test every 72 hours that they are present at the event. The results of these tests are usually known within 20 to 30 minutes of being conducted.

If the test is negative the individual can continue to participate in the events. If the test is positive, the individual concerned will have to self-isolate at their accommodation, and a molecular/PCR test must be undertaken immediately. If that subsequent test is positive, then self-isolation procedures must continue. If the test is negative, they can return to competition.

Any close contact of the individual who fails the initial test, will need to take their own Lateral Flow Test. If that proves negative, they can continue to participate. If it proves positive, they will also be required to self-isolate in accordance with the laid-down government procedures.

Full details of the procedures that will be used to conduct the tests will be provided closer to the event.

2. Who will cover the cost of the mandatory testing during LWC 2022?

The host organisation, FIN, has generously agreed to cover the full cost of all of the testing required for all the participants in the National Teams Open and National Teams Youth Championships. This includes the National Team competitors, Team Officials, Technical Officials and all staff required to be in the pool for the event.

However, to participate in the Masters event, other than the Technical Officials and staff required to be in the pool for the event, the cost of the mandatory tests will have to be borne by the individual participants. It is expected that the cost of each test may be about €15 each.

Details of the procedures to be used, the testing costs and how these will be administered will be provided closer to the event.

APPENDIX A – Travel restrictions into Italy from other countries

Definitions:

1. **Molecular test** – A formal PCR swab test that is analysed by a laboratory to confirm no Covid-19 infection exists – it can be self-administered in some circumstances, but is likely to be administered by a health worker or similar
2. **Anti-Gen test** – commonly called a Lateral Flow test, can be self-administered and result available within 20-30 minutes. If such a test is positive, it must be followed up by a Molecular test and the individual is then isolated
3. **Vaccine Certificate** - the EU Digital COVID Certificate issued at the end of the prescribed cycle following successful vaccination against SARS-CoV-2 or a certification issued by the local health authorities following a vaccination validated by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) – provided the vaccine is one that the EU accept
4. **Passenger Locator Form** – form to be completed by all participants within 48 hours of arrival into Italy – often requires confirmation of a negative Covid-19 test certificate (either molecular or anti-gen) to be provided
5. **Covid-19 Digital Green Pass/Certificate** – this is usually provided once the Passenger Locator form has been completed successfully and all the appropriate documentation is submitted – this Green Pass is necessary for entry into any business, venue, transportation (including private buses)

List A – only applies to Vatican City and San Marino – unrestricted entry

List B – for those countries where the epidemiology suggests that no restrictions or specific measures are required – currently no countries are on that list

List C – all EU and Schengen Area countries

To travel to Italy the participant must either

- have completed the prescribed anti-SARS-CoV-2 vaccination cycle
- or have recovered from COVID-19
- or have taken a **molecular or antigen swab test within 48 hours prior to entering Italy** with negative results.

All travellers must complete a Passenger Locator Form

List D – Saudi Arabia, Australia, Bahrain, Canada, Chile, United Arab Emirates United States, Japan, Jordan, Kosovo, Israel, Kuwait, New Zealand, Qatar, Rwanda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (including Gibraltar, Isle of Man, Channel Islands and bases on the island of Cyprus and excluding non-territories belonging to the European continent), Republic of Korea, Singapore, United States of America, Ukraine, Uruguay; Taiwan, Regions special administrative offices of Hong Kong and Macao.

Special Administrative Regions and the States and territories with low epidemiological risk will be identified, among those in List E. Special rules applying to those who have stayed or transited in: Japan, Canada and United States of America do also apply (see below):

All travellers must complete a Passenger Locator Form

To travel to Italy the participant must:

- Provided that in the 14 days prior to entering Italy they have not been in a List E country or in Brazil, India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, travellers coming from List D countries do not have to undergo the 5-day self-isolation, as long as they present **both** of the following documents:
 - vaccination certificate
 - negative molecular or antigen swab test taken in the 72 hours prior to entering Italy; in the case of arrivals from the UK and Northern Ireland and British Isles, the swab test must be taken in the 48 hours prior to entering Italy

Japan, Canada and the United States

People who have stayed or passed through, in the fourteen days prior to entry into the national Italian territory, in Canada, Japan and the United States of America, may also exhibit the green COVID-19 certification of successful recovery or the certification issued by the health authorities competent of certifying the cure.

They are allowed to enter Italy without the need to undergo a 5-day self-isolation, upon presentation of the Passenger Locator Form and certification of molecular or antigenic testing carried out within 72 hours prior to entry into the national territory to the competent authorities, as long as they possess:

- the EU Digital COVID Certificate issued at the end of the prescribed cycle following successful vaccination against SARS-CoV-2 or a certification issued by the local health authorities following a vaccination validated by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) **or**
- the EU Digital COVID Certificate issued following recovery from COVID-19 or similar certification issued by local health authorities.

In addition to the EU Covid Certificate, the certificates issued by the health authorities of Canada, Japan, Israel, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (including Gibraltar, Isle of Man, Channel Islands and British bases on the island of Cyprus and excluding territories not belonging to the European continent) and the United States of America, are recognized as equivalent to the EU Covid Certificate. However, other vaccine certificates may be recognised if the individual is entering Italy to participate in a sporting event of national interest.

Otherwise, those who only have certification of a molecular or antigenic test are obliged to undergo self-isolation for 5 days at the address indicated on the Passenger Locator Form along with a molecular or antigenic test, carried out by swab, at the end of the isolation period.

List E – the rest of the World

For those entering from List E countries, normally a 10-day isolation at approved facilities is required. As well as meeting all of the other requirements above, entry has to be for a specific exempted reason. Fortunately a sporting event of national interest is one of those reasons.

At present participating as a competitor or official at a sporting event of national interest will allow a partial exemption from the requirements to self-isolate for up to 10 days, regardless of which country the participant has travelled from before reaching Italy. In order to take advantage of this regulation, the visiting team will require a formal invitation to the LWC 2022 from the host organisation. All other requirements must also be met.

APPENDIX B – Covid 19 restrictions currently in place in Italy that impact on the capacity to run all the Championships, events of LWC 2022

The restrictions listed below are based on the current regulations and guidance issued by the Italian Government as they are recorded now. It is possible that some of the measures could be improved or removed altogether by September 2022.

However, at this time this is the current position. The host organisation, FIN is legally obliged to ensure that any event it delivers strictly follows all of the relevant regulations. FIN has also had to develop a rigid protocol for managing each event of each discipline based on these regulations in order to gain permission to host these events.

1. In a closed pool sporting environment the capacity must be reduced to 35% of the full capacity for participants. Social distancing rules must be applied, and masks worn indoors by all participants except when actually competing – for Riccione this means at maximum **367** people allowed inside at one time instead of 1,050 – this figure covers **all of the participants** – competitors, technical officials, team officials, timekeepers, timing operators, pool workers and lifeguards.
2. The position is further restricted by the requirement that across the whole pool facility, there must be at least 12m² of space for each individual present in the pool.
3. When conducting activity in the water, there must be a minimum of 5m² space per person in the water. In a 50m lane, during the warm-up a maximum of 20 competitors can use one lane at the same time.
4. Training and warm-up times will present a logistical challenge to manage within the overall timing of the competition programme. Participants need to be aware that the conduct of their events will take longer than usual, and due to capacity restrictions, they may not be able to watch their colleagues race in the next event.
5. Within the pool venue, only one team official per 5 competitors will be permitted to accompany their team members into the facility when their event group is admitted to the facility. They must occupy the designated seats allocated to them for their team and can only leave when directed.
6. The overall limitation on numbers is increased to 50% of capacity for participants at the ocean venue – masks must still be worn where it is not possible to remain at least 1m apart. Given that there is no set capacity at the ocean venue this should be more manageable. The same criteria will apply in permitting team officials access to the competition area. However, only competitors and the Technical Officials are permitted in the designated field of play areas.
7. Spectators will not be allowed in the pool to watch the pool events (with the strictly limited pool capacity they could not be allowed in anyway) but may be at the ocean. If Spectators are permitted at the ocean venue, they must stay in spectator-designated areas only.
8. Temperature checks will be conducted at all entrances to venues – if the individual records a temperature of more than 37.5C they will be refused entry and must be tested and isolated until a negative test is achieved following the relevant procedures.
9. **Sanitisation of Equipment used.**
All equipment provided by the organisers in the official equipment pool must be sanitised between each race – this means:

Pool Events

- a. All starting blocks and rescue tubes, and manikins must be sanitised before the start of each heat or final.
- b. All other personal equipment such as fins and clothing can only be handled by the individual, so procedures have to be implemented to ensure that numbered buckets are available for this that are collected by a worker and taken to a collection point at the exit point of the field of play.

- c. One-way systems of entry to marshalling, entry to the field of competition, and exit from the same have to be put in place
- d. The marshalling areas have to be managed to ensure that competitors do not crowd around a marshal but maintain the appropriate distance and stand/sit where directed while awaiting their race. The competitors must know their heat and starting position before entering the marshalling area.
- e. Only competitors and relevant Technical Officials are permitted in the Marshalling area. Coaches and team officials may not enter.
- f. Handlers of equipment in the 100m Manikin Tow with Fins, and 200m Super Lifesaver event must wear a mask and single use gloves to hold/position any equipment for their competitor.
- g. The SERC event cannot be run and will be removed because of “Lock-Up” procedures where competing teams are held in a room indoors for a long time in close proximity. There is no suitable location for this in the pool complex.

Ocean Events

- h. Boards, skis and paddles from the equipment pool will need to be sanitised after each use/after each race, even if a member of the same team is to use it in the next race.
 - i. Boards, skis and paddles that are personal equipment do not need to be sanitised between each race but must be sanitised before being used by any other person, even if they are from the same team.
 - j. All other personal equipment such as fins and clothing can only be handled by the individual, so procedures have to be implemented to ensure that numbered buckets are available for this that are collected by a worker and taken to a collection point at the exit point of the field of play.
 - k. One-way systems of entry to marshalling, entry to the field of competition, and exit from the same have to be put in place
 - l. The marshalling areas have to be managed to ensure that competitors do not crowd around a marshal but maintain the appropriate distance and stand/sit where directed while awaiting their race. The competitors must know their heat and starting position before entering the marshalling area.
 - m. Only competitors and relevant Technical Officials are permitted in the Marshalling area. Coaches and team officials may not enter.
 - n. Handlers of equipment in the Oceanman/Oceanwoman event must wear a mask and single use gloves to hold/position equipment for their competitor.
 - o. Beach flags need to be cleaned after each round.
 - p. Place tags that are given out either to denote a finishing or starting position, must be cleaned also after each use.
 - q. Coloured bibs normally used to assist judging in the Beach Sprint and Relay races cannot be used as they could not be shared with others after each race.
 - r. The procedures make it too difficult to manage the sanitisation procedures for IRBs (including the boats, engines, PFDs and Helmets) and Surfboats (including the seats and oars) which are all Pool equipment.
10. All medal presentations will be conducted under strict protocols – all medal winners must remain socially distanced while awaiting their presentation ceremony. They must wear a mask throughout the ceremony, and cannot shake the hand, hug or embrace the other medallists, nor gather for a group photograph on the top step of the podium. The medal presenters will carry the tray containing the medals and the individuals must take their own medal and put it around their own neck. Where two or more competitors are presented for team events, they are encouraged to place the medals around the neck of their colleagues.
11. On-site catering at the competition venues is currently not permitted. While it is hoped that this will change before September 2022 it is the current rule – teams either have to bring their own food with them or need to be transported back to their accommodation with enough time for lunch and return before finals can begin – this applies for both pool and ocean events, hence the need for extended days. Refreshment in the form of a bottle of water and an energy bar are the only items that the host can provide to participants at this time.

12. Transportation between venues is unlikely to be possible by public transport – each National team will need to be transported in a bus specific to them. A National Open and Youth Team from the same country could be in the same bus, but as they are going to different competition venues each day this is probably not practical. If more than one team is transported in the same bus, the capacity is restricted to just 50%. This presents a logistical challenge which FIN and Orion are working on solving.
13. Outside of the competition venue, participants will not be restricted to the confines of their hotel or other accommodation, but accessing any competition venue, or bar, restaurant, shop etc will require the production of a 'COVID-19 green certificate'
14. The restrictions make it very unlikely that the organisers will be able to provide social activities other than the formal opening and closing ceremonies.