



SAM1788 Covid19 Safety Plan

Reason for this Covid19 Safety Plan

This plan has been developed in order to minimise the risk of flyers, their assistants and visitors, becoming infected with Covid19. The actions outlined in this plan are to be followed by all persons at all SAM1788 competitions, both on the flying field in the pits and flying line, as well as at associated meetings, meals and social occasions.

As a group of modellers we are all at high risk due to our age profile and therefore following this plan is extremely important in both limiting the possible spread of the virus as well as reducing (eliminating?) the risk of becoming infected.

In our situation the five major methods of stopping transmission are:

1. Please stay away from competitions if you or your assistants have symptoms or have been in a hotspot in the last fourteen days;
2. Observe social distancing of 1.5 metres at all times;
3. Wear a mask;
4. Use a hand sanitiser liberally; and
5. Clean your model and equipment if it has been handled by another person.

All persons attending a SAM1788 competition are to read this Covid19 Safety Plan and become familiar with its contents.

Major elements of the plan are:

1. Don't come if symptomatic.

Please don't come to a competition if you or your partner/assistant have any symptoms or have been in a Covid19 hotspot in the last fourteen days. Please leave if you develop symptoms. Sorry to be blunt. It is also advisable not to invite visitors to a competition thereby minimising further transmission risk. This is important as we all come from different regions of the state and each region may have a different risk profile.

2. Practise social distancing. At a competition there are a number of scenarios, in the pits, on the flight line and in social situations. In each case, please keep your distance,

In the pits individual stations will need to be at least 2 metres apart.

Generally not a problem in most events with larger models but can become

problematic if a second pit line develops behind the first line and this first line is crossed by persons operating from the rear line. This situation ought be avoided by extending the flight line where possible. Chairs (when not used by members of the same household) should be 1.5 metres apart.

On the flight line the **timer** (if not from the same household) should be 1.5 metres from the flyer. This may be achieved if the timer remains behind the flyer. The **assistant** launching the model also needs to negotiate their way back into the pits by avoiding other persons.

Socialising. Modellers love to talk (some more than others) and social distancing of 1.5 metres needs to be observed in all these situations. This includes meals, discussions and meetings.

3. **Wear a mask.** When social distancing is difficult to achieve or cannot be observed, wear a mask. This especially applies in the pits and on the flight line. There is no social stigma associated with wearing a mask. Please observe all protocols associated with wearing a mask and please do not leave it lying around. Keep it on your person at all times.
4. **Use hand sanitiser.** The virus can live on many surfaces therefore clean your hands frequently using either soap and water or a hand sanitiser.
5. **Cleaning up.** Avoid touching another person's equipment and models. This includes their cleaning cloths. If you handle another flyer's equipment or model, immediately use a hand sanitiser. This especially applies to use of another person's stopwatch which could have previously been handled by multiple persons. Conversely if someone handles your model or equipment, it must be sanitised by using a soap or cleaning solution. Every flyer must supply hand sanitiser which must be kept in their pit area for use by all persons on the flyer's team and by any other person assisting the flyer.

Remember to bring these three items (in addition to models etc.):

Hand sanitiser;

Masks; and

Cleaners for models and equipment (detergent, metho etc.).

Keep Covid19 safe!

SAM1788 Committee