

Event Guidelines for returning to Orienteering

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Pre-event	
Additional measure	Recommendation/Implementation
Covid Safety Officer	Each club must appoint a Covid Safety Officer, who will be responsible for implementing these guidelines and act as a contact for the IOA and other organisations e.g. HSE
Covid Declaration and Contact Tracing Details	From Oct 22 nd it is no longer necessary for the Event Organisers to collect a Covid-19 Health Declaration and Contact Tracing information from all persons at an event. Participants should be reminded not to attend if they have symptoms.
Permissions	Obtain access to land in accordance with the relevant government guidelines, and adhere to any local or landowner-imposed restrictions.
Procedure for Dealing with a Suspected Case	Clubs should be familiar with this procedure before the event. https://www.orienteeing.ie/about-us/covid-19-return-to-orienteeing/
Event payment	The IOA has put a simple online payment system in place for use by clubs. There is no charge to use this system. Alternatively, clubs may introduce their own payment mechanism (e.g. Sumup, vouchers, bank transfer) if they wish.
First Aid Kit	Clubs should add Hand Sanitiser, Masks and Gloves to their First Aid Kits. A recommendation is to have a small pack of plasters, antiseptic cream, and disinfectant wipes available to hand to a person who needs it and can use without assistance.
Post-event Refreshments	Refreshments must not be provided. Participants should be requested to bring their own food and drink with them.

Event day	
Start layout	Although 2m distancing is no longer required. Crowding should be minimised where possible.
Manual punches	From Oct 22 nd these can now be used.
SI boxes	Consider use of multiple SI boxes, suitably distanced, at any controls where there is likely to be congestion. Also courses should be designed to reduce congestion as much as possible.
SI card rental	SI cards should not be re-used during the event. A system may need to be in place to store and clean hired cards after they have been returned. Consider use of SIAC where possible to maintain physical distance.
Download area	Minimise any gathering at Download and if possible operate a hands free download.
No results displayed	To reduce the possibility of participants congregating in one place, results should not be printed out or displayed on screens at the event. Clubs may be able to provide live results at the event by Wi-Fi.
Hand sanitiser	Hand sanitiser should be available at enquiries, the start and download. Competitors should bring their own hand sanitiser.
Socials	Clubs should not promote or encourage pre- or post-event socialising between members. No prize giving or presentations should take place.
Isolation Area	A person who displays symptoms during the event should be asked to return to their car and should inform the Covid Safety Officer.