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2020 Surf Canada Modified Nationals Competition / COVID-19 Safety Plan updated 2020.08.15

PLAN OBJECTIVE

Surf Canada believes that the health, safety and well-being of our athletes, staff, volunteers, stakeholders and the communities within which we compete, remains our highest priority, and the objective of this Plan is to provide a prudent, safe and responsible environment for competitions in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and guidelines that have been implemented to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

This document sets forth a detailed, comprehensive Covid-19 Safety plan (the “Plan”) for the upcoming broadcast-only (i.e., no on-site fans) SURF CANADA competition scheduled to take place at Wickaninnish Beach, North of ‘E access’ on:

Option 1: either Tuesday September 29th or Wednesday September 30th, depending on suitable conditions

Option 2: either Tuesday October 6th or Wednesday October 7th, depending on suitable conditions

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to present this Plan to you and welcome any questions and feedback.

PLAN OVERVIEW & SUMMARY

Pursuant to this Plan, SURF CANADA is modifying its standard operating procedures to minimize to the greatest extent practicable any COVID-19 concerns relating to the SURF CANADA Competition.

This Plan will be communicated to all SURF CANADA personnel, athletes and the competition site crews, in advance of the SURF CANADA competition. All SURF CANADA personnel and the competition site crews will be briefed on this Plan by an appropriate member of the SURF CANADA executive or competition operations team and will have the opportunity to ask any questions or request any further details or information. If anyone does not comply with this Plan, they will not be permitted to enter or remain on premises at the SURF CANADA competition (or related provided hotel accommodations where applicable).

The key elements of this Plan are set forth below, with additional details to be found in the relevant section of this Plan:

A. Health & Safety Procedures

This section of this Plan outlines the health and safety procedures that SURF CANADA will implement for the SURF CANADA Competition. The health and safety procedures were developed through consultation with public health officials, medical experts, local and provincial officials, and the Canadian Olympic Committee’s Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Mike Wilkinson, and the SURF CANADA’s Medical Officer, Dr. Mark Vu, in collaboration with SURF CANADA’s Leadership Team. In addition, these procedures have been informed by guidelines set by Health Canada, BC Ministry of Health, Centers for Disease Control and World Health Organization, as well as emerging best practices established by other sports leagues and broadcast-only live sports competitions.

The health and safety procedures place significant emphasis on:

- physical distancing,
- advanced screening prior to entering the competition site,
- protective guidelines,
- self-reporting procedures,
- cleaning procedures, and
- medical procedures.

A. Competition Operations

This section of this Plan outlines the operational procedures that SURF CANADA will implement for the SURF CANADA Competition.

We have developed an operational plan that would permit us to stage and produce the SURF CANADA Competition with the minimum number of essential personnel and athlete team personnel required. SURF CANADA's personnel who would typically be on-site for standard SURF CANADA competitions, but who are not critical to competition operations will be prohibited from attending this SURF CANADA Competition and instead will be instructed to complete their competition-related tasks from their homes.

We note that third party vendors of SURF CANADA, may be implementing their own independent health and safety protocols in coordination with SURF CANADA and its plans for the SURF CANADA competition. Upon request, SURF CANADA will ask the third-party vendors to provide a copy of their health and safety protocols. Notwithstanding any independent protocols, to the extent that such vendors fall within the purview of this Plan based on their operational functions, such vendors will be subject to this Plan.

HEALTH & SAFETY PROCEDURES

A. Accommodation & Transport

Accommodation selected by SURF CANADA for SURF CANADA personnel (and athletes and their team personnel if applicable) must demonstrate safe operating practices and be recognized to be meeting current local COVID-19 related safety standards.

Transport solutions selected by SURF CANADA personnel (and athletes and their team personnel if applicable) must demonstrate safe operating practices and be recognized to be meeting current local COVID-19 related safety standards. We anticipate that all essential staff and athletes will be utilizing their own personal vehicle.

B. Physical Distancing

All SURF CANADA personnel involved with the SURF CANADA Competition will be required to comply with all physical distancing guidelines in effect at all times at the SURF CANADA Competition. Only limited exceptions will be made where required for critical operations – such as in the case of water safety of athletes during heats, in the case of an emergency, or during medical treatment.

Physical distancing guidelines will be implemented at the minimized competition site (and the provided accommodation if applicable), as further detailed in the Competition Operations section, including but not limited to:

- Athletes will be designated through a visible accreditation wrist band and will be reminded through push notifications through their personal electronic devices to alert them in real time for their competition check in.
- The movement of personnel has been purposefully designed through an accreditation process



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to limit personnel to essential areas of work only, to address physical distancing protocols.

- Physical distancing signage will be present throughout the competition site and SURF CANADA personnel, athletes and athlete team personnel, will be required to comply with those distancing markers unless impracticable for critical competition operations
- Hand-shakes and other similar contact-based greetings, such as “high-fives”, will be prohibited.
- Individuals will not be permitted to enter the restricted areas at the competition site, unless essential for competition operations.
- SURF CANADA appointed security team will be present to enforce the physical distancing rules and individual area capacities, while utilizing appropriate personal protective equipment at all times.
- All SURF CANADA personnel, athletes and athlete team personnel are encouraged to remain on premises at their accommodation while not at the competition site.

C. Advanced Screening Procedures

All SURF CANADA personnel, athletes and athlete team personnel involved with the SURF CANADA Competition will be subject to the following screening procedures and guidelines. The screening procedures and guidelines will be implemented by SURF CANADA competition management, SURF CANADA appointed security teams and SURF CANADA appointed medical teams.

This screening process also applies to media (if applicable) that will be onsite for the competition.

SURF CANADA COVID-19 Waiver

All SURF CANADA personnel, athletes and athlete team personnel will be required to complete a SURF CANADA COVID-19 Waiver document prior to being allowed to enter the competition site.

The SURF CANADA COVID-19 Waiver confirms the following:

- the person will not enter a SURF CANADA competition site within 14 days of having experienced any of the listed official COVID-19 symptoms (Health Canada: runny nose, sore throat, headache, chills or repeated shaking with chills, pneumonia, muscle pain, cough, fever 38C and above, anosmia, shortage of breath) or having knowingly been exposed to COVID-19;
- the person will inform the SURF CANADA competition management and follow all SURF CANADA procedures relating to symptoms, exposure, diagnosis and contact tracing, if feeling unwell;
- the person will inform the SURF CANADA competition management immediately if they develop any of the listed official COVID-19 symptoms within 14 days of attending the SURF CANADA competition site;
- the person understands the risks of contracting COVID-19 and the consequences of transmitting COVID-19; and
- the person agrees to follow all COVID-19 procedures and self-care guidelines at the SURF CANADA competition site.

D. Protective Guidelines and Self Reporting Procedures

1. Protective Guidelines

SURF CANADA personnel, athletes and athlete teams will be instructed to review Health Canada, and BC Health information and guidelines in advance of the SURF CANADA Competition.

The guidelines include the following:

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, tiredness, and dry cough. Some patients may have aches and pains, nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat or diarrhea. Other reported symptoms may include the sudden loss of taste or smell.

These symptoms are usually mild and begin gradually. Some people become infected but don't develop any symptoms and don't feel unwell. Most people (about 80%) recover from the disease without needing special treatment. Older people, and those with underlying medical problems like respiratory issues, high blood pressure, heart problems or diabetes, are more likely to develop serious illness and are considered to be at a higher risk of getting sick.

COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person:

- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet);
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks;
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs;
- The droplets may also land on objects and surfaces around a person; and
- Some recent studies have suggested that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms (asymptomatic).

To reduce your chances of being infected or spreading COVID-19 you should:

- Clean your hands often
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you; have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing;
 - If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry; and
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Practice physical distancing
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick;
 - Stay home as much as possible and comply with federal, state and local orders;
 - Put distance (at least 6 feet) between yourself and other people, especially those who are at higher risk of getting sick;
 - Do not gather in groups and stay out of crowded places; and
 - Avoid mass gatherings.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others

Everyone should wear a cloth face cover when they have to go out in public, for example to the grocery store or to pick up other necessities;

- The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people in case you are infected;
- Cloth face coverings should be routinely washed depending on frequency of use; and
- Continue to keep at least 6 feet between yourself and others. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes
 - If you are in a private setting and do not have on your cloth face covering, remember to always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow; and
 - Throw used tissues in the trash
 - Immediately wash your hands.



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- Clean and disinfect

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets and sinks;

- If surfaces are dirty, clean them; and

- Most household disinfectants will work.

Keep up to date on the latest COVID-19 hotspots (cities or local areas where COVID-19 is spreading widely). If possible, avoid traveling to places – especially if you are an older person or have diabetes, heart or lung disease.

If you are in or recently visited in the last two weeks areas where COVID-19 is spreading, in addition to following the protection measures outlined above:

- Self-isolate by staying at home if you begin to feel unwell, even with mild symptoms such as headache, fever (38 Celsius or above) and slight runny nose, until you recover. If it is essential for you to have someone bring you supplies or to go out, e.g. to buy food, then wear a mask to avoid infecting other people.
- If you develop fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical advice promptly as this may be due to a respiratory infection or other serious condition. Call in advance and tell your healthcare provider of any recent travel or contact with travelers.

Signage referencing the most recent BC Health guidelines will be posted at strategic locations at the competition site.

2. Self-Reporting Procedures

All SURF CANADA personnel, including SURF CANADA athletes, must comply with the following self-reporting procedures:

If you are exhibiting any symptoms, or have been in contact with anyone exhibiting any symptoms, of COVID-19:

- You must immediately report your symptoms to a licensed physician and adhere to all advice provided by such licensed physician, including testing, physician visits or self-quarantine;
- You must immediately notify a member of the SURF CANADA competition management team; and
- SURF CANADA will have the full discretion to prohibit your attendance at the SURF CANADA Competition or require you to leave the location of the competition immediately if SURF CANADA determines that you pose a risk to yourself or others.

E. Cleaning Procedures

SURF CANADA modified competition site cleaning and sanitization procedure.

- For disinfection, household disinfectants will be used.
- The competition site will be cleaned and sanitized prior to commencing the SURF CANADA Competition, and regularly throughout the competition.
- All surfaces requiring sanitization will be sanitized with disinfectants against viruses.
- Disinfection disposable wipes will be provided and strategically placed at the competition

site so that high touch surfaces such as work surfaces can be sanitized regularly or between each use.

- Adequate time will be allowed for proper disinfection, whilst following cleaning product instructions.
- Hand sanitizer station will be placed at the competition site.
- Frequency of routine cleaning procedures will be increased as compared to standard operating procedures.

F. Medical Procedures

SURF CANADA will continue to implement its medical procedures, with appropriate modifications to address physical distancing measures while maintaining an appropriate level of care for athletes and personnel that participate or have a functional role at this SURF CANADA Competition.

These modifications include limiting access to the medical treatment tent and ensuring that it is well ventilated at all times. Further details on the operational procedures of the SURF CANADA medical staff are provided in the Competition Operations section below.

G. Food and Beverage Procedures

Catering will consist of prepared meals, with no communal bowls of snacks or “buffet style” foods. All packaging and utensils will be disposable (and environmentally friendly).

Personnel lunch breaks will be staggered.

Drinks Fridges / Coolers - open style units to avoid presenting high touch handles.

H. Site Layout & Ventilation Procedures

All areas such as the judging deck, athlete tent, etc., will be structured to facilitate natural ventilation, with no doors at entry points, removing the possibility of high touch surfaces.

COMPETITION OPERATIONS

This section of this Plan outlines the operational details and procedures that will be in place for the competition.

A. Competition Personnel & Access

The maximum number of SURF CANADA personnel required to produce the competition will be 12.

The maximum number of athletes required to produce the competition will be 16 Females, and 16 Males.

Only 1 parent or legal guardian per athlete under the legal age.

All personnel will receive a competition credential for entry to their areas of work only. The competition credentials will only be issued once the person has signed (electronically - touch free) a SURF CANADA COVID-19 Waiver. An official photo ID is required to be presented at the accreditation tent, day before the competition, to collect competition credentials (wrist band).

All competition personnel will be required to wear their credential at all times while onsite, to be granted access to restricted areas for which they are authorized to access.

Athletes will have access to their areas (athlete tent/warm up area) just before and just after their heats only, to maintain physical distancing in these restricted areas.

B. Enhancements to Standard SURF CANADA Operating Protocols

Below is a list of additional significant enhancements that SURF CANADA is implementing in connection with the SURF CANADA Competition to further the objective of this Plan and to create a safe environment:

- Any interviews with athletes will be conducted while maintaining safe physical distancing.
- The judge’s panel, and off-site commentary team will be at least 6 feet apart, and where practicable will have partitions installed.



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- The standard operations of the SURF CANADA Anti-Doping program, will be modified to comply with the health and safety protocols implemented by this Plan. There will be a designated space within the competition site for its critical operations. Drug collection officers will complete their critical functions in compliance with physical distancing rules throughout the entire sample collection process, and will be utilizing personal protective equipment.
- Physical distancing will be enforced through the means previously set forth in this Plan, including grouping personnel by accreditation permitting them entry to their work areas only, and providing “physical distancing” markers within each area.
- SURF CANADA will be directly providing each individual with a catered “boxed lunch”. There will not be any buffet-style catering.

C. Isolation & Contact Tracing Procedures

Detailed procedures are in place for the competition management to follow, if reports of COVID-19-like symptoms presenting, or COVID-19 exposure and diagnosis occur. Additionally, detailed procedures are in place for the competition management to follow for contact tracing, should circumstances of symptoms, exposure or diagnosis occur at any time during the SURF CANADA competition.

D. Insurance

SURF CANADA has, and will maintain in full force and effect of Commercial General Liability Insurance insurance policy, and will provide proof of such insurance policies upon request.

E. SURF CANADA Contacts

The following will be provided 2 weeks prior to the competition: Names and contact information of the designated SURF CANADA personnel that will be responsible for the following departments in connection with the SURF CANADA Competition: Management, Competition Operations, Competition Production, and Health & Safety. These contacts may be reached at any time.