



Oxfordshire AA Open Graded Meeting

12 June 2021

Conditions of Entry

Please ensure all athletes (and parents of athletes under 18) must read this prior to attending as by attending you agree to abide by these and any other limitations put in place on the day by the competition management team in order to keep everyone safe. Anyone not adhering will be asked to leave.

These guidelines/protocols have been compiled based on a detailed risk assessment which has been developed in line with England Athletics guidelines. If you wish to see the full risk assessment please ask.

Athletes accept the potential risks associated with returning to athletics competition in the context of the coronavirus pandemic, including without limitation the risk of unintended transmission of the disease, and that they will comply with all of Oxon AA's reasonable instructions in connection with coronavirus, as well as follow any signage at the venue.

Returning to competition safely

- a) Oxon AA is conscious that many athletes have had limited opportunity for training since 2019. Athletes should not compete in an event unless they are satisfied (preferably after discussion with their coach and/or parent) that they have carried out sufficient preparation to minimise risk of injury from competition in that event.
- b) As it is unclear what impact Covid-19 will have on the long-term health of those who contracted the virus. EA has given the following guidance, which all athletes entering are asked to read:
"If you were hospitalised due to Covid-19, you are recommended to undergo a form of health screening prior to taking part in a competition. This screening is best led by a doctor with specialist training in sports medicine. However other doctors may feel competent to make decisions on your fitness to compete and to decide any appropriate investigations that might be required. If you were not hospitalised due to Covid-19, but self-isolated having shown symptoms at any time, you are also recommended to undergo a form of screening. If you have felt entirely well during the pandemic, you are not routinely recommended to undergo health screening, but it is something to be considered as part of your normal health monitoring for the health-conscious competitor. Your GP should be able to guide you on what level of screening you may require, and who is the best person to assist you in the process."

Before arriving for the competition:

- a) All entries must be made online. There will be no entries accepted late or on the day.
- b) Athletes are asked to bring their own safety pins. No pins will be available on the day.
- c) Athletes under 18 can be accompanied by just **one "guest"** only, this would normally be a parent or other family member. Athletes and/or their guest should bring a suitable mobile phone in order to comply with the procedures for track and trace.
- d) In line with EA guidance, coaches are allowed in addition to guests.
- e) Athletes over 18 should come unaccompanied.
- f) No spectators are allowed – to minimise the numbers in and around the stadium.
- g) Athletes and their guest are asked not to arrive much before 1 hour earlier than their first event time. That time will be communicated shortly after entries have closed and seeding of races/field event pools completed. If there is a big gap between events you are requested to leave and come back later to reduce the number of people on site.
- h) Athletes and guests are encouraged to bring their own food and water. The cafe will be open to purchase refreshment with a one-way system. Up the stairs inside the building for entry, exit via the terrace and fire escape only. Please comply with this.
- i) You will be required to wear a face covering (unless exempt) when entering the building so you should bring your own face covering.
- j) Parking may be limited, PLEASE do not park on the road. Overflow parking is available on the field at the back of the track if required.

On arrival at the track:

- a) No athlete or guest must enter the premises if they have symptoms of Covid-19 or if they are self-isolating. *For those who are showing symptoms please see the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>*
- b) Athletes and guests should **enter via the usual small side gate alongside the building** to collect numbers, register and complete track and trace by scanning a QR Code with their phone. If they do not have a suitable phone then paper details will be taken. Persons not complying with that requirement may be denied entry. Strictly **NO ENTRY** via the gate near the car park.
- c) All athletes will be expected to follow all guidance shown on the signage / given by the venue staff and meeting officials as well as all government and England Athletics guidance in relation to Coronavirus.
- d) Athletes should ensure warm-ups are done not in large numbers. Where possible you are encouraged to do basic non-specific warm up on the large grass areas next to the stadium where there is more space.
- e) The stand can only be used up to a 50% occupancy to ensure social distancing in line with government requirements. So please leave at least one seat empty between 'unrelated' groups? Ideally people should remain outside the stand wherever possible.

During the warm-up and competition:

- a) Athletes will observe social distancing as per current Government guidelines. For example, no shaking hands at the end of a race!
- b) In the interests of health and hygiene, athletes are requested to refrain from spitting. This could be a yellow card offence and result in a formal warning with repeated occurrences leading to disqualification and being asked to leave the venue.?
- c) If competing in a throwing event, athletes will use only the personal equipment checked in on arrival or the stadium implement allocated to them for sole use during the competition. If an athlete is loaned equipment, it remains the property of the venue and the athlete will be responsible for returning it at the end. Where sharing of implements is necessary, sanitisation will be undertaken/available at the event site for officials/athletes to use.
- d) All the track events will be run as per current England Athletics guidelines. Athletes/ coaches are strongly advised to check those via the EA website.
- e) Field event spectating areas will be made clear by the officials on the day. Social distancing in line with government requirements should be maintained and spectators should refrain from touching the fence surrounding the track and other hard surfaces as much as possible and to sanitise their hands regularly.

After your event:

- a) All personal items and rubbish must be removed from the track/event site by each athlete at the end of their race/event. Any items left at the track will be disposed of and are unlikely to be returned.
- b) Any safety issues or incidents should be reported as soon as possible (and at the latest when leaving the venue) to the Meeting Manager or the Track/Field Referee.
- c) All athletes and their guests are encouraged to leave the venue promptly after a reasonable period of warming down, by the double gates into the carpark (halfway around the first bend) and not by the entrance gate in the interests of complying with social distancing and other England Athletics guidelines and the track requirements.
- d) Athletes and their guests are requested not to stay behind after their event to watch other events.
- e) Results will be put online and/or the Oxon AA Website as soon as possible after the competition – no results will be posted physically on the day although we hope to make announcements.

We hope that you agree these protocols will enable us to run a covid-secure, safe event for everyone. So please do take personal responsibility for adhering to them.

**Kay Reynolds
Meeting Manager**

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