



**RETURN
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Temperature Screening Procedure

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Temperature Screening

This COVID-19 Temperature Screening Procedure must be adhered to where the temperature of a Competitor, Official or attendee is to be checked, for the purpose of a COVID-19 health assessment, at an event/activity being held under the authority of a Motorsport Australia Organising Permit.

Temperature Screening may be used for the following:

- Dual Occupant Vehicle – Rally/Off Road and Official vehicle crews
- Where specified within the regulations (Supplementary or otherwise) for an event or activity
- Where required by any other authority i.e. State Government

This procedure must be read in conjunction with the National Competition Rules (NCR) of Motorsport Australia and the regulations applicable to each Motorsport Discipline.

It is the responsibility of the COVID-19 Checker to check that these procedures are being followed where they are required at an event or activity, and to confirm such with the Stewards.

The Stewards at each event are not authorised to approve the start of the competition until they are provided with confirmation that any Temperature Screening is being undertaken in accordance with these procedures.

Where the Temperature Screening has recorded a person as having not met the requirement then that person is to be withdrawn from the event on Medical Grounds. The person/s conducting the Temperature Screening is declared as a Judge of Fact regarding the screening results.

Protocols

Where it is determined that Temperature Screening is a requirement for an event or activity the following are the protocols which must be considered by the event organiser in conjunction with the COVID-19 Event and Venue planning:

- Who will conduct the initial temperature screening be it a clinician or otherwise someone appointed to the role? Screening should be conducted under the guidance of a Chief Medical Officer (CMO) or Medical Services Manager where appointed.
- The person/s who are conducting COVID-19 Temperature Screening, and where appointed the CMO and/or Medical Services Manager will be a Judge of Fact regarding any temperature screening result.
- The event organiser should consider this in conjunction with any planning of medical services at an event or otherwise seek to have suitable personnel at the event. (i.e. an organisation such as St. John Ambulance may have suitable personnel to assist in such testing)
- The event organiser is required to ensure that the necessary equipment to conduct Temperature Screening is provided at an event, including as relevant:
 - Temperature Screening device and user manuals
 - PPE for those conducting the screening
 - Cleaning/hygiene supplies for the equipment and the users
- The following information must be included in the event Supplementary Regulations or any Further Regulations as required prior to the event/activity:
 - **Statement:**
COVID-19 Temperature Screening will be conducted at this event in accordance with the Motorsport Australia; Return to Race Strategy COVID-19 Temperature Screening Procedure document.
 - **Location:**
Detail of the location/s for Temperature Screening at the event.
 - **Timings:**
Detail on the date/time that testing will occur and how each competitor is to be advised of this.

- **Judge of Fact:**

Name of each person conducting the Temperature Screening, including where appointed the name of the CMO and/or the Medical Services Manager. Each person conducting screening will be a Judge of Fact regarding the results of any screening conducted by them.

Equipment

Temperature Screening is to be conducted by the use of non-contact (i.e. Infra Red) Thermometer or by the use of FLIR Thermal Imaging Camera, designed for checking a person's temperature by non-contact means. This is usually conducted by measurement of the temperature at the persons forehead.

Equipment must be in serviceable condition and access to relevant user manuals must be provided.

Equipment must be stored and maintained in accordance with the relevant user manual.

Equipment must be cleaned in accordance with the relevant user manual (**Note:** Some instruments may be damaged by the use of certain cleaning products – check the user manual).

The equipment must be checked to ensure that it is set up correctly for Temperature Screening requirements (e.g. set on adult not child setting).

The equipment must be used in accordance with the relevant user manual (e.g. distance from forehead and keep head and device steady during reading time).

Should equipment come into direct contact with a person then it must be cleaned in accordance with the user manual before it is used again.

Those using the equipment and conducting testing must ensure they use/wear appropriate PPE as necessary (e.g. gloves, mask) and apply appropriate hygiene practices.

General Precautions

Individuals to be screened must be advised of when and where the screening will occur so that they can ensure they:

- Avoid strenuous physical activity prior to screening
- Remove hats or other head coverings (as necessary) and wait 10 minutes before screening
- Do not drink, eat, prior to the screening – i.e. avoid hot foods etc.
- Before taking a measurement, remove dirt or hair from the forehead area. Wait 10 minutes after cleaning before taking measurement.
- Remove any sweat with a dry cloth prior to measuring.
- Avoid any cooling or warming cloths on the forehead for at least 30 minutes prior to measurement.
- **Do not** have temperature measurements taken over scar tissue, open sores or abrasions.

Procedure

Temperature Result Interpretation

- 37.4°C or less - the individual is deemed **not** to be having or showing the symptoms of a fever (febrile).
- 37.5°C or more - the person is defined as having a fever.

Procedure for Initial Screening

Initial screening is to be conducted in the location/s as determined by the event organiser.

Person conducting the screening must ensure that they follow the necessary protocols, procedure and precautions.

Persons conducting the screening must ensure that they are familiar with the equipment, the procedure and as necessary do so under the guidance of the CMO and/or Medical Services Manager.

A register of persons screened must be maintained and may be in conjunction with the event attendee register as maintained by the Event Organiser.

For initial screening, each person should only be checked once. If the result is 37.4°C or less, then that person is free to resume the event attendance.

If the initial screening result is 37.5°C or greater, they should **not** be immediately re-checked.

Procedure following initial screening result of 37.5°C or greater

1. Person being screened to:
 - be provided a mask and asked to wear it.
 - isolate in an appropriate area nearby, preferably outside or in a designated isolation area.
 - remove any head wear and cease any other mitigating factors that could have resulted in a false high reading (hot drinks, head wear, over-dressing, etc).
 - not remove clothing that is appropriate for the environment in an attempt to "cool off".
2. Where appointed to the event a suitably qualified clinician, CMO or Medical Services Manager should review the case at hand, including questioning the person, as necessary.
3. Re-check using non-contact device after a minimum of 10mins since the first non-contact check.
 - If 37.4°C or lower, they are deemed **not** to be having or showing the symptoms of a fever (febrile).
 - If the temperature reads 37.5°C or greater, they are to be advised of the result and that the matter is now a COVID-19 Health and Safety issue.
 - The person must be effectively isolated from the event or activity and all necessary precautions taken.
 - The person should be referred for medical assessment and will likely need to undergo COVID-19 PCR testing. Where appointed, a CMO, Medical Services Manager or event clinician should be made aware and involved in the subsequent management of the COVID-19 response for that person.
4. Notifications.
 - The Clerk of the Course must be notified immediately by the person conducting the screening (Judge of Fact), and the Clerk of the Course will act to ensure that person judged to have not met the temperature screening requirement is withdrawn from the event on Medical grounds.
 - The person's name, contact number and team/role must be recorded on the necessary event attendance register. These details may be required to be shared with relevant authorities as a Health and Safety issue.

Post Procedure

The event organiser must ensure to follow any necessary requirements as set by Motorsport Australia or any other relevant Governing body (i.e. State Gov.) including any notifications.