

2022 COVID PROTOCOL

Solar Car Challenge Racing Event

(1) The Solar Car Challenge strongly recommends all registered participants, judges, staff, and volunteers limit their exposure to people within their normal working/living environment for the period of July 8-12, 2022.

(2) All event participants, judges, staff, interns, and volunteers agree to health screenings prior to entry into the infield of the event forum.

(3) Event attendees who are not registered participants may enter the infield of the Texas Motor Speedway so long as they follow all existing rules and guidelines. This includes wearing a wide-brim hat, closed-toe shoes, etc.

(4) All event participants, judges, staff, interns, and volunteers agree to randomly administered COVID-19 testing in the infield of the Texas Motor Speedway.

(5) Judges, Staff, Interns, and Volunteers agree to COVID 19 testing as a requirement for their participation in the event.

(6) All event participants, judges, staff, interns, and volunteers must cover their mouth and nose with an acceptable face covering during the following:

(a) Team Check-In (July 13th, 1- 6:00 PM, Brazos Room, DFW Marriott)

(b) *All Teams Meeting* (July 13th, 7:00 PM, Ballroom, DFW Marriott)

(c) Entry into the Media Building, Infield, Texas Motor Speedway

Teams will be required to supply their own masks for these events.

(7) At all other times during the Solar Car Challenge Racing Event, race participants have the discretion to wear or not wear masks.

(8) Acceptable face coverings must fully cover the mouth and nose, fit snugly/flat to the face, and be a 4-5 ply manufactured face mask, preferably a K95 or KN95 style. Masks that are NOT acceptable: fabric masks, gators, masks with vents, masks not deemed to meet medical quality standards, and masks that don't fully cover the mouth and nose.

(9) All participants, judges, staff, interns, and volunteers are encouraged to perform hand hygiene frequently. Acceptable hand hygiene practices:

(a) Washing hands with warm water and non-antibacterial soap for a minimum of 20 seconds is the preferred method of hand hygiene.

(b) Hand sanitizer consisting of 70% alcohol is adequate for intermittent hand hygiene, but does not take the place of hand washing.

(10) It is strongly suggested that race participants, judges, staff, interns, and volunteers maintain a reasonable distance between each other. Exceptions can be made to allow for the safe performance of maintenance, or other solar car related activities.

(11) All race participants, judges, staff, interns, and volunteers must notify medical staff immediately should they begin to exhibit respiratory symptoms of any kind. Persons testing positive for COVID 19 must self-isolate from the event at the expense of themselves or their team. Persons testing positive cannot isolate in the Event Hotel, the DFW Marriott.

(12) Any questions or protests arising from these protocols will be addressed on a case-by-case basis by the COVID-19 Coordinator. The Event Director will have ultimate decision-making authority with respect to editing, clarifying, or granting exceptions to these guidelines.

(13) All race participants, judges, staff, interns, and volunteers take part in the Solar Car Challenge with the understanding that there is always a risk of getting sick with COVID 19 or other illnesses. They accept this risk as their own financial responsibility, and hold the Solar Car Challenge harmless in the event of such an illness. Appropriate signage will remind everyone of this risk.