



EAST AFRICAN MINI CLASSIC RALLY **4TH TO 6TH NOVEMBER 2021**

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SUBJECT: COMPETITORS INFORMATION 3 – COVID PROTOCOLS

FROM: CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

TO: ALL ATTENDING

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RE: COVID PROTOCOLS

Covid-19 has turned the world inside out, affecting practically everything due to the strict protocols employed by various facilities. It also came knocking on our doors in August where we had to postpone our main event to February 2022 due to the strict quarantine rules set by various countries that would affect our competitors in one way or the other.

However, a great leader once said that 'The only thing we have to fear is fear itself'. We found a way around it to make sure that all was not lost this year and quickly came up with the Mini Classic event. We assure you that this event will bring out the best of classic rallying as always.

The current situation in Kenya

The positivity rate in Kenya is on a major decline from highs of 16% in August to as low as 2.3%. This is largely due to the increased vaccination uptake by Kenyans and a general global decline in Covid cases. Definitely we are in a much better situation this time round.

Red list?

The dip in Covid cases and the increased vaccine uptake measures have led to countries like the United Kingdom pushing us off the Red list. Air travel has also resumed from some countries. However, this has minimal impact for the Mini Classic since most competitors will not be affected by the quarantine protocols set out by other countries.

Can we relax?

Rallying has got itself to a new era where it must accommodate Covid 19 and all the measures that come with it. Kenya has got back to carrying out sporting activities with notable events such as the WRC Safari Rally, World Under 20 Championships etc. taking place. We have also resumed our motorsport calendar with the Nanyuki rally being the latest round of the KMSF Rally calendar being held successfully.

Covid 19 can affect anyone. Even those who practice strict measures can still get Covid. However, the chances of getting Covid drastically reduce if we practice the following:

1. Social Distancing as per the WHO protocol
2. Hand Washing and Sanitization
3. Face Masks at all times
4. Vaccination

We highly recommend all competitors and crew to Vaccinate as this has been shown to reduce case fatalities and morbidities tremendously.



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What are we doing to keep you Safe?

The Covid Mitigation Plan has been carefully planned and divided into the following sections

1. Entry into the Event
2. Pre - Event
3. Event
4. Post-Event

We shall highlight a few points here. The full document for competitors is available in subsequent attachments.

1. Entry into the Event

- Negative PCR test **96 hours** before event flag off **and/ or**
- Proof of double vaccination (Certificate)
 - *At least 2 weeks before the event*
- Consent forms for covid testing
 - This is to allow us to test you and your crew using the Rapid Antigen Test Method
- Children <5 yrs *do not need PCR*

Kindly note that we shall not be conducting any PCR tests prior to the Pre-event. The above also stands for service crew and other personnel to be allowed into the bubble.

2. Pre-Event

- This will involve re-checks on the Event entry requirements
- **EVERY Competitor and their crew** shall undergo a Rapid Antigen Test in order to proceed with the Rally. Once satisfied, the Covid team shall allow them into the High-Density Bubble. **These will be performed on 3rd November at Marula Manor from 8am until 5pm.**
- **COST PER TEST – 2,000/- PAYABLE AT DOCUMENTATION FOR ALL THAT WILL BE ATTENDING THE RALLY.**
- Strict protocols shall be followed to ensure authenticity of those in the high-density bubble.
- All information shall be uploaded into a Database that has to be relayed to the Rally Officials and the Ministry of Health
- In addition, a medical form has been circulated where teams must include details of their service crew and staff. This form should be filled and sent prior to arrival and will be counterchecked at the pre-event. **Please ensure we have this by Friday 29th October 2021.**

The Covid Mitigation Plan includes the Algorithm for how the testing shall be done and the protocols for a positive result / exposure.

3. Event

- All competitors /crew will be within the well worked out High Density Bubbles (HDB). Details of movement and interaction are in the covid mitigation plan.
- Double Temperature Checks on every competitor / crew member (Morning and Evening) that shall be uploaded into the database. Penalties shall exist for non-adherent members.
- Participants with Temperatures > 37.3 will need to be assessed by the covid team
- Any PCR test recommended by the covid team shall be borne by the competitor/team
- Random Rapid Antigen Tests will be carried out during the event on Competitors/ crews based on the recommendation of the covid team.
- Covid Team will be moving around during the rally, making sure protocols are adhered to, both in the service areas, hotels etc.



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4. Post Event

- Arranging PCR tests for those travelling back out of the country. Please pre order with me before 29th October 2021.

In addition to all this, we are making sure that our covid team undergoes extensive training so as to help you. We have also assigned numerous hospitals and institutions along the route in case someone needs help. No stone is left unturned.

As EASCR, we understand the predicaments that most of you might be having and hence we are always available to answer any queries from your side. Technical details as per the covid mitigation plan are available on request. We want you all to enjoy this grueling event without the dark clouds of Covid hanging over your shoulders. Leave that to us.

See you at the event

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