



FR Competitor Advisory Memo

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The following protocols will be in effect beginning with the next scheduled F4 U.S. & FR Americas Championship event at VIRginia International Raceway. [Updates from V2 are in purple.](#)

GENERAL INFORMATION

All participants are required to follow local and federal guidelines when on site at a track. This working document will be updated as information and regulations change. Please see event supplemental regulations and event bulletins for additional guidance and protocols.

Participants not complying with protocols, if observed by an SCCA Pro, F4/FR, Trans Am, or SVRA official, will have their credential taken away and asked to leave the premises. Additional penalties may be applied. Any participants observed not following protocols by a track official or by a local health department official, may be removed from the track without warning. At that time, the F4/FR Championship will have no choice but to honor this decision.

Talk to your doctor to see if you are at an [increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19](#). If you are, it's recommended that you stay home until the threat has decreased.

First and foremost, if you are exhibiting any symptoms of the COVID-19 virus listed below (even if they are mild), we ask that you refrain from attending any SCCA Pro Racing events.

[If you have had contact with someone who has tested positive in the last 14 days, you are strongly urged to get tested prior to any travel.](#)

The following symptoms are common with COVID-19 and may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus:

- Fever
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Chills and repeated shaking with chills
- Headache
- New loss of taste and smell

If you develop these symptoms while at an event, please isolate yourself immediately, and contact Sydney Davis Yagel (713-628-8337 | syagel@sccapro.com) for further instructions.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

SCCA Pro Racing can assist drivers, parents/guardians, crew members, and officials with obtaining international travel waivers. Please reach out to Sydney Davis Yagel (syagel@sccapro.com) for further information.

Effective January 26, 2021, all international airline passengers to the United States ages two years and older must provide a negative COVID-19 viral or antigen test taken within three calendar days of travel. Alternatively, travelers to the U.S. may provide documentation from a licensed health care provider of having recovered from COVID-19 in the 90 days preceding travel. After you arrive in the United States, get tested 3–5 days after travel and stay home to self-quarantine for 7 days after travel.





If you are fully vaccinated with an FDA-authorized vaccine:

- You should continue to follow CDC’s recommendations for traveling safely and get tested 3-5 days after travel.
- You do NOT need to get tested before leaving United States unless your destination requires it.
- You do NOT need to self-quarantine after arriving in the United States.

People are considered fully vaccinated with an FDA-authorized vaccine:

- 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen vaccine

GENERAL PROTECTION

Please continue to practice good hygiene protocols such as washing your hands and social distancing.

Completion of an FDA-authorized vaccine (listed above) is strongly recommended for all participants. If you are not vaccinated, you may still attend and participate in Championship events. Local regulatory authorities or venues may have additional requirements for non-vaccinated participants. These will be outlined in supplemental regulations or event bulletins.

The Championship is working with promoters and tracks prior to our arrival to understand local guidelines and protocols as well as our expectations. We will work together to ensure that all participants are informed and prepared in advance.

FACIAL COVERING

Regardless of vaccination status, facial coverings are required, at all times, when indoors and if you are within 6-feet of someone outside your team when outdoors. Participants will not be allowed indoors for meetings or under the Championship trailer without a facial covering. Local regulatory authorities or venues may have specific facial covering requirements in place that will be communicated via supplemental regulations or event bulletins.

COMMUNICATIONS

No paper documents will be provided during the event. Files will be available digitally via the Official Mailing List or WhatsApp and archived on the Digital Message Board or Competitor Portal.

- [Official Competitor Email List](#)
- WhatsApp Event Updates (change for 2021, we will have separate groups for each Championship; please sign up again, even if you were signed up in 2020)
 - [F4 U.S. Group](#)
 - [FR Americas Group](#)
- Website Archives- all information sent via official emails is stored on these portals
 - [F4 U.S. Championship Competitor Portal](#)
 - [FR Americas Championship Competitor Portal](#)
- Digital Message Boards- event memos, timing results, and Steward decisions are posted here
 - [F4 U.S. Championship Digital Message Board](#)
 - [FR Americas Championship Digital Message Board](#)



REGISTRATION

Registration is an area of high-risk area due to the interaction between all participants. **When held indoors or without the ability to maintain social distance, facial coverings are required.** During peak hours, we may be limiting the number of people if the registration area is indoors.

TECHNICAL INSPECTION, PARC FERMÉ, & CHAMPIONSHIP TRAILER

Tech is an area of high-risk area due to the interaction between all participants. **Facial covering are required for all participants entering the tech area, combined parc fermé area, and Championship trailer.**

Annual/pre-event tech will be scheduled to reduce the number of participants in the tech area. Teams will be provided with a list of items via a TAM to prep the car prior to arrival at the tent for easy inspection. No more than 2 crew members will be allowed under the tent to remove body work; upon completion, they should leave the tent and wait until an official asked them to return. Drivers or a representative will be required to physically handle all driving gear during annual inspections. Those teams who do not comply will be given a penalty.

Parc fermé for all qualifying sessions and races will be one hour, when the timetable allows, unless specified on an official schedule. This will give the tech officials time to check cars and continue to observe protocols.

SAFETY CAR

When two or more people are riding in the safety car, facial coverings are required.

RACE CONTROL & TIMING AND SCORING

Facial coverings are required to be worn inside race control and timing. Access to these areas is limited to officials only.

TEAM & DRIVERS MEETINGS

Attendees will be required to wear facial coverings at all meetings. There will be separate meetings for FR Americas and F4 U.S. participants to keep attendance numbers manageable.

GRID & PIT LANE

When social distancing cannot be maintained, facial coverings will be required on grid. No matter the location, when interacting with an official or another team member, facial coverings will be required.

VICTORY CIRCLE

Podium risers will be spaced out to allow for social distance between drivers. **All attendees will be required to wear facial coverings, but drivers will be able to take photos without them as long as social distancing can be maintained.**



The F4 U.S. & FR Americas Championship partners will also be enforcing the following safety protocols for the 2021 season, until otherwise notified.

LIGIER AUTOMOTIVE

- When visiting the Trailer and/or Toter, participants must wear mask and/or face covering per guidelines.
- No one besides Ligier staff will be allowed in the Trailer or Toter.
- Tables will be set up out front with resources for part number look up.
- Parts order forms will be provided and once filled out can either be dropped off at trailer and/or e-mailed to USParts@Ligierautomotive.com.

HPD/MOUNTUNE

- Any interaction with HPD or Mountune staff requires a face mask with mouth and nose completely covered
- If HPD or Mountune staff is called to your team area, anyone interacting with our staff will need a face mask and must maintain 6 ft of social distance
- All meetings or conversations with HPD or Mountune staff must be held outside or in an open area

HANKOOK

- Masks must be worn when interfacing with Hankook team members.
- Please try and limit the number of team members who come in the Hankook tent to only two people.
- Clean wheels prior to drop off as there aren't enough Hankook staff to do that due to social distancing.