

How to Handle SPORTident Equipment During the Corona Pandemic

The main SPORTident products are SI-Cards and SI-Stations. The housing of these products is plastic with a very smooth surface. Infectious material does not stick to it very well. Any Corona virus that adheres to the surface becomes inactive after a few hours. So, the risk that plastic SPORTident products are contaminated with viruses is low.

SPORTident STATIONS

Stations are touched by the course setters when being set out and collected. Minimise the number of helpers who are in contact with the stations during this process. Before and after handling the stations the helper should carefully wash or disinfect their hands. Try not to touch your face when you are handling stations.

If the stations can be dried and left in a box for 2 days after being collected in, there is no need to clean or disinfect them as the virus will not survive. This is the preferred course of action and it is a simple solution.

If the stations need to be handled again without being left for two days then there are two options:

- Dip each station briefly in a bucket of warm water containing a reasonable amount of washing-up liquid which has created a really good lather. Use a sponge to ensure that a good lather is wiped all over the surface of the station. Stations should be left covered in lather for a while and then rinsed with water. A 100% hypoallergenic washing product is good as it is suitable for those with sensitive skin and significant allergies. Product can be purchased in 5L plastic containers. Stations should only briefly be immersed in water as the seals are water resistant but not guaranteed to be waterproof when immersed.

or

- Wipe each station using an alcohol-based surface disinfectant, preferably with 70% isopropanol or 80% ethanol. Other surface disinfectants could damage the plastic surface of our products

SPORTident SI-CARDS

The registration team should be wearing simple masks and should carefully wash or disinfect their hands before and after handling the SI-Cards. Try not to touch your face when you are handling SI-Cards.

We recommend that events only allow participants to use their own SI-Cards. However, it may be necessary to provide hire SI-Cards.

- **HIRED SI-CARDS USED ONCE**

If it is necessary to hand out hired SI-Cards, the card and elastic band should be issued from separate containers. The participant carefully takes the two items and touches only one piece each. The participant returns both parts separately. The elastic band should be washed afterwards and a standard cycle in a washing machine should be sufficient to kill the virus. If the SI-Card needs to be used again within two days, clean it in the same way as described above for SPORTident Stations. SI-Cards other than **SI-Card 5 and SIAC** should only briefly be immersed in water as the housings are water resistant but not guaranteed to be waterproof when the card is immersed.



- **HIRED SI-CARDS USED MORE THAN ONCE THE SAME DAY**

We suggest that each SI-Card/elastic band is wiped or immersed in an alcohol-based surface disinfectant, preferably with 70% isopropanol or 80% ethanol

DURING THE EVENT

Participants should be briefed to **NOT** touch the stations during the race. It is easy to dip an SI-Card in a station without touching it. It is necessary to dip all types of card to **CLEAR/CHECK** them, also to Battery Check a SIAC and Switch it ON. **All** events should allow Mixed Punching and where possible, SIACs should be used Contactlessly as this reduces the chance of touching a station. On balance we feel that it is better to always have a Punching Start and a Punching Finish but if only SIAC is allowed at an event, you may wish the Start and Finish to also be contactless.

SI-CARD DOWNLOAD

The SI-Card readout process should be done by the participant and the Download Station should be located at a cable length (1M minimum) from the person managing results. The latest version of our SiTiming software offers some new DIY (Self Service) download options that make it unnecessary for a helper to be in close attendance. A splits printer may be used to provide a DIY splits print if the printout is cut automatically and no interaction by a helper is required.

The results team should be wearing simple masks and participants should be briefed to **NOT TOUCH** the Download Station or the splits printer.

