



## **COVID Mitigation Plan**

### **33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Runnin of the Green**

**March 14, 2021**

Runnin of the Green, produced by HAL Sports, takes safety of its participants as its number one priority. Further, HAL Sports (along with the Colfax Marathon's Creigh Kelley and Andrea Dowdy), is part of the City and County of Denver' task force for developing the approved guidelines/requirements for safely executing run/walk events to comply with the city, state, and various department of health requirements. You can view the guidelines for which this event's COVID Mitigation Plan has been created from [here](#).

The following outlines the COVID mitigation plan for Runnin of the Green.

### **GENERAL OVERVIEW**

- 700 participants maximum (or as current mandates allow)
  - All participants information will be collected via online registration program and capped at the 700-maximum level.
- Reduction and elimination of any congregation areas as follows
  - No race day registration
  - Limited pre-event and post-event activities
  - No refreshment/water station on-course
  - Advance packet/event bibs pickup will be strongly encouraged to reduce event day pickup

- Staggered start (no mass start)
  - Eight (8) start times, 30 minutes apart with 87 assigned to each time.
  - Participants are assigned a start time and advised to not show up no more than 30 to 40 minutes prior to their starting hour
  - Within the 87, will then be separated into groups smaller groups at each start in a controlled time style fashion.
  - See additional start line management herein
- Separate Start and Finish areas to ensure each start time group is always physically separated from all other groups. Start and Finish line will be separated by at least 100 meters.
- All athletes, staff, volunteers, and vendors must agree to COVID social contract (see herein)
- Facial coverings/masks are required at all times by all parties, except participants once they leave the start line, they may remove their mask. Upon crossing the finish line, the participate will be given approx 100' "recovery zone" and are required to put on their facial covering/mask.

## **PRE-EVENT**

### **Participant Registration**

- All participants are required to register for the event using an online registration platform ensure the event can be capped as per mandates.
- Registration information captured will include participants contact information in case contact tracing is needed.
- All registrants will be required to read and accept/sign the Social Contract that advises them of requirements they must follow and agree to (see herein).

### **Vendors/Staff/Volunteers**

- All vendors, staff, and volunteers contact information will be collected by the event.
- All vendors, staff, and volunteers will be required to agree to and accept the Social Contract (see herein).
- All vendors, staff, and volunteers will be required to wear masks/approved facial coverings at all times. Gloves will be required when items are being
- Vendors will be limited to ensure there is no encouraging of lingering or gathering of participants.
- All vendors, staff, and volunteers will be provided pre-event specific instructions, as applicable, for event day, including ensuring and explaining the safety measures required.

### **Advance Packet Pickup**

- Participants will be strongly encouraged to pick up their event gear (bib, timing tags, swag, etc.) at the advance packet pickups to reduce significantly any gathering for pickup on event day.

### **Communications**

- Prior to event day, all applicable parties will be reminded about the instructions for event day, including the agreement to the Social Contract.

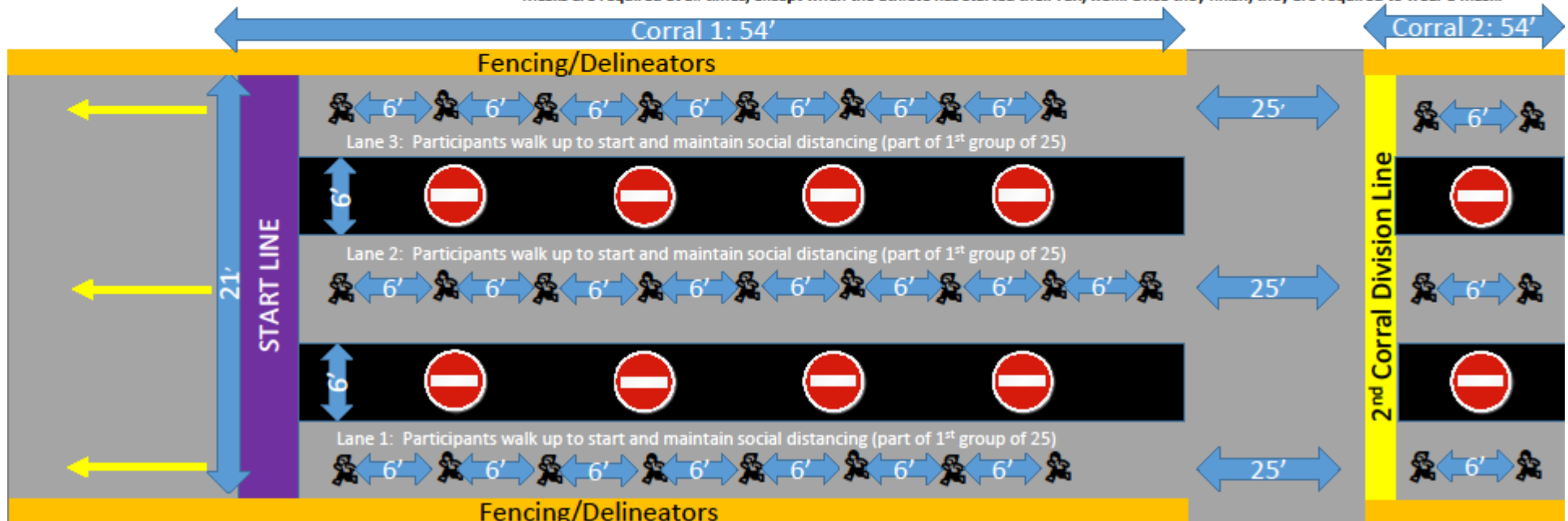
# EVENT DAY

## Start Area Protocol



### COVID/SAFFETY START LINE PROTOCOL

- Participants are pre-assigned one of up to eight (8) start times (8 am, 8:30 am, and so on up to 11:30 am)
- Each start time is limited to 87 athletes (or as current mandates allow)
- Athletes arrive no more than 40 minutes prior to their start time
- Athletes are filtered into up to three (3) corrals (see below). Each corral is divided into three (3) lanes with markers for athletes to stand for adherence to social distancing.
- Additional athletes not in corrals, will be asked to be positioned away from the start area and to maintain social distancing. Once a corral has started, the next corral moves up to 1<sup>st</sup> position and the next group fills in the newly empty corral.
- For the start, athletes the first row will be sent out of up to three (3) athletes at a time. Those next in line will walk up to the first row (and all others move forward to the next empty spot just in Corral 1) and started with approximately 2 to 3 seconds in-between.
- Once Corral 1 is emptied of starting athletes, the waiting applicable Corrals will be moved forward. A pause/delay will be done of between two to three minutes between the next corral start. This method ensures that 90% or more athletes will have completed the course prior to the next start time.
- Masks are required at all times, except when the athlete has started their run/walk. Once they finish, they are required to wear a mask.

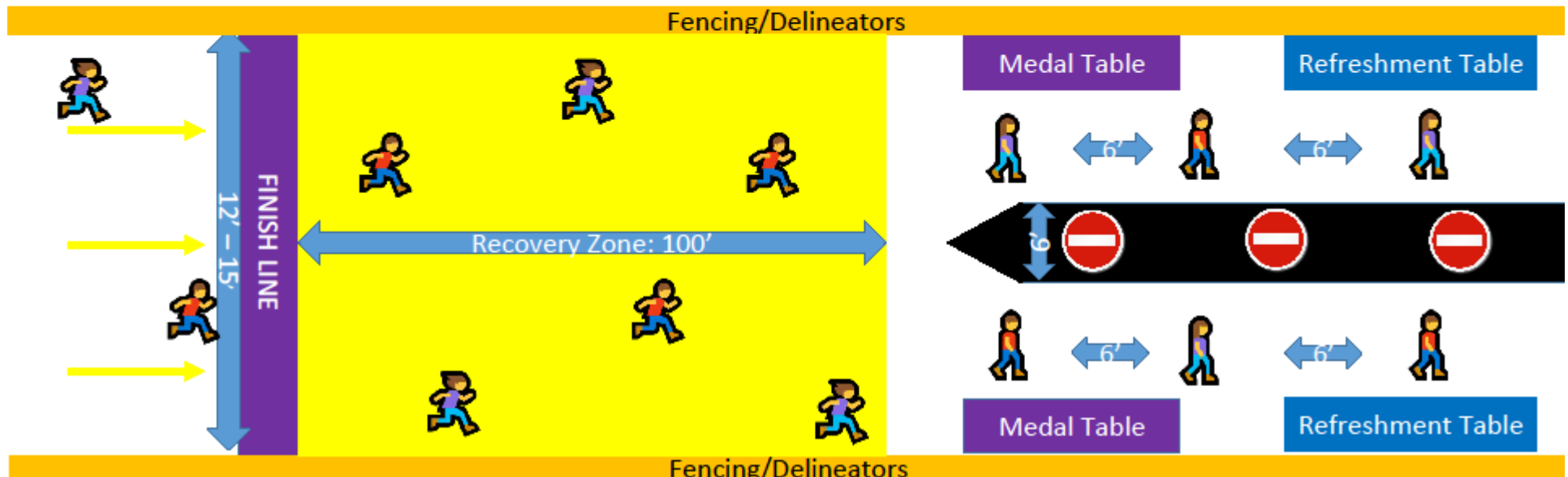


## Finish Area Protocol



### COVID/SAFFETY FINISH AREA PROTOCOL

- Athletes upon finishing are moved quickly through this area to maintain social distancing and reactivate wearing of masks.
- All staff and trained volunteers must wear face coverings and for those handling any athlete items, must wear gloves.
- Tables will be sanitized in advance of the first finishers.
- All items prepared for the finishers will be handed out by trained event and/or volunteer staff wearing masks and gloves.
- The recovery zone area is to allow for a quick cool down, recover, and assist with the splitting into two (2) flow lanes.
- The flow lanes are designed for one (1) athlete following another (with social distancing) single file.
- Athletes must keep moving through the finish area and are not allowed to congregate or come back into the finish area.
- All items provided to athletes will be packaged such as any food, water, etc.
- Recovery area may be split into divided areas if needed or as applicable



### **Vendors & Event Related Tents/Table Areas (Refreshments, Finisher Medals, etc.)**

- All vendors, staff, and volunteers (as applicable) will be required to wear masks
- Any items given out must be prepacked and sealed. No exceptions!
- Items may be given out to participants either by a masked and gloved vendor/staff, or volunteer. Or items must be placed in a manger for the participant to pick them up without touching other items.
- Social distancing must be adhered to and markers and signs will be used to indicate where participants should stand.
- Any surface areas that could or do come into contact with any parties will be periodically sanitized and cleaned.

### **Portable Restrooms**

- Additional portable restrooms will be brought in to ensure lower ratio of bathrooms to participants.
- Hand sanitizers will be placed in each portable restroom.
- One or more hand washing stations (along with additional hand sanitizer station) will be provided (if weather allows)
- Portable restrooms will be positioned at least 50 meters from any start and/or finish line area.
- Portable restrooms will be spaced to ensure social distancing is maintained.
- Areas will be marked for participants on where to stand while waiting a facility in order to maintain social distancing.
- Event staff will monitor and check restrooms for cleanliness. Any restroom that is not clean will either be cleaned by trained event staff, or closed off for participant use.

### **Cleanliness/Sanitation/Safety (in addition to items already covered)**

- Hand sanitizer will be provided throughout the event in various locations.
- At least one hand washing station will be provided (as indicated and weather permitting)
- All surfaces that maybe touched or could be by a participant (tables, portable restroom doors, etc.) will be sanitized and cleaned by trained event staff and/or volunteers.
- Mask regulations and social distancing regulation signs will be placed throughout the event to remind all parties the event's policies and mandates.

### **Contract Tracing/Information Collection**

- All participants, vendors, volunteers, and event staff's contact information will be collected prior to event day.
- On event day, vendors, volunteers, and event staff will be checked-in in order to know who was there on event day (each will further be reminded of the Social Contract they agreed to)
- Participants will be electronically chipped timed in order to capture the data of what participants did attend and participate in the event. With the start line protocols, the event will know down to what time and in which groups a participant started.
- All information will be kept for a minimum of sixty (60) days post event by the event.

## **Compliance Enforcement**

- Per the social contract that must be agreed to by all parties, failure to adhere to any of the regulations, rules, event staff instructions, and health mandates may and will lead to the immediate removal from the event premises (in our experience with over a dozen events since end of July, we have had no incidents of non-compliance, thus we expect that any possible non-compliance risk is extremely unlikely).
- If removal should need to be enforced, the event will have a Denver Police Officer at the event to enforce as applicable and warranted.

## COVID-19 SOCIAL CONTRACT

*(The social contract must be agreed by all parties involved with the event)*

In consideration of my entry into Runnin of the Green, I hereby agree to and understand the following rules and regulations.

1. I agree that I will not be allowed to participate in or attend the event if any of the following apply:
  - a. I have been in contact with an individual infected with COVID-19 within the last 14 days.
  - b. I have been in close contact within the last 14 days with an individual suspected of being infected with COVID-19, including individuals exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms.
  - c. I am currently experiencing, or have experienced in the past 14 days, fever, cough, or shortness of breath.
  - d. I have traveled to an area that is under Level 2, 3, or 4 travel advisories by the U.S. State Department.
2. I understand and assume all risks that despite all safety precautions, I may still be exposed to possible infection of COVID-19 or other communicable diseases.
3. I will comply with social distancing requirements and will maintain social distancing of 6-feet or more from other individuals at all times, except when running or walking in the event.
4. I will maintain proper and safe social distances as best as I can when running or walking in the event.
5. As a participant, I will wear a face covering at all times except, if I wish, when running or walking in the event.
6. As a vendor, volunteer, or event staff, I will wear a face covering at all times. I will wear protective gloves when and if I am coming into contact with any items that are provided to participants and when sanitizing/cleaning.
7. I understand that I may congregate with members I have been sheltering with, but no more than 5 (or what current mandates allow).
8. I will abide and follow all rules and instructions by official event staff.
9. I understand that failure to adhere to these regulations may and will result in my not being allowed to participate in and remain at the event, and I will not be entitled to any refund of registration or other such fees if paid for attending the event.