

### Covid-19 Response Plan for 2020 Region 3 Contest (July 21, 2020)

The Finger Lakes Soaring Club (FLSC) Contest Planning Committee, which includes Jacquie Doherty as CD, Ann Lafford as CM, Rick Lafford as Operation Manager, Linda Evenski as Social coordinator, and Rick Roman as scorer, all highly experienced in competition management, has developed a plan which addresses the concerns of pilots, crews, volunteers and the SSA Contest Committee and has been based upon the successful procedures followed, and experienced, at the Seniors Championships. This response plan will be routinely updated to reflect changing conditions and/or governmental guidance and requirements, either enhanced or relaxed.

Given that:

- The contest will be held in a rural setting of Livingston county population of 62,914 in the town of North Dansville, NY population 5,192. North Dansville is located approximately 300 miles north east of New York City.
- As of July 21st, North Dansville has had just 17 cases, with 1 currently active.
- The sponsoring organization, FLSC, is located in Livingston County. New York
- New York state has been organized into 5 Regions. Our contest will take place in the Finger Lakes Region. Guidelines were established for reopening and as of this writing Finger Lakes Region is in phase 4 which happened on June 26<sup>th</sup>. State guidance for Phase 4 that relates to our event is as follows:
  - Individuals should avoid being in a single group larger than 10 individuals (around a table for example) and should, to the extent possible, maintain 6 feet of separation from individuals not of their household.
  - When maintaining 6 feet of separation is not feasible, other methods should be utilized , such as wearing a face covering or mask, washing and sanitizing hands frequently, and avoiding sharing utensils or other common objects.
  - Masks are mandatory in all public businesses such as retail stores, grocery stores, etc...
  - Social gatherings are limited to 50 people.
  - Restaurants are open with reduced capacity. You may be required to wear a mask to enter and until you are seated.

**The Contest is limited to 25 gliders, and we will ensure that:**

- One volunteer will be assigned each day to oversee daily sanitizing of the bathrooms, kitchen surfaces, etc. Supplies of surface cleaning products will be available to all.
- Occupancy of the clubhouse will be limited to ensure proper social distancing.
- Showers will be available for use within the clubhouse. Showers should be used during the evening hours to minimize the number of people in the clubhouse during the day. Clubhouse occupancy limits during this time should be adhered to.

- Only contest participants and FLSC club members, with a limited number of guests will be permitted on the field.
- All contest personnel, pilots, crews and volunteers will be required to wear identifying badges at all times while on the field.
- No volunteers, pilots or crews will be allowed to participate who have knowingly been exposed to an active case of Covid 19 within two weeks of arrival. Health questionnaires will be emailed to all pilots, with crews to complete at Registration. Volunteers will complete the questionnaire upon arrival. All entrants will be required to bring face coverings.
- Registration will be held, one at a time, in air conditioned space while following social distancing rules. All pilots will be encouraged to complete most of the registration process by email.
- Each pilot will present a signed and witnessed a Waiver/Release at registration.
- There will be a Mandatory Meeting with pilots and essential volunteers only to keep the number of people gathering to a minimum. This meeting will be held in the hanger with plenty of room for everyone to spread out.
- There will be daily pilots meetings held in the hanger to discuss safety, weather and task related information.
- The gridding and launch procedures will follow all social distancing requirements. Ropes, rings, flags, etc. will be handled only by the volunteers.
- Crew less pilots must utilize the “Crew less” sign –up process, during registration. The retrieve office will facilitate retrieves.
- We will initiate “touchless” scoring. All pilots will be required to send the scorer their flight documentation by email. This will eliminate unnecessary traffic in the clubhouse. The scorer will post daily scores on the SSA Website as they become available, eliminating the crowds around a typical “posted” score sheet.
- On Saturday there will be a welcome party with beverages and snacks. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday dinners will be provided on site. Dinners, served on site, will be served in shifts to enable social distancing. The dining space will be sufficiently large to comply with social distancing requirements. Servers will wear gloves and masks.
- Some of the pilots will be staying in privately owned RVs on our airport, and should they wish, may retreat there for meals.
- “After flying” socialization will adhere to the current CDC social distancing guidelines.