

COVID-19 risk management plan for 2021 Plowing Match

Preamble

The Ottawa Carleton Plowmen's Association wishes to hold its annual plowing competition on Saturday August 28, 2021. We are committed to following all applicable COVID-19 regulations and other requirements that have been issued by the Province of Ontario, City of Ottawa, and public health officials. This document is our risk management plan to insure the protection of competitors, officials and visitors at our event.

Introduction

The Ottawa Carleton Plowmen's Association (OCPA) is a Branch Plowmen's Association of the Ontario Plowmen's Association (OPA). The OCPA has been hosting an annual local plowing match since 1924.

Plowing matches have been a part of Ontario's agricultural history for well over a century. They are an opportunity for farmers (and others interested in "the land") to display their skills in plowing and to teach the importance of soil conservation. At our local match our plowmen use equipment ranging from the newer reversible plows to walking plows with a team of horses. Examples of a century of agricultural history can be found in one field.

Additional information about OPA can be found at <https://www.plowingmatch.org/> and about OCPA at <https://ottawaplowmen.com/>

Historical Data

Our annual match is traditionally held at a different location within the rural segment of the City of Ottawa on land donated for the event by the owner. A lease agreement approved by OPA is executed for each site.

Number of competitors ranges from 20 to 50 depending on the year and location.

Acreage required ranges from 10 to 30 acres (40,467 to 202,335 square meters).

Spectators range from 100 to 300 persons

2021 Match

Location

- Anderson Links Golf Course, 4175 Anderson Road, Ottawa. The competition will take place on land separate from golf course and club house.

Acreage

- A total of 70,000 square metres (17 acres) with 30,000 square metres (7.4 acres) dedicated to plowing (and access restricted to competitors). This leaves 40,000 square metres (9.6 acres) open to all attendees.

Capacity limit

- 40,000 square metres divided by 1.33 results in a maximum capacity of 30,000 people. As indicated below we anticipate between 100 and 200 people on site during the day.

Competitors

- 40 lands will be prepared for competitors.
- The number of competitors could range from 20 to 40.

Supporters and officials

- 30 to 60

Spectators

- 50 to 100

Lunch

- A BBQ of hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided by Anderson Links staff between 11:30am and 1:30pm. Anderson Links COVID protocols for preparing and serving food will be followed.

Tents

- 2 or 3 small pop-up (10' x 10') sun shades for registration officials and BBQ
- No sides unless weather dictates (maximum of 2 sides)

Hand wash station

- A hand wash station will be located in vicinity of registration table and BBQ

Sanitizers

- Pump bottles of hand sanitizer will be available at registration table, at greeters table, at hand wash station and at port-a-potty
- Hand cleaning signage will be posted.

Gloves

- Gloves will be worn by all individuals involved in food handling per Anderson Links food handling protocol
- Gloves will be available for anyone who wishes them.

Masks

- Masks will not be required as long as social distancing can be maintained with these exceptions:
 - A mask must be worn during registration at the registration table; and
 - A mask must be worn will collecting food at the BBQ area; and
 - A mask must be worn by greeters (see contract tracing)
- Masks will be available at the registration table and BBQ area
- No one will be discouraged from wearing a mask at any time.

Port-a-potties

- A port-a-potty will be placed in central location

Contract tracing

- All competitors, supporters and spectators will be greeted as they enter the match site. The greeter will record a name and phone number for responsible person from each vehicle.
- Greeters will direct traffic to proper location
- Entrance will be managed from 8:00am to 3:00pm

Method of controlling capacity limits

- not required

Method of social distancing

- We expect all individuals to be responsible in maintaining 2 metre spacing. Where this is not possible a mask is to be worn. See "Masks".
- Greeters at entrance will inform of mask requirements

Signage

- Signs will posted in the area of the entrance, registration table and BBQ

Screening

- Screening signage will be posted at entrance and at registration table.

Distribution of this document

- Will be reviewed and approved by email.
- Approved copy will be distributed electronically to all directors, members, and volunteers prior to the match
- Will available to all at the registration table.