

Mercury National 2021

Frequently Asked Questions on COVID-19 Protocols



- Q** Why isn't Mercury just running the event like they traditionally do, now that people are getting vaccinated and COVID-19 restrictions are being relaxed?
- A** *Restrictions are relaxed, not eliminated. We maintain safety for anglers and their families as our first priority in all aspects of our tournament.*
- Q** Why can't there be crowds at the event?
- A** *We are following CDC guidelines, which recommend social-distancing measures, including the avoidance of public gatherings. Safety for everyone is our paramount goal while we maintain our tournament standards.*
- Q** Why are you eliminating boat boards?
- A** *This change also aims at maintaining a safe environment by eliminating the need to hand out and collect the boat boards. We are attempting to minimize close interpersonal interactions and handling of items touched by others.*
- Q** Why will there be no coffee and no morning breakfast sandwiches provided?
- A** *Restrictions are relaxed, not eliminated. We maintain our top priority of promoting the safety of anglers and their families in all aspects of our tournament. Food and beverage services would encourage gatherings and touching common items — which, per CDC recommendations, we are seeking to avoid.*
- Q** How can my family and friends follow me in the event?
- A** *The best way to follow the event is to watch coverage online at MercuryNational.com. The website will provide live video of the weigh-in from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Plus, a continually updated leaderboard will help website visitors follow the action.*
- Q** Why are you changing the location of the registration and rules meeting to the Fives Giddings & Lewis parking lot?
- A** *This is a large parking lot that will allow enough space for a socially distanced registration process. We will have four registration locations in the lot, each well separated from the others. This will reduce contact among anglers and tournament staff. The rules meeting will be done via live streaming, so it will give participants the option of either staying or watching from their hotels or homes.*