



TCA Safety Survey

The impact of Covid-19 on professional cycling

The first months of racing has shown that the teams and riders are taking the UCI COVID protocols seriously. However, there have been instances where the protocols have been difficult to maintain and TCA has taken the opportunity to measure the impact of COVID-19 on professional cycling and help identify any issues to ensure future races meet the correct standards.

This survey has been send out right after the Giro Rosa (September 2020) to our members. The survey has been send to all our members (road, track, mtb, cx riders), the majority who took the survey are road riders.

The aim of the survey is to get feedback from the women's peloton, understand their needs and fears.



What concerns you most during races? (multiple answers allowed)



- ▶ Spectators not taking necessary safety measures (68,8%)
- ▶ Riders not taking the necessary Covid-tests, or safety measures (43,8 %)
- ▶ Race organizer not respecting Covid-Protocols (37,5%)
- ▶ Media & journalists not respecting the Covid-protocols (35,4 %)
- ▶ Anti-doping staff not respecting the Covid-protocols (29,2 %)
- ▶ Riding in the bunch (10,4 %)



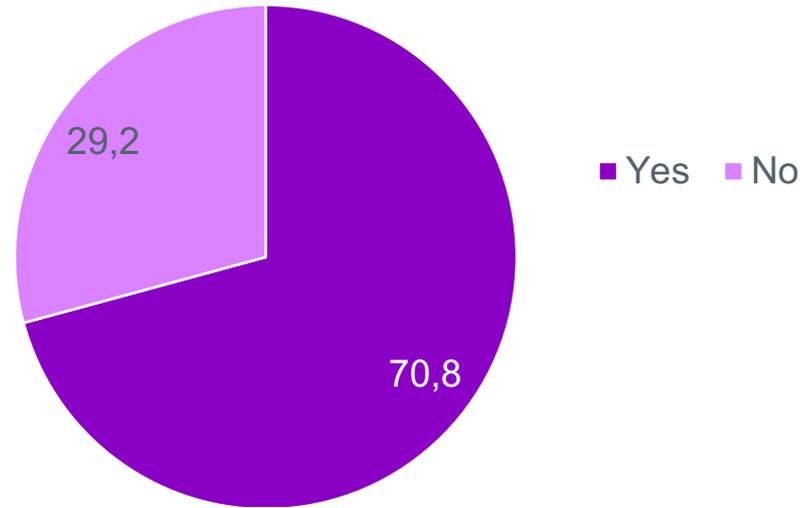
What worries you most around racing? (multiple answers allowed)



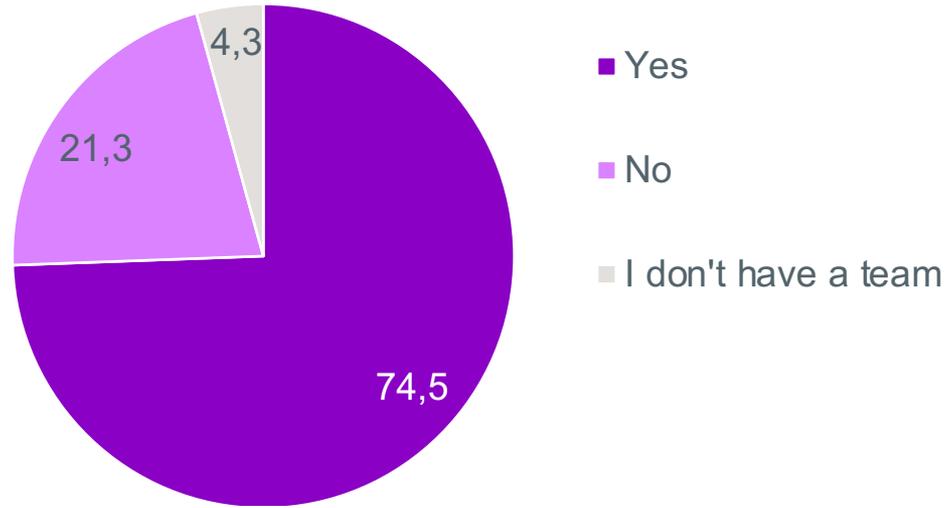
- ▶ Getting infected during traveling (81,3%)
- ▶ Accommodation / Lodging (hotels, restaurant/buffets, other guests in hotels) (64,6 %)
- ▶ Team staff not taking necessary safety measures (16,7 %)
- ▶ Media & journalists not respecting the Covid-protocols (35,4 %)
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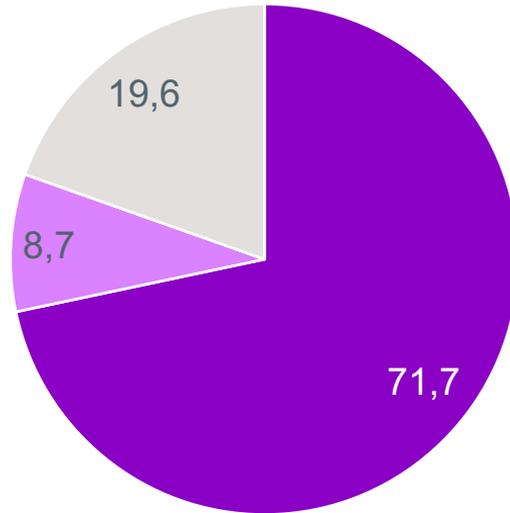
Do you feel race organizers are respecting the Covid-protocols?



Does your team provide clear health and safety protocols?



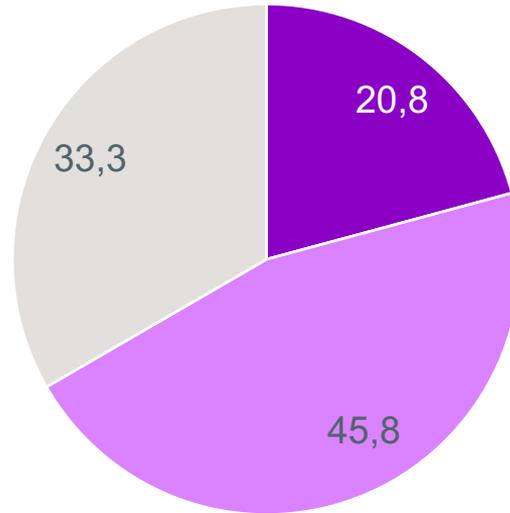
Does your team has a team doctor?



- Yes, and I can contact him/her if I want to
- Yes, but I'm not allowed to contact him/her myself
- No



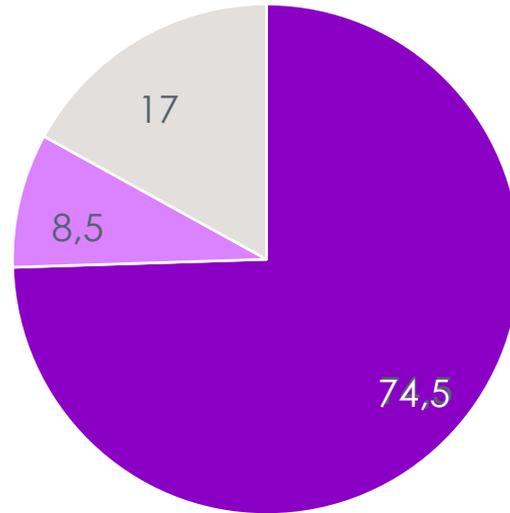
Who arranges the Covid-testing?



- I need to arrange this myself
- My team arranges this for me
- Both - - Sometimes my team arranges, sometimes I have to arrange it myself



Who pays for your Covid-testing requirements?



- The team covers the cost
- I cover the cost
- Sometimes the team covers the cost, sometimes I cover the cost.



Raceorganizers adhering to Covid Protocols:

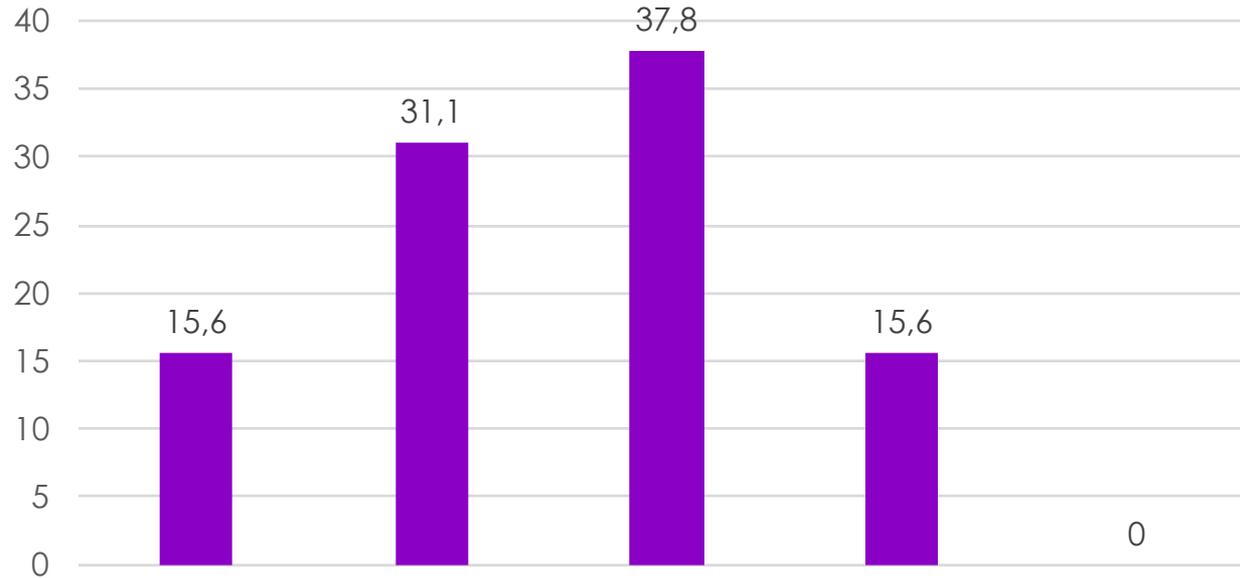


- ▶ What races have been doing well so far in adhering to the Covid Protocols in your opinion?
 - La Course
 - Strade Bianche
 - GP Plouay

- ▶ What races have NOT been doing well so far in adhering to the Covid Protocols in your opinion?
 - Tour Cycliste Féminin International de l'Ardèche
 - Giro Rosa
 - Emakumeen Nafarroako Klasikoa
 - Open answer: “All MTB Races, there are no proper protocols”



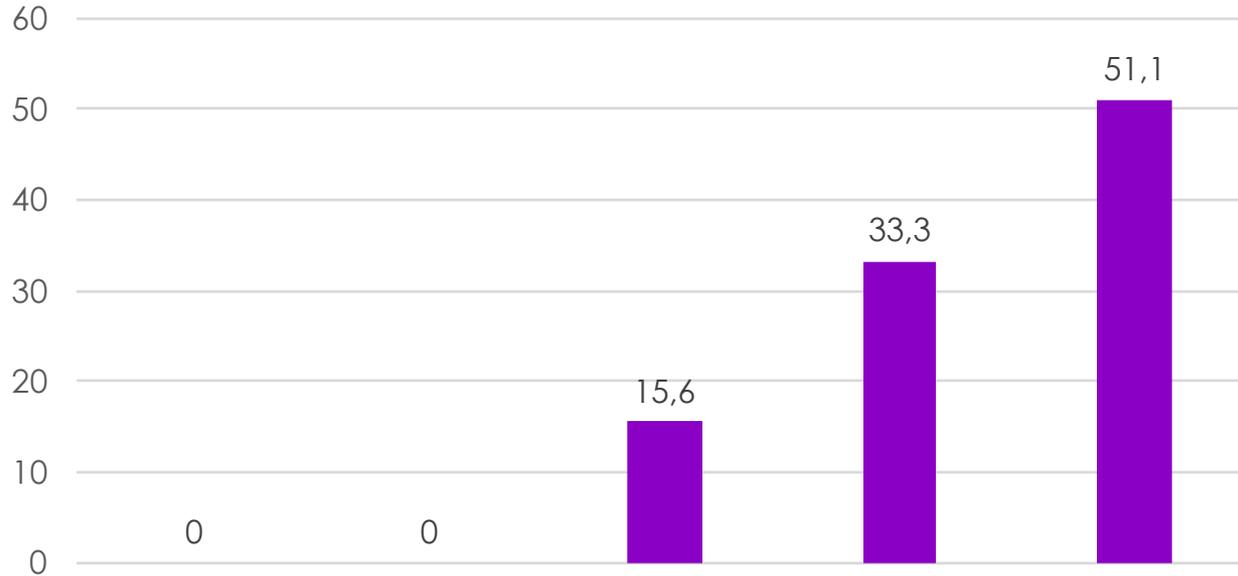
How do you feel about the role the UCI takes in this Covid pandemic?



I'm NOT confident the UCI is being responsible ←→ I'm confident the UCI is being responsible



How do you feel about the support of the TCA in this Covid pandemic?



I'm not happy with the level of TCA support ←→ I'm happy with the level of TCA support



- ▶ We do not truly operate as a "bubble". The lag time between testing and travel to events creates opportunities for infection.
- ▶ It's scary to have teammates who work also at a regular job and meet many people.
- ▶ There are often not enough toilets at the race side, they are dirty and there is no place to wash hands
- ▶ Standing next to spectators right at the start line without any masks, and the race staff also not properly wearing any PPE or masks around riders before and after the race.
- ▶ It has been difficult to travel and be with family under the teams strict COVID protocols
- ▶ I've had to take multiple tests at home when I'm there briefly and it's stressful.
- ▶ I have also had to remain in some counties in order to be able to get back into others. For example; not entering the UK from Spain so staying on the road in France which disrupts training and is stressful.
- ▶ Being granted permission to race by the UCI despite no result for second COVID test.
- ▶ We can not race international races because our insurance is not valid.
- ▶ Teammates flying in from a country with orange zone and did not go in the advised quarantine.





Summery

- Riders feel that the **COVID-19 protocols are not being followed** by organisers, teams, and other groups attending races (in particular spectators)
- Nearly **a third of riders still have no team doctor** or no access to one
- **A fifth have to arrange their own COVID-19 testing** and nearly a tenth pay for their own tests
- Alongside a significant increase in cases throughout Europe there has now been an increase in COVID-19 cases amongst teams and riders
- There is no guidance for what happens when positive tests arise between one day races scheduled close together
- The UCI have declined to comment on at what point the risk will be declared too great for racing to continue



Summery

We want to support our riders through this pandemic and ensure their safety is maintained whilst racing. As a result of the survey and recent events we have the following questions:

- At what point does racing become too great a risk, not just for riders and their teams, but for the race organisation and general public?
- Is the UCI able and willing to fully enforce the guidelines it has set out?
- Are organisers and teams truly able to operate in safe 'bubble' environments to minimise the risks to riders, team and race staff?



THANKS TO ALL RIDERS
FOR THEIR INPUT

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