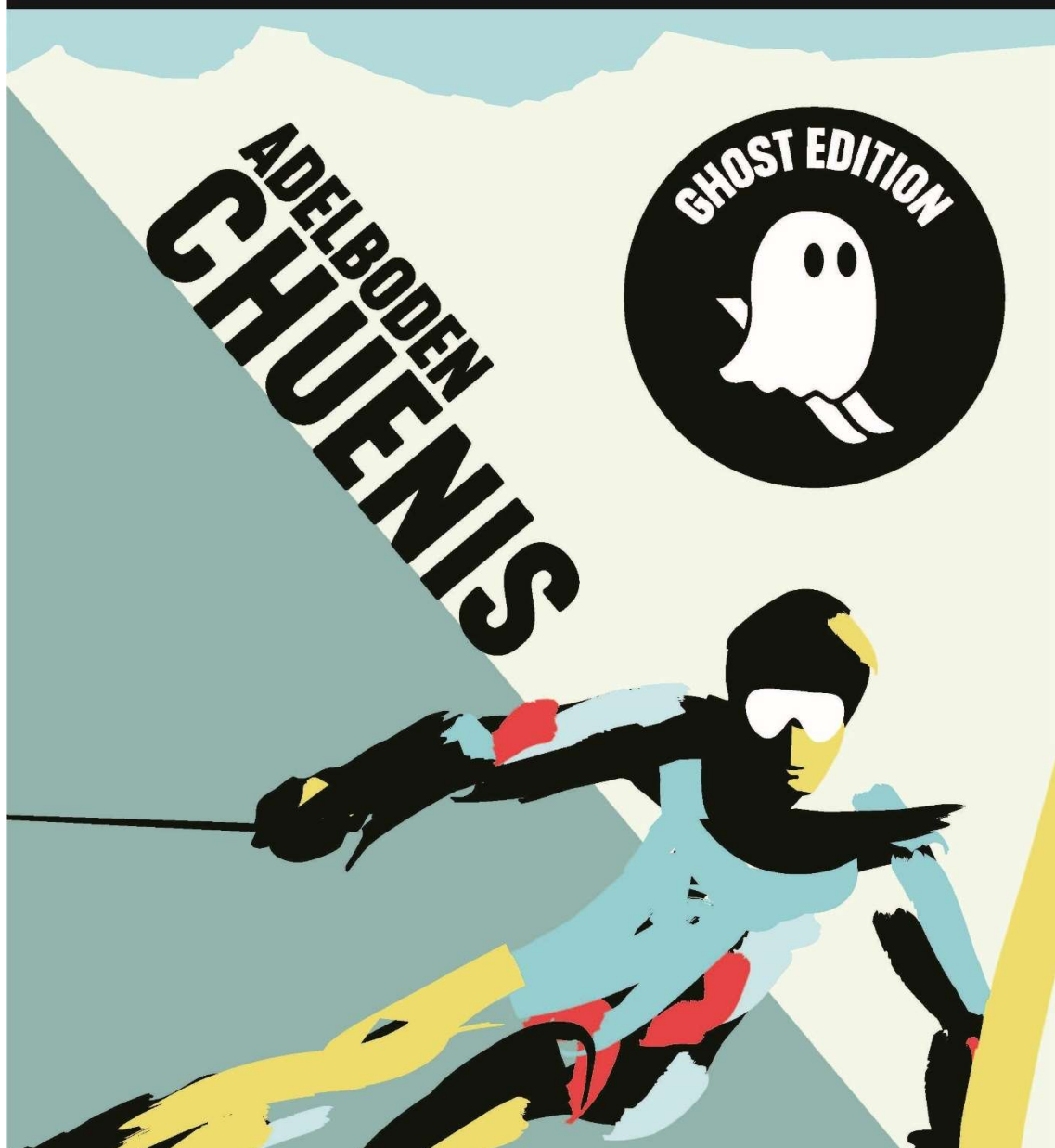


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1 Introduction

The safety measures of Ski World Cup Adelboden are based on the protection concept of Swiss Ski.

The LOC task is to implement the safety measures before, during and after the event to ensure safe conditions for all involved as well as for the public health of the destination Adelboden.

The LOC appeals to all participants of the Ski World Cup Adelboden to strictly adhere to the guidelines and instructions.

Since regulations of the authorities change on a regular basis and at short notice due to the development of the epidemiological situation, an up-to-date flow of information to all stakeholders is important. For this purpose, we have set up the following websites in German as well as in English:

German Version	English Version
http://www.weltcup-adelboden.ch/teams	http://www.weltcup-adelboden.ch/teams-en
http://www.weltcup-adelboden.ch/media	http://www.weltcup-adelboden.ch/media-en
www.weltcup-adelboden.ch/staff	-

Ski World Cup Adelboden has submitted the protection concept to the municipality as well as to the cantonal authorities. The concept includes:

- Swiss Ski basic protection concept for the World Cup 2020/21 as part of the general safety concept of Ski World Cup Adelboden
- Annexes of the basic protection concept for the World Cup 2020/21
- Zone plans and detailed plans
- List of accredited persons
- Risk analysis (only in German)

The concept of Ski World Cup Adelboden was approved by both authorities.

This concept and its consequent field of activities are based on and subject to the following overall guidelines:

- National, cantonal und communal directives (mainly guidelines and directives of the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health FOPH) and its regular updates
- Guidelines and directives of the Fédération Internationale du Ski FIS and its regular updates (FIS COVID-19 Prevention Guidelines, FIS COVID-19 World Cup Risk Management and Testing Protocol)
- Swiss frame directives to sports events (BASPO and Swiss Olympic, 22-06-2020)
- Swiss Ski basic protection concept for the World Cup 2020/21
- Cooperation and mutual support between Adelboden and Wengen World Cup races and other organisers

Due to changing regulations this protection concept undergoes continuous adaptations.

2 Objectives of the Ski World Cup Adelboden

- Safeguarding the health of all athletes, employees and volunteers on site is the top priority for Ski World Cup Adelboden.
- Ski World Cup Adelboden acts in accordance with the principles of solidarity and maintains strict compliance with all provisions and regulations imposed by the Swiss federal government and the cantons. The fight against COVID-19 and the containment of the virus are of paramount importance to Ski World Cup Adelboden.
- The processes and rules contained in this protection concept are clear and easy to understand and ensure that those responsible for sporting events can go about their work safely and securely.

3 COVID-19 organisation Ski World Cup Adelboden

3.1 Covid-19 Commissioners (before and after the event)

COVID-19 Hotline	+41 33 673 70 69 (open from 6 am to midnight; until January 20)
Race Office <i>Located at the "Schulhaus Boden"; open from 30 December to 11 January</i>	Audi FIS Ski World Cup Adelboden Ski-Weltcup Adelboden AG Dorfstrasse 40 3715 Adelboden +41 33 673 70 60 info@weltcup-adelboden.ch
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Project Manager Teams	Martin Hari +41 33 673 70 60 m.hari@weltcup-adelboden.ch
COVID-19 Officer	Dr. med. Kathrin Blunschli + 41 33 673 70 69 (COVID-19 Hotline)

3.2 COVID-19 Event Task Force (during the event)

Covid-19 Officer from the LOC	Dr. med. Kathrin Blunschli
FIS representative	Markus Waldner
Swiss-Ski representative	Dr. med. Walter O. Frey
Representative from the LOC	Christian Haueter

Tasks of the event task force:

- Implementation of safety concept during event
- Implementation of current regulation and directives
- Connecting link of LOC to Canton/FOPH
- Implementation of procedures and measures in case of symptomatic accredited person
- Implementation of procedures and measures in case of COVID-19 positive person

4 Principles of the Ski World Cup Adelboden and protection against transmission of infection

In the interest of sport and with respect to the LOC and the entire population of Adelboden, all those present commit themselves to implementing and complying with the necessary measures in a spirit of solidarity and with a high degree of self-responsibility.

The health of all those involved has the highest priority. To be able to guarantee this, we adhere to the following guidelines:

PLEASE HELP TO KEEP THE RACES SAFE...

OUR PRINCIPLES

- Observe the hygiene rules
- Keep your distance of 1.5m
- Masks compulsory
- Record contact data (Contact Tracing)
- Activate the SwissCovid App
- Separation of groups (No mix with different colour groups)
- Symptom free to the event

Thank you for your solidarity!

The following basic measures are mandatory:

- Wash and disinfect your hands as often as possible
- Keep distance of 1.5m from each other
- Wear masks
- Stay away in case of symptoms
- Swiss COVID-19 App

In all important locations posters and signposts inform about these basic measures.

For all sports events, the following health and epidemiological requirements of the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH) and Swiss Olympic apply:

- [Link FOPH](#)
- [Link Swiss Olympic](#)

4.1 Hand Hygiene

In private as during the event a good hand hygiene is of utmost importance. Wash your hands regularly, disinfect them and every time before and after you put on/off your mask.

4.2 Keep your distance

If possible, keep a distance of 1.5 meters or more. Social distancing is even more important indoors and while eating/drinking.

4.3 Protective masks

At Ski World Cup Adelboden masks are generally compulsory on the entire site and in all venues. Exceptions are defined in the relevant appendices and as follows:

- Group Red: athletes during competition, eating and drinking as soon as seated
- Group Blue: strenuous physical activity, eating and drinking as soon as seated
- Group Yellow: strenuous physical activity, eating and drinking as soon as seated

Certified buffs are allowed on slopes and on chair lifts. In all other locations certified hygiene mask as mouth and nose protection or FFP2 masks are mandatory. There are designated disposal boxes for masks in all important locations.

4.4 SwissCovid App

The SwissCovid App is recommended for all persons with a Swiss mobile phone number.


4.5 Health declaration

All participants and members/helpers of the organisation have to confirm that they have not been in contact with any person with a COVID-19 infection within the last 10 days before the event. They also have to confirm that they are not experiencing any typical acute respiratory symptoms (e.g. cough, sore throat, shortness of breath), fever, muscle pain or sudden onset of anosmia or ageusia (loss of sense of smell or taste) in the last 48 hours before the event. Accompanying persons are only allowed to the event in the absence of the above symptoms. Anyone who does not feel well must stay away from the event!

Everybody seeking accreditation must answer the FIS Health Questionnaire in best knowledge and sign the accreditation request (except group Red: by FIS passport). During the event, every registered member of the groups Red, Blue and Yellow has to answer the health questionnaire on a daily basis in self-responsibility. If one of the answers indicates a risk, notification to the superior or via COVID-19 hotline is compulsory.

5 Separation of individual groups

In accordance with FIS and Swiss-Ski guidelines, all persons involved in a World Cup event are divided into groups. The groups must be strictly separated from each other, and procedures must be planned so that these groups of people do not mix with each other. There are no spectators in 2021 at Audi FIS Ski World Cup Adelboden. Each group is identified and defined by their colour as follows:

Red	Every person that is part of the World Cup retinue or are in direct contact with them. These are specifically the athletes (incl. the forerunners), trainers, coaches, service staff and FIS employees
Blue	Every person that is helping to organise proceedings on the course, in the start and finish zones or at other event venues: volunteers, race officials, emergency services, civil defence, the Swiss Armed Forces and contractors.
Yellow	All media workers, such as host broadcasters, journalists and reporters for television, newspapers, online portals and radio, as well as photographers and technicians
Green 	This colour group will be excluded at the Ski World Cup Adelboden. Only persons of the colour groups Red, Blue and Yellow with an effective working function will be accredited at the Ski World Cup Adelboden in order to reduce the number of persons on site

All relevant details and safety measures for each group are defined in the red, blue and yellow appendices.

A person can only belong to one colour group (exceptions possible in special cases) and should avoid mixing with people from other colour groups.

All entries and exits from a colour zone must be recorded using an app or access list. The LOC keeps a list with an overview of all accredited persons.

The different zones are defined and shown on the zone map in the appendix. The traffic flows are directed in such a way that the colour groups do not mix with each other.

6 Event Rules and Regulations

6.1 Accreditation

The accreditation center is located in the Schulhaus Boden next to event site at Chuenisbärgli. The location has signed entrances and exits, the desks are protected by plexiglass panes, all visitors must wear masks. A corresponding map can be seen in the appendix.

The accreditation office in Adelboden will be open from 8 am to 9 pm on January 7, 2021.

In order to receive an accreditation, applicants must sign and bring with them the relevant colour appendix. The accreditation must be picked up in person for people from the color groups yellow and blue.

The accreditation in the form of an armband must be worn at all times.

The condition for accreditation for the colour group Red is:

1. Complete all information in the FIS C-19 database at least 12 hours before collecting accreditation, i.e.
 - a. Negative COVID-19 PCR test result including date of acceptance and laboratory certificate and
 - b. FIS whereabouts and
 - c. FIS health questionnaires
2. Athletes who have been tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 in the last 3 months up to at least 14 days before accreditation (October 5 to December 24, 2020) and are symptom-free for 48 hours or more do not have to do a new test. The positive test result must be uploaded to the FIS C-19 database.¹
3. Bring the signed red colour annex from the protection concept to receive accreditation.

Important note: Arrivals with missing documents - especially those without an official negative laboratory test result - will not be issued accreditation. You will therefore not have access to all facilities on the event site and will have to go into self-isolation until the documents have been completed.

¹This regulation applies exclusively to athletes and not to all persons to be accredited from the colour group "Red".

6.2 Contact Tracing

Seamless contact tracing for the traceability of close contacts is a central task of the organiser. The contact was close if you were less than 1.5 m apart from another person for more than 15 minutes (cumulative on one day) and there was no protection.

In order to implement contact tracing the following applies:

- All persons involved are recommended to use the Swiss Covid App;
- List of all persons present must be kept;
- Attendance will be recorded as follows: accreditation list, entry lists, lists of volunteers and military personnel present;
- Attendance lists have to be kept for 14 days. They can be requested by the health authorities at any time during this period.

The detailed contact tracing for the respective colour groups is regulated in the colour appendices.

The accreditation (the armband) with the QR code is the central element for contact tracing!

1. The accreditation as an armband serves as contact tracing and must be worn on person at all times and may under no circumstances be passed on to third parties.
2. In order to ensure contact tracing, all persons must check in and out of the checkpoints in the morning, during the day and in the evening.

6.3 COVID-19 Test

Colour Group Red

All persons in the Group Red must undergo a Covid-19 PCR test prior to arrive to the Audi FIS Ski World Cup Adelboden and present a negative result in order to receive accreditation (see accreditation). The test was carried out no more than 72 hours previously. The process is regulated and described in more detail in the appendix Red under "Covid-19 Testing".

For Audi FIS Ski World Cup Adelboden 2021 the following applies:

- The COVID-19 PCR test must be carried out prior to arrival and must not be older than 72 hours (accreditation open from January 7th; test must be carried out from 3th to 5th January 2021).
- Athletes who have tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 in the last 3 months 2020 up to at least 14 days before accreditation (October 5th to December 24th, 2020) and are symptom-free for 48 hours or more do not have to do a new test. The positive test result must be uploaded to the FIS C-19 database.¹
- Athletes and coaches that are present in Zagreb can be tested in Zagreb. Please get in touch with the LOC in Zagreb. These tests are accepted in Adelboden and must be uploaded to the FIS C-19 database.
- No general test infrastructure is available in Adelboden. Only people with symptoms are tested after contacting the COVID-19 hotline on+41 33 673 70 69.

¹This regulation applies exclusively to athletes and not to all persons to be accredited from the colour group “Red”.

Transfer to Wengen

All persons in the group Red who travel to Wengen must present a negative COVID-19 PCR test result for accreditation. The following test options are available:

Accreditation from January 11, 2021 for speed athletes and coaches: Tests will be done in Adelboden according to the survey of the teams from mid-December. The time slots of the test will be communicated individually. Tests will be made on January 9, starting at 3:30 pm.

Accreditation from January 15, 2021 for technical athletes and coaches: Test to be done after prior registration by no later than January 1st, 2021 in the drive-in test center Interlaken. Ski World Cup Adelboden gets in touch with each team. A later registration for tests at the drive-in test center Interlaken will not be accepted. Testing will be conducted from 2 to 4 p.m. on January 13th, 2021. The teams must travel individually by car to Interlaken. The results are sent to the tested person within a maximum of 24 hours.

The costs of the test are to be paid on site with credit card by the person tested/responsible and amount to CHF 250.

Tests for colour group Blue and Yellow

The following persons of the colour group Blue and Yellow undergo an antigen COVID-19 quick test less than 72 prior to accreditation:

- Staff LOC and Race Office
- Staff Media Center
- Staff Team Hospitality
- Staff local broadcaster within finish and starting area (working in colour zone Red)
- Staff LOC within finish and starting area (working in colour zone Red)

6.4 Symptoms during the event

Each accredited person has the duty to check himself for symptoms every day and go into self-isolation and notify his superior including the COVID-19 Task Force via hotline as soon as symptoms occur. The Task Force will decide on the next steps to take according the provisions and regulations set out by the cantonal authorities.

Main Symptoms are (Federal Office of Public Health FOPH):

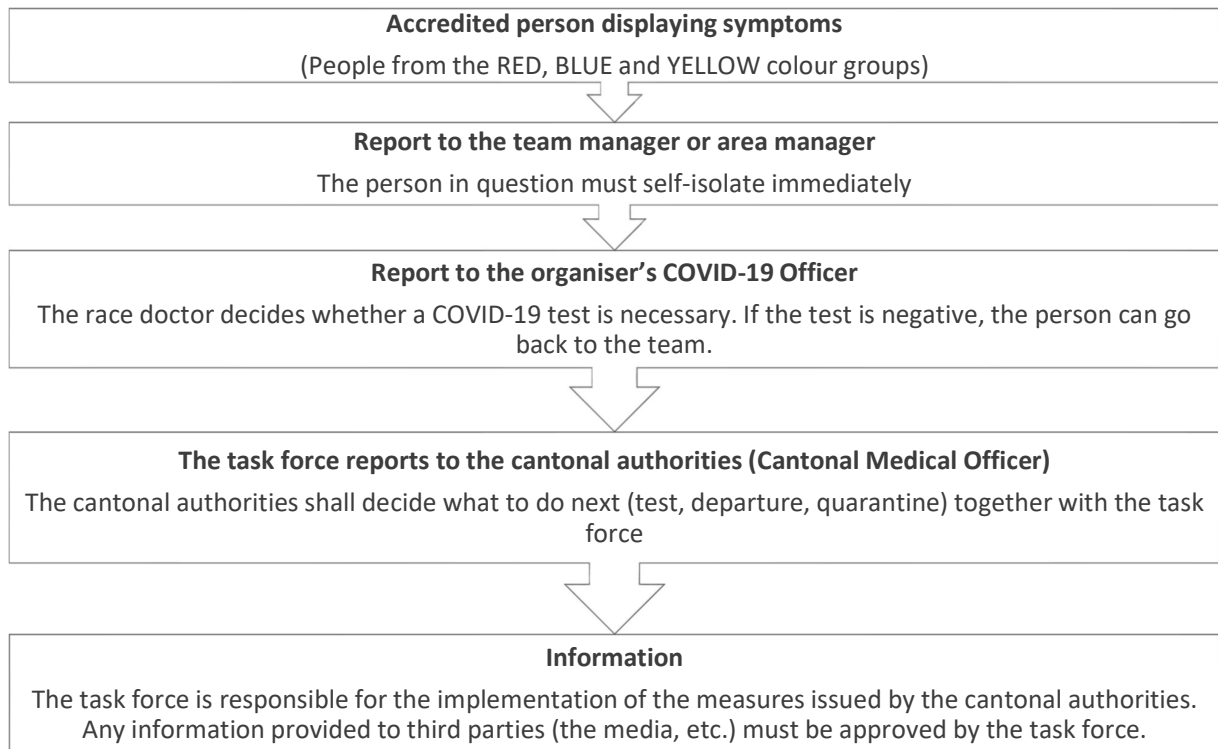
- Respiratory illness symptoms (sore throat, cough (usually dry) shortness of breath, chest pain)
- High temperature
- Sudden loss of sense of smell and/or taste

Other symptoms may include:

- Headache
- General weakness, feeling unwell

- Aching muscles
- Gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, stomach ache)
- Head cold
- Skin rash

Procedure when symptoms occur:



Positive COVID-19 Test

In case an accredited person tests positive for COVID-19 the Event Task Force will decide on further steps taking in to account the national, cantonal and communal directives. Without a contradicting decision by the task force the following procedures take place:

Isolation: the accredited and COVID-19 positive person must undergo isolation. In case of important or severe symptoms the patient must be consulted by the team doctor or at the local health facility. The LOC provides further space for isolation in case the rooms reserved by the teams are not sufficient. The costs for isolation/quarantine of members in Group Red or Yellow are borne by the COVID-19 positive person.

Contact Tracing: seamless tracing of close contacts is a central task of the LOC (contacts without protective measures within 72h ahead of the positive COVID-19 test, cumulative duration of more than 15 minutes in a distance below 1.5 meters). The contact tracing starts with the notification to the Cantonal Medical Officer and is performed by the cantonal authorities (support by LOC).

Three pathways/devices will support the contact tracing:

- individual history of the COVID-19 positive tested person
- following the information from the LOC's attendance checking app, where every entry and exit into the different areas are recorded
- following the information in the Swiss COVID-19 App

Those persons with significant contact must undergo quarantine.

Swiss Covid App: to support the contact tracing the Swiss Covid App must be activated to secure that persons with contact can be informed with the COVID-19 positive person remaining anonymous

End of isolation: in case of a symptomless patient the isolation takes 10 days. To terminate the isolation a symptomatic patient must stay without symptoms for 48h (minimum remains 10 days)

7 Event Organisation

7.1 Entry requirements Switzerland

According to the Federal Office of Public Health, travellers from states and areas with an increased risk of infection must go into quarantine ([link entry regulations BAG](#)). The list of risk areas is continuously updated.

Important note about the entry requirements of the canton of Bern for athletes and their indispensable accompaniment in connection with Audi FIS Ski World Cup Adelboden 2021.

People entering from risk areas * must show a negative laboratory result of a COVID-19 PCR test. The laboratory result must not be older than 72 hours. The people or teams must be fully registered. At the request of the cantonal medical office or special staff, the team captains or the person responsible must be able to present a complete list of all incoming persons and the negative test results. The entry registration list of the Canton Bern will be sent to all teams and can also be downloaded on the website for the teams.

Important instructions:

1. Persons who are not subject to the mandatory entry quarantine in accordance with the instructions of the Federal Office of Public Health do not have to present a laboratory result.
2. People who have tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 in the last 3 months and up to 10 days before arrival (October 5th, 2020 - December 27th, 2020) and are symptom-free for 48 hours or more do not have to do a new test. The positive test result must be presented upon entry and on request. People who are still in isolation or show symptoms are not allowed to enter. A positive test from December 28th, 2020 results in 10 days of isolation and entry is accordingly prohibited.
3. Persons who are subject to the entry quarantine obligation according to the Federal Office of Public Health must strictly adhere to this outside of racing operations and training.
4. Persons who show symptoms or persons without a negative test result* are not allowed to participate in the World Cup and are therefore not allowed to enter the country.

*Risk area: Please note the list that is continuously updated by the BAG (Federal Office of Public Health)

7.2 Transfer to the event site

Transportation of the individual groups to the event site must be organised individually.

If teams/nations do not have the possibility to organise transport themselves, it will be organised by the LOC. During transport there must be no contact between or mixing with other groups (exception: drivers wear FFP2 mask). Transport organised by the LOC is subject to the Federal Office of Public Health guidelines, the wearing of a mask is compulsory.

Parking spaces at the event site are signalized according to the color group. A corresponding map can be seen in the appendix.

7.3 Catering on the event site

A separate catering area is provided for each colour group. There will not be any self-service buffets. These must be staffed. Catering on the race days is provided in the form of pre-packaged drinks and food, which can be picked up independently at a service station. Closed rooms are regularly ventilated, tables, chairs and other surfaces are cleaned after each meal.

Team Hospitality start area GS

The hospitality team at the start is located in the garage for the snow groomers by the Chuenisbärgli chairlift with TV and snacks. The number of places is limited. Only 1 athlete and 1 coach are allowed. Please keep the necessary distance and observe the hygiene measures strictly.

Team Hospitality finishing area

The hospitality tent is located at a new location directly in the finish area (see plan in appendix). Cold and warm meals are offered.

The hospitality tent is divided into 2 separate catering areas. One is available to the athletes and max. 1 coach per team, the other area is available to all other coaches/service men. Within the catering area, the tables are assigned by nation. The number of places is limited. Please strictly adhere to the distances and observe hygiene measures!

7.4 Team Captains Meeting

The Team Captains Meeting will take place at the Aula of the Sekundarschule Dorf. By limiting the number of present participants enough space will be generated. The room will be ventilated and aired regularly. Tables, chairs and other surfaces are cleaned and disinfected regularly.

Eligible participants present at Team Captains Meeting:

- FIS: number of FIS participants will be determined by FIS
- LOC: 2 persons present
- Race Office: 1 person present
- Swiss Timing: 1 person present

The Team Captains Meeting will be accessible to all outside participants via videoconference (Software gotomeeting). The link will be provided.

7.5 Media Conference

Whether a media conference will be held has yet to be defined. If a media conference is held, the following requirements apply:

Physical access to the media conference will be limited to the athletes and representatives of FIS and the LOC. The conference takes place at the the Aula of the Sekundarschule Dorf. The conference will be accessible to all outside participants via online livestream.

7.6 Award ceremonies

The award ceremonies will be held exclusively in the Finish Area /on the event site. Participants will be limited to the athletes and one representative each of FIS and LOC.

7.7 Crowd management outside the event site

Spectators are not allowed in the finish area as well as along the race slope. In order to increase safety, Ski World Cup Adelboden has decided together with Bergbahnen Adelboden AG to close the partial ski area Chuenisbärgli and Höchst for general public skiing during the race days. The finish area is widely cordoned off.

Security personnel and police at the venue will disperse crowds.

8 External facilities and providers

National and cantonal safety regulations valid at the time and the currently valid safety concept of the relevant facility or provider apply to the use of external facilities and providers such as mountain railways, cable cars, chair lifts, accommodation (hotels/holiday homes, etc.), restaurants etc.

8.1 Hospitality

As a rule, the safety concept of GastroSuisse applies ([link to Gastro Suisse website](#) – only in German).

The different teams are not allowed to mix with each other with respect to catering. Sufficient sanitary and catering facilities are available for each colour group. Serving of meals will be at the counter.

Closed rooms are regularly ventilated. Tables, chairs and other surfaces are cleaned and disinfected after each meal and group.

8.2 Hotels

In general, the protection concept defined by HotellerieSuisse applies ([link to HotellerieSuisse website](#) – only in German).

Each team must reserve an additional room so that any people within the team suspected of having COVID-19 can isolate in the said room.

If there are other hotel guests in the same hotel, they must not be allowed in the same areas of the hotel as the people from the Red group. During mealtimes, the colour groups and the different teams must not be allowed to mix with one another.

8.3 Mountain railways and cable cars

The respective operator of the facilities is responsible for the detailed protection concept in the ski region. The basic protection concept drawn up by Seilbahnen Schweiz shall serve as the basis ([link to the Seilbahnen Schweiz website](#) – only in German).

When using the mountain railways, people from all colour groups must wear a mask. In the case of chair lifts and gondolas, it should be ensured that people from the Red group do not mix with other groups or external parties, where possible. When queueing, the Red group are to be provided with a separate entrance.

In order to increase safety, Ski World Cup Adelboden has decided together with Bergbahnen Adelboden AG to close the partial ski area Chuenisbärgli and Höchst for general public skiing during the race days. The finish area is widely cordoned off.

9 Communication

9.1 Communication towards national teams

The LOC Adelboden informs the national teams via the FIS calendar about this protection concept. Significant changes due to new guidelines and directives will be communicated accordingly. All up-to-date information can be found on : <http://www.welcup-adelboden.ch/teams> (German version) / <http://www.welcup-adelboden.ch/teams-en> (English version)

9.2 Communication towards LOC Wengen

The LOC Adelboden is in touch with LOC Wengen and send them this protection concept to allow a smooth transfer of teams between these events. Swiss Ski will coordinate the process.

9.3 Internal information

All heads of department acquaint themselves in advance with the applicable protection measures based on the present protection concept and the integrated appendices.

9.4 Information on site

At important and prominent points throughout the entire event site, FOPH information boards and posters will be installed, pointing out the applicable safety guidelines. The race speaker will make regular announcements about the guidelines and measures and pass on important current information. This channel can be used for both internal and external stakeholders. The purpose of this channel is to ensure that no crowds form at entrances and exits.

9.5 Communication towards media

Communication towards media takes place by the Task Force and the LOC according to the communication concept valid at the time.

10 Responsibility

This protection concept and its consequent field of activities are based on and subject to the following overall guidelines:

- National, cantonal und communal directives (mainly guidelines and directives of the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health FOPH) and its regular updates
- Guidelines and directives of the Fédération Internationale du Ski FIS and its regular updates (FIS COVID-19 Prevention Guidelines, FIS COVID-19 World Cup Risk Management and Testing Protocol)
- Swiss frame directives to sports events (BASPO and Swiss Olympic, 22-06-2020)
- Swiss-Ski Basic Safety Concept and its regular updates

This concept will be approved by Swiss Ski, the communal and cantonal authorities and FIS.

The responsibility for implementing and monitoring the defined measures lies with the LOC Adelboden. The corresponding Covid organisation and responsibilities are defined in paragraph 3. The LOC reserves the right to expel persons who do not comply with the protective measures from the event site and to withdraw their accreditation.

All participants in the Ski World Cup Adelboden must sign a declaration before receiving accreditation that the present safety concept and the relevant colour appendix have been read and understood. This ensures individual instruction and correct implementation. The declaration to be signed is attached at the end of the relevant colour appendix.

Participants in the event are obliged to implement the prescribed measures consistently and to report any symptoms of illness immediately to the COVID-19 Hotline.

The safety concept and its regular updates are published online and accessible to everyone.

The operators of external facilities / providers are responsible for the corresponding general conditions and safety concepts of the respective facility / provider.

All participants are to adhere to the safety concept in the spirit of solidarity and with a high degree of personal responsibility.

11 List of attachments

1. Plan overall overview
2. Detailed plan event site
3. Detailed plan event site with inscriptions
4. Detailed plan finish area
5. Detailed plan starting area GS
6. Detailed plan starting area SL
7. Detailed plan team hospitality finish area
8. Swiss Ski basic protection concept for the World Cup 2020/21
9. Annexes to Swiss Ski basic protection concept for groups “Red”, “Blue” and “Yellow”