

Protection Protocol World Cup Final Lenzerheide 2021

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1. Introduction

A Covid-19 protection protocol approved by the authorities will be drawn up for the Audi FIS Ski World Cup Final 2021 in Lenzerheide. This protection protocol was established based on the Swiss-Ski protection protocol. The measures were adapted to the needs of the Audi FIS Ski World Cup Final 2021.

The protection protocol covers the three phases of construction, event and dismantling and is exclusively valid for the Audi FIS Ski World Cup Final 2021. The cantonal and communal authorities will decide on the staging of the World Cup event. In addition to that the requirements of the International Ski Federation (FIS) must also be considered.

For reasons of readability, the masculine form has been chosen in the present protection protocol and in the associated appendices, although the information refers to members of both genders.

2. Objectives

- > Safeguarding the health of all athletes, employees, volunteers onsite is the top priority.
- The organising committee acts in solidarity and strictly adheres to the guidelines of the federal government and the canton of Graubünden. Containing and combating Covid-19 are of paramount importance to the organisers.
- The processes and rules of the concept are clear and comprehensible.

2.1 General Measures

The protection protocol is based on the following principles:

- > Ordinance on Measures during the Special Situation to combat the COVID-19 Epidemic (SR 818.101.26), (as at 8. February 2021)
- COVID-19 Ordinance Special Situation of 19. June 2020 (SR 8181.101.26); Amendment of 2. September 2020. (major events), (as of 8. February 2021)
- > FOPH (BAG) New coronavirus: Frequently Asked Questions (as of 21.02.2021)
- ⇒ Basic provisions for sport (Federal Office of Sport (FOSPO/BASPO) and Swiss Olympic, 22.06.2020)



FOPH guidelines



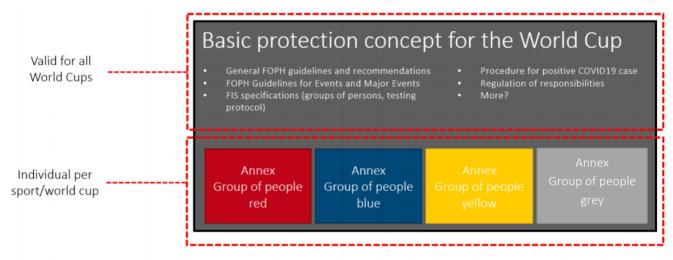
Swiss Olympic guidelines



3. Structure of the basic protection protocol

The present protection protocol regulates the general points for the staging of the Audi FIS Ski World Cup Final 2021 in Lenzerheide. The protection protocol consists of the following documents:

- Protection Protocol Audi FIS Ski World Cup Final 2021
- Annexes according to the groups of people (red, blue, yellow)
- Swiss-Ski protection protocol
- ▶ Preliminary list of accredited participants (to be updated)



Responsibility for implementation at the LOC

3.1 Annexes according to the FIS groups of people

The detailed points are defined in the annexes Red, Blue and Yellow. Various groups of people are represented in these colour groups.

The colours are defined 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), coaches, support staff, service staff, FIS staff, jury, Swiss Timing, Swiss-Ski Marketing, start judges, camera racers, Audi Handling Team, EBU, medical staff.
Blue	Every person that is part of organising on the course, in the start and finish zones or at other event locations: 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, media staff, social media crew.
Grey	Core team «all access» Every person that needs access to various areas, such as members of the core OC, technicians, ambulance, EBU, FIS, SRF/TPC.



Each person can only belong to one colour group and may only mix with people from another colour group in exceptional circumstances. Every person that requires access to more than one colour group will receive a grey accreditation. People who are to be provided with a grey accreditation must present a negative PCR test or be affiliated to the cantonal testing strategy of the canton of Graubünden when collecting the grey accreditation card. A person is generally assigned to the colour group in which they sleep and eat. When crossing into another zone, the wearing of an FFP2 mask is mandatory.

Every person leaving or entering a zone must be recorded by scanning the accreditation.

- > The zone plan of the event site defines the areas for each of the three colour groups. Traffic flows are managed so that the colour groups do not mix.
- The grounds will be closed at 17:30. After closing, the areas are lifted and certain people such as cleaners, signage, catering, etc. can enter the entire site. These people will have the letter A on their accreditation.
- An overview list of all accredited people is kept.

4. Covid-19 Organisation

Only healthy people may be admitted to the event. People with Covid-19 symptoms must stay at home. By signing the according colour attachment, the accredited people confirm that they comply with this guideline and that they will immediately report to the organiser's Covid-19 hotline in case of any symptoms or contact with infected people.

Common symptoms include: a high temperature, cough, shortness of breath, breathing difficulties, loss of smell and taste.

The virus is predominantly transmitted by droplet infections or via aerosols. This means that transmission can occur through the smallest, infectious secretions, such as those released when coughing, sneezing or even when speaking. Should these secretions be breathed in or find their way, for example, onto your hands and then you touch your face (particularly your mouth, nose or eyes), this can result in an infection.

4.1 Hygiene and protective measures

The hygiene and protective measures put in place by the Swiss federal government and the cantons must be adhered to.

All people must be enabled to wash their hands on a regular basis. For this purpose, hand disinfectants and soap must be made available at publicly accessible washbasins.

All surfaces must be cleaned regularly. An adequate number of waste bins must be provided, specifically for the disposal of tissues and face masks.

All sanitary facilities are thoroughly cleaned twice daily at 06:00 and 11:00. All interior surfaces and shuttle buses are cleaned regularly, and basic cleaning is carried out at least once a day. The cleaning is handled by Niki Services AG and coordinated by Patrik Wyrsch.



4.2 Protective masks

Masks must be worn on the entire event site. Exceptions are set out in the different colour annexes. People who must enter a different zone are obliged to wear an FFP2 mask upon entering the different zone. Furthermore, all helpers working indoors must wear an FFP2 mask. In principle, FFP2 masks are recommended for all event participants.

4.3 Covid-19 Test

Red

On arrival, the red group must present a PCR test that is max. 48 hours old and recognised in the country it was taken. The procedure is regulated and described in detail in the appendix "Red". If symptoms occur during the race week, the symptomatic person must immediately contact the Covid-19 hotline. Testing facilities are available in Lenzerheide. All costs are at the expense of the person tested (helpers at the expense of the organiser). **Exception:** All persons arriving directly from the World Cup in Åre (Sweden) require a PCR test that is no more than 72 hours old.

Yellow

The yellow group must present a PCR test that is max. 48 hours old and recognised in the country it was taken. The procedure is regulated and described in detail in the appendix "Yellow". If symptoms occur during the race week, the symptomatic person must immediately contact the Covid-19 hotline. Testing facilities are available in Lenzerheide. All costs are at the expense of the person tested (helpers at the expense of the organiser).

Blue

People in the blue group do not need to be tested beforehand. If symptoms occur during the race week, the symptomatic person must immediately contact the Covid-19 hotline. Testing facilities are available in Lenzerheide. All costs are at the expense of the person tested (helpers at the expense of the organiser).

Grey

All people requiring access to multiple zones must join the cantonal testing strategy or require a PCR test that is no more than 48 hours old at the time of accreditation.

The organiser may order tests for entire colour groups at any time.

4.4 Contact Tracing

One of the main tasks of event organisers is to ensure that a seamless system of contact tracing for close contacts is in place. Close contact is defined as a prolonged (> 15 minutes) or repeated distance of less than 1.5 metres without protective measures.

The following applies to the implementation of contact tracing:

- ▶ Presence lists of all people present are guaranteed via accreditation. This record must be retained for 14 days. Health authorities can demand to see the attendance record at any time during this period.
- When entering and leaving a colour zone (red, blue, yellow), the QR codes of all people are scanned so that it can be traced who was in which zone and when. Furthermore, the QR codes are also scanned when entering and leaving areas where catering is offered (team hospitality, media centre).
- ▶ In addition, contact tracing will be carried out for each table in the volunteers' tent. Rolf Schumacher (responsible for catering) is in charge of implementing this contact tracing.



4.5 Procedure in case of symptoms

Accredited person with symptoms

People from the Red, Blue, Yellow or Grey colour group



Report to team leader or area manager

The person in question must self-isolate immediately



Report to Joel Bieri (Covid 19 Officer)

Immediate call to the Covid-19 hotline (078 240 65 50)

After consultation with Norina Messmer (Covid-19 doctor), the person will be taken by a separate shuttle to the practice "Arztpraxis Bergamin" in Lenzerheide.



Test at the Covid-19 test centre and if necessary examination by Norina Messmer (Covid 19 doctor)

If there are symptoms, a test is carried out immediately. If there are serious symptoms, the person will be examined by Norina Messmer. Furthermore, a decision is made in agreement with the Covid-19 Task Force as to whether other people who were in close contact with the possibly infected person must quarantine as a precautionary measure.



In the event of a positive case: report to the cantonal authority (cantonal doctor Jörg Schneider).

The cantonal authority decides together with the task force on further procedures (departure, isolation of affected person, quarantine of contact people, etc.).



Information

The task force is responsible for implementing the measures issued by the cantonal authority. Any information to third parties (media, etc.) must be approved in advance by the task force.

Maurin Malär (Head of Communications), Reto Küng and Carmen Lechner (Media Team) are responsible for the communication of a positive case. Active communication is the goal. First, all the people on the premises are informed via SMS service. This will be followed by information to the media and possibly via social media.



4.6 Covid-19 Officer

Covid-19 officer at the Audi FIS Ski World Cup Final is Joel Bieri. His responsibilities are as follows:

- > To act as an interface to the canton/federation
- > To serve as the point of contact for all teams
- > To support the teams upon their arrival
- Responsible for the operation of the Covid-19 hotline (01.03. 31.03.2021, 06:00 24:00)
- > To manage contact tracing and the implementation of a framework for complying with all regulations

The Covid-19 Officer is part of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) Task Force and ensures the flow of information from accredited individuals and authorities to the Task Force.

The COVID-19 Officer must be available to the cantonal authorities to provide information on people up until 14 days after the event.

4.7 Task Force

The Corona Task Force of the Ski World Cup Final Lenzerheide is composed of the following representatives:

- Covid-19 Officer of the LOC Joel Bieri
- Covid-19 doctor of the LOC Norina Messmer
- > FIS representative Markus Waldner / Peter Gerdol
- Swiss-Ski representative Walter O. Frey
- ▷ Crisis communication Reto Küng/Carmen Lechner/Maurin Malär (will only be consulted in the event of a positive case)

From 10/03/2021 to 21/03/2021, there will be a daily taskforce meeting at 18:00. The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

- 1. Review
 - a. Symptoms or positive cases within the colour groups
 - b. Implementation of the protection protocol
- 2. Areas for improvement
- 3. Pending issue
- 4. Survey

A hotline for Covid-19 questions will be available during the event days. The hotline will be manned daily from 06:00 - 24:00 by Joel Bieri or a deputy appointed by him. The number of this hotline is: +41 78 240 65 50

5. Event Determination

5.1 Accreditation

In order to obtain accreditation, the corresponding colour annex must be signed. By doing so, each accredited person confirms that he or she will comply with the provisions listed in the colour annex and that he or she will take the specified steps in the event of symptoms or contact with an infected person. For the red group, further obligations apply, which are regulated in the "Red" annex under "Information and reporting obligation".



Different accreditation sites are defined for each colour group.

The accreditation and the according armband must always be worn visibly on the arm. When entering a zone or an indoor area (team hospitality, media centre, helper tent), the QR code shown on the accreditation will be scanned.

5.2 Team captains meeting

At the Team Captains Meeting (TCM) the number of present participants is reduced to a minimum: these are representatives of the FIS, the LOC, the timekeeping and a maximum of 2 representatives per nation. Other support staff, media and athletes can follow the TCM via a livestream.

The FIS may adapt the regulations of the TCM at short notice. The LOC must ensure that the safety distance for the participants can be maintained and is appropriately large.

In addition, it should be possible to ventilate the room. No catering will be provided at the TCM. Masks are compulsory for all people present.

5.3 Start Number Drawing and Distribution

The start numbers will be distributed to the athletes at the start before the race. The opening hours of the race office are as follows: from Sunday 14.03.2021 daily from 06:00 - 19:00.

5.4 Transfer to the event site

The transport of the individual groups of people to the event site must be organised individually. If teams do not have the possibility to organise transport themselves, it will be organised by the LOC. There must be no contact or mixing with other groups of people during the transport. The chauffeur must wear an FFP2 protective mask during the journey.

5.5 Catering on the event site

A separate catering area is provided for each colour group or packed lunches are distributed daily. For the red group, a separate area will be set up for the men and their supervisors and a separate area for the women and their supervisors. Within the team hospitality area, tables will be allocated by nation. In the Media Centre, seats will be allocated by name.

There will not be any self-service buffets. These must be staffed. Masks are compulsory in all catering areas and may only be removed during meals.

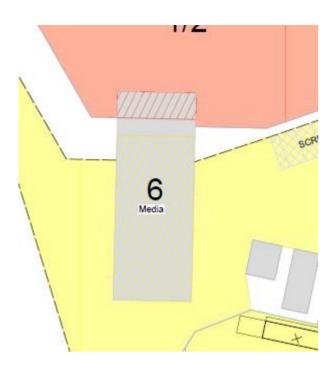
5.6 Award Ceremony

The award ceremonies will be held exclusively in the finish area on the event site. The participants are limited to the athletes and one representative each of the FIS and the LOC. Prizes will not be handed over to the athletes. The prizes will be made available either on the podium or on a table provided for this purpose and collected by the athletes themselves.

5.7 Press conference

The press conferences (PCs) will be held in the media centre in a separate red area with a separate entrance and exit. This will allow people from the red and yellow group to attend the PCs with sufficient distance between them. Athletes and media representatives must wear masks for the entire duration of the PCs.





6. External facilities and companies

If external facilities or companies are used – e.g. sports facilities, mountain railways, accommodation facilities (hotels/campus, etc.), restaurants, etc. – the national and cantonal protection regulations valid at that time, and the protection protocol employed by the facility in question, shall apply.

The people responsible for the event shall contact the organisations in advance and check the feasibility of the protective conditions.

6.1 Hotels

In general, the protection protocol defined by HotellerieSuisse shall apply (Hygiene and Protection (hotelleriesuisse.ch)).

If a team is accommodated in double rooms, an additional room must be reserved so that any people within the team suspected of having COVID-19 can isolate in said room.

In principle, the different colour groups are not divided into same hotels.

If there are other hotel guests in the same hotel, it is imperative that they are physically separated from the red, yellow or blue group. Colour groups and different teams may not be mixed during meals. As regards the form of catering, the same point shall apply as listed in Section 5.5 (Hospitality).

6.2 Mountain railways

Lenzerheide Bergbahnen AG (LBB) is responsible for the protection protocol in the ski area. The protection protocol by Seilbahnen Schweiz shall serve as the basis (<u>Link Seilbahnen Schweiz</u>).

Masks are compulsory for all colour groups when using the mountain railways. On chairlifts and gondolas, the colour groups are not to be mixed. When queuing, each colour group is provided with a separate entrance.



7. Communication

7.1 Providing information to the National Ski Associations (NSA)

The organiser is obliged to inform the National Federations about the specifications of the event with the announcement. After the first notification of the NSA teams, the organiser has to inform continuously about the legal changes. Together with the national and cantonal authorities, the entry regulations for the NSA teams shall be defined. In addition, all national federations will be informed in advance about the applicable Covid-19 regulations.

7.2 Review and approval of the protection protocol

The cantonal and communal authorities are responsible for reviewing and approving major events. The local organising committee is responsible for creating the protection protocol and will work in close collaboration with the cantonal authorities in doing so.

7.3 Arrangements between the organisers

In addition to a valuable exchange within the Swiss World Cups and the LOC, the exchange of information with the organisers of the previous and subsequent World Cup is also very important. In this way, experiences, challenges and expectations can be anticipated early.

7.4 Department and area managers

All department, section and area managers shall read up on the applicable protective measures within the basic protection protocol and the integrated annexes.

7.5 General information in the event area

The applicable safety guidelines must be displayed in the form of information tables and placards at noticeable key points throughout the entire grounds (e.g. in places where people may congregate). In addition, there will be speakers providing announcements that refer to the guidelines. The speakers will make announcements providing up-to-date and important information. This channel can be used both for internal and external stakeholders. This channel can also be used to ensure that crowds do not gather at entrances and exits.



8. Responsibility

All participants adhere to the protection protocol in solidarity and with a high degree of personal responsibility!

The responsibility for the implementation and control of the defined measures lies with the responsible event organisers.

Everyone involved in the World Cup event must sign a declaration that they have read and understood the relevant colour annex before receiving accreditation. This will ensure individual training and correct implementation. The declaration is attached at the end of each corresponding colour annex.

Participants are obliged to implement the prescribed measures consistently and to report any symptoms of illness immediately.

The operators of external facilities / operations are responsible for implementing and adhering protection protocols of the respective facilities / operations.

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