

# Protection Concept

## FIS Freeski & Snowboard World Cup Corvatsch, Silvaplana

**FIS Freeski World Cup : 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021**  
**FIS Snowboard World Cup: 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

### I. Introduction

A Covid-19 protection concept approved by the cantonal authorities is required for the staging of a professional sport event involving up to 1000 people.

On February, 25<sup>th</sup> 2021, the Corvatsch AG in collaboration with Swiss Ski and the International Ski Federation FIS has confirmed the take over of the cancelled World Cup Final “FIS Snowboard World Cup Slopestyle” originally planned in Spindleruv-Mlyn on the same dates (CZE).

The FIS Freeski & Snowboard World Cup Corvatsch (Silvaplana) is an important event for the Engadin St. Moritz tourist region and has a high national and international profile. The event is of huge importance for the economy and tourism, which is why the local organising committee (LOC), the national association Swiss Ski (NSA) as well as the international ski association FIS have a great interest in a safe and successful implementation.

In order to hold the World Cup events, the LOC must first obtain a permit from the cantonal authorities. The protection concept will be validated by Swiss Ski with the support of a group of FOSPO experts and covers all phases of the event (building infrastructure, event with training and dismantling).

The present protection concept is valid for the FIS Freeski & Snowboard World Cup Corvatsch (Silvaplana) on 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and it is based on the following:

- Currently valid Covid-19 FOPH directive
- New framework for sport events (FOSPO and Swiss Olympic, 22.12.2020)
- FOPH hygiene and social distancing rules.
- Swiss Ski Basic Protection Concept World Cup November 2020
- FIS Covid-19 Prevention Guidelines



The present protection concept for the FIS Freeski & Snowboard World Cup, Corvatsch (Silvaplana) on 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021 complies with the latest recommendations of the federal government, canton and associations.

## **2. Aims of the FIS Freeski & Snowboard World Cup, Corvatsch (Silvaplana)**

- The health and safety of all persons involved (athletes, staff, volunteers, media representatives etc.) is a top priority.
- The LOC adheres strictly to the federal and cantonal regulations. The containment and control of Covid-19 is of the utmost importance.
- The processes and rules of the concept are clear and comprehensible. They give the LOC and thus the respective departmental heads security in their approach.

## **3. Characteristics of the FIS Freeski & Snowboard World Cup, Corvatsch (Silvaplana)**

The FIS Freeski & Snowboard World Cup, Corvatsch (Silvaplana) on 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021 can be characterised as follows:

- It takes place in the open air and in public spaces.
- It occupies mainly public but also closed rooms (meetings, accommodation, catering, gondolas and chairlifts, start and finish area).
- It is divided into specific areas for participants, helpers and other people involved in the organisation.
- Participants are committed nature lovers, disciplined and environmentally aware.
- Participants are expected to assume a high degree of personal responsibility.

Due to these characteristics, the FIS Freeski & Snowboard World Cup, Corvatsch (Silvaplana) on 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021 is predestined to be held in compliance with the Covid-19 prevention goals.



## 4. Principles of the FIS Freeski & Snowboard World Cup, Corvatsch (Silvaplana)

The following principles are paramount to the organisation of the FIS Freeski & Snowboard World Cup, Corvatsch (Silvaplana):

- In the interest of sport and with respect to the OC and the entire population, 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.
- Only those who are completely healthy, have no previous illnesses or disease/Covid-19 symptoms nor have been in contact with sick persons during the last 14 days may take part in the event. All persons must comply with the specific requirements of the FOPH.
- All persons with a previously diagnosed Covid-19 infection, whose PCR-Test result is still positive at the moment of accreditation, will not be accredited.
- All persons belonging to the annex “Red” and “Yellow” must present a negative PCR-Test done at the latest 72 hours before picking up the accreditation. Antigen – Quick Tests or Saliva Tests are not accepted.
- All persons belonging to the annex “Blue” will be submitted to the Graubünden company testing process (currently on-going in the canton Graubünden) or to a quick test right before the accreditation to certify that the person is negative to the Covid-19. A negative PCR-saliva test or quick test will be mandatory before accreditation.
- All persons travelling by airplane into Switzerland must present a negative PCR-Test upon arrival at any Swiss int. airport. For further information on travel restrictions please liaise to [FOPH](#).
- All professionals (teams, officials etc.) attending the FIS Freestyle World Championship from March 10<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> and the immediately following FIS Freeski & Snowboard World Cup in the slope-style discipline on March 20<sup>th</sup> in Aspen (USA) will receive an official invitation letter to support their entry to Switzerland. The letter will inform the teams about the possible exemption from quarantine and their participation to the FIS Freeski & Snowboard World Cup Corvatsch.
- The minimum social distance (1.5 m) applies to the entire event site and must be observed at all times.
- Wearing FFP2 masks is compulsory everywhere and at any time except during the competition run. Members of the medical team wear FFP2 masks and gloves during the entire event.

## 5. Protection against transmission of infection

The three main transmission routes of the new coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) are:

- Close contact: if a person maintains a distance of less than 1.5 metres to a sick person.



- Droplets: if an infected person sneezes or coughs, the virus finds its way directly onto the mucous membranes of another person's nose, mouth or eyes.
- Hands: infectious droplets get onto the hands when coughing and sneezing or touching the mucous membranes. From there the virus is transmitted to surfaces. Another person can then transfer the virus to their hands and it can get to their mouth, nose or eyes if they touch their face.

There are three main means of preventing transmission:

- Social distancing, cleanliness, disinfection and hand hygiene
- Protecting particularly vulnerable persons
- Social and occupational segregation of patients and persons who have had close contact with patients

The principles for preventing transmission are based on the main transmission routes mentioned above. Transmission through closer contact, as well as transmission by droplets, can be prevented by keeping a distance of at least 1.5 metres or by physical barriers. To prevent transmission via the hands, regular and thorough hand hygiene by all persons and cleaning of frequently touched surfaces are important.

## 5.1 Hand hygiene

All persons in the organisation clean their hands regularly. Staff and volunteers wash their hands regularly with soap and water or disinfect them with a hand sanitizer. This is particularly important when arriving at the workplace, when changing from one activity to the next, before and after breaks and toilet visits. Disposable towels and sanitizers are provided at all entrances and exits.

## 5.2 Keeping your distance

All persons keep a distance of 1.5 m from each other. Distances are ensured by floor markings or with barrier tape. Working groups are separated from each other in zones and spaces and must not mix.

## 5.3 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 14 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). Anyone who does not feel well must stay away from the event!



## 5.4 Protection measures LOC

The members of the LOC and volunteers wear protective masks and are obliged to disinfect their hands regularly. Shaking hands when greeting is not allowed. Hand sanitizers are available wherever necessary. A distance of 1.5 metres is to be maintained wherever possible.

## 5.5 Swiss-Covid App

The use of the Swiss-Covid app is recommended to all persons involved. Excluded from this recommendation are professional groups (e.g. paramedics), who are regularly in contact with Covid-19 suspected and confirmed cases due to their daily work. They are recommended by their main employer not to use the Swiss-Covid App.

## 5.6 Volunteers who are particularly vulnerable

Volunteers who are considered to be at risk are recommended to refrain from volunteering during the pandemic period. According to the FOPH, the following persons are considered to be particularly vulnerable:

Adults of an advanced age and / or with the following pre-existing condition

- High blood pressure
- Cardiovascular diseases
- Diabetes
- Chronic respiratory diseases
- Cancer
- Diseases and therapies that weaken the immune system
- Obesity grade III (morbid, BMI  $\geq 40$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>)



## 6. Covid-19 organisation on site

### 6.1 Covid-19 Commissioners & LOC Task Force

The Covid-19 commissioners of the FIS Freeski & Snowboard World Cup, Corvatsch (Silvaplana) are the following:

- Alexander Delvendahl (Covid-19 Medical Commissioner)
- Daniel Schaltegger / Elisa Fiacca (Responsible Commissioners for implementation of and compliance with the protection concept)

The following tasks are the responsibility of the Covid-19 Commissioners:

- Point of contact for teams
- Support of arriving teams (establish contact with authorities / support by Swiss-Ski)
- Responsible for contact tracing / implementation of current regulations

The in-house LOC Task Force consists of:

- Daniel Schaltegger (Head of LOC): [dani@innvent.ch](mailto:dani@innvent.ch) 0041 79 290 01 50
- Alexander Delvendahl (Covid-19 Medical Commissioner, contact for teams and for cantonal/federal authorities): [covid.help@corvatsch.ch](mailto:covid.help@corvatsch.ch) 0041 81 838 73 11
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### 6.2 Extended Event Task Force

During the event an extended task force will be in operation. It consists of the following members:

- Covid-19 Medical Commissioner of the LOC: Alexander Delvendahl
- Representative FIS:  
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This Task Force will decide on further procedures and possible measures to be taken if accredited persons show symptoms and test positive.



## 7. 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.

Each group is identified and defined by their colour as follows:

<b>Red</b>	All persons who are travelling with or are in direct contact with the World Cup team. In particular these are athletes (incl. forerunners), coaches, support staff, service staff, the closest management of the athletes, FIS, startline judges, camera crews in the start house, finish area and in the leader box (close distance to athletes).
<b>Blue</b>	All persons involved in the organisation on the track, in the start/finish area or at other locations of the event: volunteers, race officials, emergency organisations, civil defence, army, contractors.
<b>Yellow</b>	All media professionals such as host broadcasters, journalists and reporters from television, newspapers, online portals and radio, photographers, technicians.

All relevant details are defined in the red, blue, 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.

## 8. Event Rules and Regulations

In the following paragraph, measures are described which will enable the World Cup events at Corvatsch (Silvaplana) to be carried out safely.





## 8.1 General Measures for Events

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](#)

Rahmenvorgaben für Sportveranstaltungen

**Spirit of Sport**  
heisst jetzt ...

**Hygieneregeln**  
des BAG einhalten

**Abstand**  
halten  
1,5m

**Symptomfrei**  
an die Veranstaltung

**Kontakt Daten**  
erfassen (Contact Tracing)

**SwissCovid App**  
aktivieren (gemäss Empfehlung Bund)

**Gesichtsmaske**  
tragen

**swiss olympic**

Gültig ab 1. Oktober 2020



## 8.2 Race Office & Accreditation

In order to receive an accreditation, applicants must sign and bring with them the relevant colour appendix and fill in a current FIS Health Questionnaire. If questions in the FIS Health Questionnaire are answered with "Yes", a Covid-19 test must be taken on site. Until the negative test result is received, the applicant must go into self-isolation. All obligations for each group are described in the appendix "Red", "Yellow" and "Blue".

National teams will receive their accreditation in the Race Office, which is located in the "Pichalain" in front of the Corvatsch valley station (small wooden house on the road in front of the hotel "Nira Alpina") in Silvaplana-Surlej.





FIS, Media and Voluntari will receive their accreditation in the Accreditation Office, which is located in front of the Corvatsch valley station in Silvaplana-Surlej.

The race office & accreditation office will be open at selected times and all persons will be invited to pick up their accreditation at specific times, which will be communicated in advance. The desks are protected by plexiglass panes, All visitors must wear FFP2-masks.

Due to the strict safety regulations, the LOC must limit the number of accredited persons. In accordance with the FIS quota, only team officials have access to the team zones and sport-relevant zones. Medias must be accredited personally (specific times will be set).

The LOC reserves the right to refuse admission to the event if the regulations of the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH) are not complied with.

**Important note: Arrivals with missing documents will not be issued accreditation. You will therefore not have access to the facilities on the event site.**

### 8.3 Protective masks

At the FIS Freeski & Snowboard World Cup, Corvatsch (Silvaplana) FFP2-masks are compulsory on the entire site and in all venues. Exceptions are defined in the relevant appendices and as follows:

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

Masks must always cover both mouth and nose simultaneously. Regular and repetitive violation of this rule will lead to a block of the accreditation and eventually to a monetary penalty from the local authorities.

### 8.4 Hygiene and protection measures

Disinfectants are provided within all zones. The LOC also keeps a reserve stock of protective masks.

### 8.5 Covid-19 test

The “Red” and “Yellow” Group must certify a negative PCR-Test in the run-up to the event. The procedure is regulated and described in more details in the appendix "Red" and “Yellow”. Unless the test is done on site, the certificate must be written in English or German.

If an applicant needs to make a PCR-Test on site before accreditation, during the event or after the event for the next destination, the following procedure has been put on place.

- Alle applicants belonging to the “Red” and “Yellow” annex must make the appointment for themselves and pay on site for the test.



Appointments for PCR-tests to applicants belonging to the “Blue” annex will be organized and paid by the LOC.

- The LOC will provide the sanitary institution of a list with the applicant details, including last name, first name, DOB and email-address.
- Antigen - Quick Tests will be done in the Covid-Test-Center in the Corvatsch valley station. These are not valid for issuing accreditation to the “Red” and “Yellow” group. They will be accepted for the “Blue” group.
- The following sanitary location is responsible for PCR-Test:

PolyClinic St. Moritz AG  
Plazza Paracelsus 2  
CH-7500 St. Moritz

Regular opening times: Monday – Friday, 08:00-12:00 am, 02:00-06:00 pm  
Contact number during regular opening times: 0041 81 830 80 40

Special opening times (TBC)  
Contact number during special opening times: 0081 81 830 80 44

Cost and payment of PCR-Test: approximately CHF 160.-, to be paid on site, by credit card or Swiss Francs (no other currencies are accepted).

Results will be delivered to the email address of the tested person.

Test done before 09:30 am -> result on the same day between 07:00-08:00 pm (valid also on Saturday and Sunday)

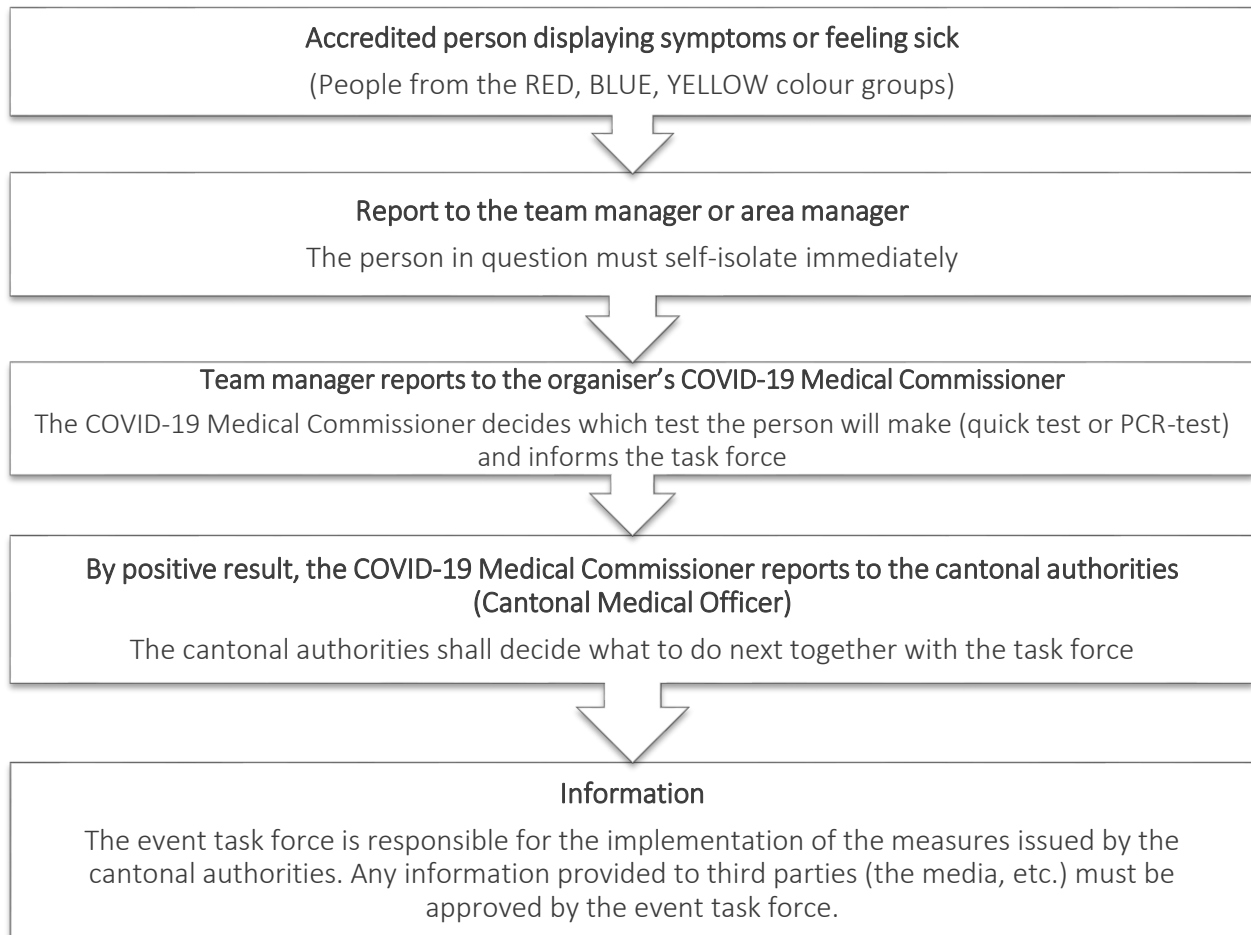
Test done after 09:30 am until 06:00 pm -> result on the following day at 04:00 pm

## 8.6 Persons with Covid-19 vaccination already done

All persons belonging to a Red or Yellow group that already underwent a vaccination process against Covid-19 in their respective countries will receive the accreditation only by presenting a negative PCR-test done at the latest 72 hours before picking up the accreditation.



## 8.7 Covid Contact Point



A Covid Contact Point will be established behind the Corvatsch valley station. People with symptoms will be able to register here. Affected persons will be brought to the test station with a special Covid vehicle (Covid-Mobil). A certified FFP2 mask must be worn in the Covid-Mobil.

## 8.8 Mid-term Covid-19 testing during the event

All persons with arrival date before Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 2021, and departure date after Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 2021, will be submitted to a mid-term Covid-19 quick-test on the event site.

These persons will be tested on either on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, or on Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 2021. This process will give an additional security to the event organizers and all persons attending the event.



## 8.9 Contact tracing

Seamless contact tracing for the traceability of close contacts is a central task of the organiser. A close contact is defined as one that lasts longer (> 15 minutes) or repeatedly falls short of a distance of 1.5 metres without any protective measures being taken.

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, registration list at each table in the catering area.
- 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.

All attendance lists are collected daily and stored in the Covid container.

## 9 Event organisation

In the following paragraph details of the event organisation are regulated.

### 9.1 Transfer to the event site

Transportation of the individual groups to the event site must be organised individually. The following groups are responsible for their own transfer:

- Teams
- TV
- Voluntari

During transport there must be no contact between or mixing with other groups (exception: drivers). Transport organised by the LOC is subject to the BAG guidelines, the wearing of a mask is compulsory.

### 9.2 Catering on the event site

A separate catering area is provided for each group.

In the case of the Red Group, the restaurant of the Middle Station Murtèl will be closed to the public guests during the FIS Freeski & Snowboard World Cup Week (22<sup>nd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> March 2021). The restaurant and the toilet facilities will be designated only as catering area for the Red Group.



The catering area for the Red Group allows a maximum capacity of 120 persons at the same time. By coordinating the access to the catering area with the trainings and competition times, teams and red accredited persons will access the catering area in different times.

In the athletes catering area each athlete will be allowed to bring a maximum of one person with himself/herself (physio, manager, coach etc.). This extra person must have an accreditation for the red group.

The blue and yellow accredited persons have a separate catering area and separate toilets.

In each table of each catering area there will be a list. On the list each person or team must enter: team name or his/her name, at what time he sits, at what time he leaves the table. The lists will be stored over 14 days after the end of the event to guarantee contact tracing.

### **9.3 Alcohol**

No alcohol will be consumed or sold on the entire event site.

### **9.4 Team Captains Meeting**

In the Team Captains Meetings (TCM), the number of physically present participants will be reduced to a minimum: necessary representatives FIS (determined by FIS) and a maximum of 3 representatives LOC. The meetings will be accessible to all participants via online livestream.

### **9.5 Media conference**

No media conferences will be held during the FIS Freeski & Snowboard World Cup, Corvatsch (Silvaplana).

### **9.6 Award ceremonies**

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

### **9.7 Start numbers: drawing and issuing**

There will be no public draw of start numbers. The bib numbers will be drawn at the online Team Captains Meeting, athletes will obtain their bib numbers at the start.



## **9.8 Crowd management outside the event site**

Spectators are not allowed to enter the Corvatsch Park. It is possible to watch the event near the race track but it is not allowed to form groups along the course.

Spectators are required to wear a mask and to observe the FOPH's hygiene and distancing regulations throughout the event. In the public area along the course, the maximum number of spontaneous gatherings is limited, subject to the FOPH's rules on distance and hygiene. We appeal to their personal responsibility for complying with this guidance. Spectators are themselves responsible for compliance with the protective measures issued by the FOPH.

Persons outside the event area, for example at the edge of the ski run, are instructed by the LOC to maintain the prescribed distance from one another and to comply with the regulations of the FOPH.

## **10 Communication**

The following paragraph deals with aspects of communication. A communication concept with corresponding information fact sheets is provided in a separate document.

### **10.1 Heads of Department**

All heads of department acquaint themselves in advance with the applicable protection measures on the basis of the present Protection Concept World Cup and the integrated appendices.

### **10.2 Information flow**

At important and prominent points throughout the entire event site, FOPH information boards and posters will be installed, pointing out the applicable protection 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.

## **II External facilities and providers**

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

The LOC will contact the individual organisations in advance and check the feasibility of the protective measures in place.



## II.1 Hospitality on the event site

As a rule, the protection concept of GastroSwiss applies ([Link Gastro Suisse](#)).

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.

Catering on the race days is provided in the form of pre-packaged drinks and food, which can be picked up at a staffed service station. Closed rooms are regularly ventilated, tables, chairs and other surfaces are cleaned after each meal.

## II.2 Hotels

As a rule, the protection concept of Hotellerie Suisse applies ([Link Hotellerie Suisse](#)).

Hotels that are hosting persons involved in the event will be contacted in advance. They will be explained the special needs of the athletes during the World Cup week and they will be asked to participate to the Graubünden company test procedures as an additional protection for the World Cup teams and staff.

## II.3 Mountain railways and cable cars

As a rule, the protection concept of “Seilbahnen Schweiz” applies ([Link Seilbahnen Schweiz](#)).

When using mountain railways and cable cars, all persons must wear masks. The colour groups may not mix. The individual colour groups will be taken separately to the Murtèl middle station.

All mountain railways in the ski area are subject to the rules and regulations issued by FOPH.

# I2 Responsibility

- The responsibility for implementing and monitoring the defined measures lies with the LOC Corvatsch. The corresponding Covid organisation and responsibilities are defined in paragraph 6. 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 FIS Freeski & Snowboard World Cup Corvatsch (Silvaplana) must sign a declaration before receiving accreditation that the present protection 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 Commissioner.
- The protection concept is published online and is accessible to everyone.





- The operators of external facilities / providers are responsible for the corresponding general conditions and protection concepts of the respective facility / provider.
- **All participants are to adhere to the protection concept in the spirit of solidarity and with a high degree of personal responsibility!**

**Silvaplana, 12.03.2021**



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