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# COVID-19 EVENT PROTOCOL MARCH 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>

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## Dear members of the FIS Ski Jumping Family,

Ski Association of Slovenia together with the Organizing Committee Planica is looking forward to welcome you in Planica, where 4 World Cup competitions will be held at the end of the season 2020/21. It will be an exciting week for all of us.

To secure the highest possible health safety during the event OC Planica is presenting most important information and guidelines for all athletes and team members with aim to minimize the risk of infections and spread of COVID-19.

All the guidelines follow the recommendations of National health authorities and FIS COVID-19 Protocol.

Prevention is the key in fighting against coronavirus (SARS CoV-2) disease. The responsibility of every person at the venue is to adhere to the LOC and FIS guidelines, to follow all procedures and instructions and behave responsibly all times of the World Cup.

In case of changes the OC Planica will provide updated information accordingly.

Together we are stronger. Thank you for your cooperation and stay safe!

**Organizing Committee Planica** 





# **1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

An epidemic (second wave) has been declared on entire territory of the Republic of Slovenia on October 18, 2020. After more than 3 months of severe lockdown the number of COVID-19 infections has started to reduce. As a result, Slovenia has entered from red to orange phase which enabled the Government of the Republic of Slovenia to remove some restrictions.

Restrictions still in force:

- Restriction of movement between 21:00 and 6:00 (movement of people on the entire territory of the Republic of Slovenia is temporarily prohibited between 21:00 and 6:00 with some exceptions).
- Gatherings outside of a household are limited to 10 persons and still require proper precautions.
- Hotels are generally closed (accommodation allowed for top level sports teams and business delegations only).
- Restaurants and bars are closed, but pick up/delivery is permitted, including during curfew hours.
- Primary schools are open but most other schools and universities are currently operating on-line only.
- Organization of sport events on international level (such as World and European Championships, World Cups) is allowed but without spectators. All participants (athletes, coaches, organizers, media etc.) need to be tested every 48 hours.
- All athletes on national level can normally proceed with their trainings.

Local health authorities' requirements:

- Mandatory use of face masks in all closed public places, on public transport, in open public spaces or outside and in personal vehicles.
- Social distance 2 m.
- Regular hand washing and disinfection.
- Proper cough etiquette.

## 2. BORDER CROSSING

The Government of Slovenia maintains a color-coded system of entry / quarantine restrictions.

Travelers who are coming either from a "green" country or an "orange" EU country/region can enter Slovenia without quarantine and without submitting a negative test certificate for the presence of SARS-CoV-2. All others must quarantine 10 days or have a negative result from a PCR COVID-19 test taken in the EU (or by certified and approved lab) within the prior 48 hours<sup>1</sup>. Also, a rapid antigen test not older than 24 hours is valid.

**Please note:** The testing certificate must be issued by laboratories accredited and approved according to EU regulations. The LOC, in accordance with the Slovenian Authorities and considering the evolution of the COVID-19 epidemic, reserves the right not to accept tests produced by certain countries or labs.

## **CROSSING BORDER WITH OWN VEHICLES**

Please note that all passengers in the vehicles must submit a medical certificate proving that they have **tested negative** for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), which is not older **than 48 hours**. The test must be performed with the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 48 hours – period which starts from the time after taking the swab onwards.





PCR method. The testing may also be performed with a **rapid antigen test** in an EU Member State or Schengen Area country **and may not be older than 24 hours after taking the swab**.

Exception to the quarantine and negative PCR or rapid antigen test requirements:

- 1. Persons who present a proof of COVID-19 vaccination demonstrating that at least seven days have passed since the second dose of the Biontech/Pfizer vaccine, at least 14 days have passed since the second dose of the Moderna vaccine or 21 days have passed since the first dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine;
- 2. Persons who present a positive RAT or PCR test result for SARS-CoV-2 older than 21 days, though not older than six months, or a medical certificate certifying that they have recovered from COVID-19 and that more than six months have passed since the onset of symptoms.

## **TESTING ON-SITE**

Upon arrival to Slovenia LOC will organize testing for COVID-19 with a PCR test for all members of the competition teams.

<u>All participants need to be tested in order to guarantee a "snowflake" (bubble) regime. There are no exceptions for vaccinated persons, persons which have already been infected, persons with anti-bodies etc.</u>

The testing will be done on the same day. All detailed information will follow after receiving the information about team's arrival as well as testing schedule (at least 3 on-site tests will be needed).

## DAILY TRANSPORT HOTEL KOMPAS – PLANICA VENUE AND BACK

OC Planica encourage competition teams to use their own vehicles for daily transportation from Hotel Kompas Kranjska Gora to venue in Planica and back as the spread of potential coronavirus is minimized. Please note that the national regulations require the wearing of protective face masks by all passengers if they are not family related. Special parking permissions will be issued accordingly.

Nevertheless, the daily transportation for teams without their own means of transport will be organized in accordance with the recommendations of National Institute of Public Health:

- All shuttle drivers will have a certificate of negative PCR COVID-19 test.
- All drivers will be wearing face masks.
- There will be limited numbers of passengers at one bus, so 2 m of social distance will be provided.
- Complete disinfection of vehicles will be made before the arrival of the teams.

## **3. HOTEL KOMPAS**

(address: Borovška cesta 100, SI-4280 Kranjska Gora, <u>https://www.hit-alpinea.si/sl/hotel-kompas</u>)

It will be a "snowflake" hotel, only for the teams, jury members, FIS representatives and competition management. No other guests.

Face mask is mandatory in all public places. No need only when eating and drinking.

Each team will be accommodated in the same floor and according to availability.

Recommended use of stairs; lifts also available.

The employees of the hotel are following COVID-19 prevention regulations and guidelines from National Institute of Public Health (NIJZ) and Slovenian Ministry of Health.





All hotel personnel will be tested for COVID-19 prior to the team's arrival.

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be served as buffet.

Drinks available in bottles.

The tables are cleaned and disinfected after every guest.

Entering to the hotel will be possible with the proper accreditation (green color only).

Isolation/quarantine rooms prepared in case of health issues of any of the guests. Prompt separation will be possible.

# 4. LOC TESTING PROTOCOL FOR TEAMS:

According to Ordinance on temporary restrictions for sport activities passed by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia on February 17, 2021 all athletes, members of the team, organizers, media representatives etc. can participate at the sport event if they have a certificate of negative PCR or rapid antigen test for COVID-19, which is not older than 48 hours.

In accordance with government ordinance OC Planica has prepared following plan for COVID-19 testing:

	Tuesday 23/3/2021	Thursday 25/3/ 2021	Saturday 27/3/2021
PCR TEST	X		
RAPID ANTIGEN TEST		Х	Х

Exact time slot for each team will be communicated upon the arrival. Testing will be done in Hotel Kompas. On Saturday 27/3/2021 PCR test is also an option for the teams that need it for travelling.

The result of PCR test will be available in the morning next day.

The result of antigen test will be known within 1 hour.

The cost per PCR test will be charged 89 EUR.

The cost per rapid antigen test will be charged 40 EUR.

All costs for testing shall be paid by the teams.

# 5. ACCREDITATION

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Accreditation will only be **activated** if all the requested information is collected:

- Negative PCR test made upon arrival.
  - The use of FIS passport with necessary data accordingly:
    - a) To upload negative COVID-19 test result not older than 48h.
    - b) To fill out Whereabouts.
    - c) To answer Pre-Event Questionnaire.

To maintain an active accreditation all additional COVID-19 tests must be negative.

Only one person for each team will be allowed to pick up all the accreditations in the accreditation office in Hotel Kompas.





The LOC will withdraw the accreditation at any time:

- if person is tested positive for COVID-19;
- if regulations and guidelines are not respected.

# 6. TEAM CAPTAINS MEETING

Will be held according to the official program in Hotel Kompas. One member per team can be present. Online streaming will be provided.

# 7. VENUE

A SNOWFLAKE – green area will be created for the following:

- Athletes, Team members
- Jury members
- FIS members
- Service company members
- Reporters/Media representatives with direct access to competition team members
- LOC personnel that are by function in direct contact with the above mentioned

All persons with the access to the green area also from LOC side will need to have a negative COVID-19 PCR test done every 48 hours.

Green area consists of:

- Athletes' village
  - The wooden cottages will be divided between teams. LOC will organize daily cleaning service in agreement with the team leader.
- <u>Building Čaplja</u> (new)
  - Wardrobes for athletes, forejumpers.

Catering for members of green area. Service for the athletes according to the FIS SJ Nutritional Requirements. Limited number of members at one time.

- Doping Control facility.
- <u>Chair Lift</u>
- Warm-up room at the start

Limited number of athletes. Beverages and snacks will be available. Athletes must wear mask.

Judges' tower

Strict regime. Access to green accreditations holders only. Judges must wear mask and keep social distance at all time.

<u>Coaches' stand</u>

Coaches must wear mask and keep social distance at all time.

- <u>Exit Gate</u>

Athletes must wear mask when entering the area.

- Equipment control at exit gate

Located in a container, the same position as in previous years.

Mixed Zone





Athletes and coaches will not be allowed to enter studio positions. Appropriate measures will be in place so that the interviewee is separated from the mixed zone boxes or studio at least 2 m. Gatherings of athletes have to be avoided at all times in the corridors of the mixed zone.

To access green area facilities special corridors will be arranged to avoid crossing with others. It will be properly marked with directional signs.

All facilities in green area will be disinfected regularly.

## 8. GREEN AREA/SNOWFLAKE RULES:

- Wearing face mask indoors and outdoors at all time.
- No need only: 1. during the warmup (keep the obligatory social distance 2 m); 2. right before the start;
  3. when eating or drinking.
- In any common space it is not allowed to leave the masks on tables or on any other surfaces. It is recommended to put them in a proper shell or throw them in a bin in case of replacement.
- Keep social distance: at least 2 m.
- Regular hand washing and disinfection: regularly and properly wash hands with soap and water. If water and soap are not available, use a hand sanitizer to disinfect your hands.
- Transport: we encourage competition teams to use their own transportation means. Parking lots for those vehicles will be assured in green areas in front of official hotel and at competition venue in Planica. Green parking permits will be issued accordingly.
- Entering the green areas with green accreditation only. Access is strictly denied to persons with other colors of accreditation and/or access areas.

## 9. COVID-19 EVENT TASK FORCE IN PLANICA

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## **10. INFORMATION IN CASE OF THE SYMPTOMS**

Any problem or discomfort must be immediately reported to the COVID-19 Event Coordinator appointed by the LOC.

Any person suspected of having COVID-19 will be examined by the LOC's Head of Medical Service who will be present at the venue during the whole event, immediately tested and isolated in dedicated room to wait for the test results. Tracing and quarantine protocols will be immediately activated.

If a person tests positive to COVID-19, he/she will be quarantined and processed according to the rules of National Health Authorities before returning to their respective country, if hospitalization is not required.

The external communication regarding COVID-19 situation needs to be discussed and approved by FIS Officials and OC Planica representatives.

## **11. RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL**

Responsibility of each single person is the main pillar of the prevention system.





In order to avoid any risk linked to the COVID-19, it is the responsibility of every person to adhere to the OC Planica and FIS guidelines, follow all procedures and instructions and behave responsibly at all times, also during breaks and/or after competitions including visiting bars, restaurants and other public places outside the "snowflake-green area" otherwise the accreditation could be withdrawn immediately.

Please note that some types of actions that do not comply with laws and/or COVID-19 restrictions of the Republic of Slovenia could be fined or criminally prosecuted.

We advise to competition teams to appoint a hygiene manager (team doctor or similar person) who will be the contact person for the LOC. He/She will be the LOC/FIS contact person and will constantly monitor that everyone complies with the rules that are in force. Each hygiene manager is responsible for informing his/her team members about the proper use of protective face masks and their safe disposal, as well as about hand washing and respiratory hygiene rules.

The rules will be finalized a week prior to the event and dependent on situation at the time. We ask for a lot of understanding as the situation can change rapidly and on very short term. We also ask for understanding, patience and readiness for any other new or updated rules.

Before travelling to the Republic of Slovenia please check the final information on COVID-19 rules and recommendations as well as possible travel restrictions on the following websites managed by National Institute of Public Health (NIJZ) and Government of the Republic of Slovenia:

https://nijz.si/en/list-countries-crossing-national-borders-without-restrictions https://www.gov.si/en/topics/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/

