

Audi FIS Ski World Cup – Beaver Creek
Covid-19 Protocols will be published soon.

Please, see the following pages for important information about international arrivals procedures.

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Dear World Cup Participants,

We are excited to welcome you back to Beaver Creek again this year! This document provides critical information for all international participants of the Audi FIS Ski World Cup in Beaver Creek on December 3-5, 2021 as well as for other members of national teams in Alpine Skiing wishing to train at other sites in the United States. ***Please, read through the whole document carefully.***

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this document is to provide information to international participants on the special entry requirements to the United States of America due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This document is intended for the following groups:

1. FIS staff, contractors and Technical Delegates (TDs)
2. National Ski Association (NSA) team members – athletes, coaches, medical, technical and support staff and contractors
3. Ski Racing Suppliers (SRS) staff and contractors
4. Infront and FIS Marketing AG staff and contractors
5. Swiss Timing staff and contractors

CURRENT SITUATION

A number of Presidential Proclamations are currently in place suspending entry into the United States of ***all noncitizens*** who were ***physically present*** in or ***transited through*** any of 33 countries during the 14-day period preceding their entry or attempted entry into the United States. The Schengen area countries, the United Kingdom and Ireland are among these 33 countries. Full details of the suspensions can be reviewed [through this link](#). The Proclamations do NOT apply to U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents.

NATIONAL INTEREST EXCEPTION

Due to the Presidential Proclamations currently in effect, U.S. Ski & Snowboard have established a process through the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) whereby National Interest Exception (NIE) waivers may be granted to essential individuals identified within the above groups in order to allow them entry to the United States. All individuals requiring NIE waivers must submit their request to the Local Organizing Committee

(LOC) for the Birds of Prey World Cup to the contact listed below within the timeframes identified in this document.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

Complete the attached spreadsheet with ALL of the information requested:

1. Last Name – as listed on passport
2. First Name – as listed on passport
3. DOB – date of birth MM/DD/YY, e.g. 04/30/82
4. Passport number
5. PPT Country – country of issue of passport
6. Reference – role: Athlete, Coach, or Staff
7. Reference – sport organization: Skiing
8. Phone while in the U.S. – ideally the individual's own phone number
9. Email address – ideally the individual's own email address
10. Physical Address in U.S. – 136 E Thomas Pl, Beaver Creek, CO 81620, USA
11. Departure Airport Code – indicate airport from where flight to U.S. departs (NOT where journey starts if different)
12. Airline, Flight Number & Date – fill this field ONLY if you have already purchased the flight
 - a. Also, indicate with YES/NO if your trip is longer than 4 weeks.
13. Columns M, N, O – please, leave blank

Deadline: In order to ensure adequate time for this process, all submissions MUST be sent to the LOC at the latest **30 days before your flight to the U.S.** This will be approximately on **Oct. 30, 2021** for the race. However, if you intend to travel to the U.S. earlier for training or other purposes, you must submit this request 30 days prior to that departure even if you plan to travel to Lake Louise, Canada in between. You may also include individuals who intend to participate in a training camp only but not the World Cup races.

Process: USOPC will submit the information for review and consideration to the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agency of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) who will further forward the waiver to the appropriate airline if approved. USOPC will receive all approved waivers which will be emailed to the requester by the LOC upon receipt. The NIE waiver is generally valid for one year.



If you are planning to travel to both Beaver Creek and Killington World Cups, you only need to submit one waiver request.

Further Information: You may submit additional requests after your initial request within the 30-day window. However, successful completion of the waiver request cannot be guaranteed.

If you are not able to gather all phone numbers and email addresses, you may use one central contact info for all requests. However, individual contact info is preferred.

Please, consult your airline for additional information about entry requirements, e.g. negative test result, proof of vaccination, etc.

If you have not confirmed your flights 30 days before your departure, please, enter your intended departure airport code only.

ARRIVAL FROM AND TRAVEL TO CANADA

Please, note that other restrictions may be in place for individuals attempting to cross the land border from Canada to the United States – or attempting to travel to Canada either via air or land. At present, only vaccinated citizens and permanent residents of the United States are able to cross the land border. Please, check with both U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) for the most up-to-date information and restrictions. The LOC and U.S. Ski & Snowboard are unfortunately not able to assist with special waivers in these cases. However, we do recommend that you carry your NIE letter with you if you attempt to cross the land border to the United States. The LOC and U.S. Ski & Snowboard are also not able to provide a Covid-19 testing facility prior to Nov. 29, 2021.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Important: This process does NOT replace any visa requirements for entry to the United States. You MUST still follow instructions for applying for the appropriate visa or ESTA whichever is applicable. The LOC is happy to provide a visa invitation letter upon request.

INFORMATION FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES

Members of media (broadcasters, journalists, photographers, etc.) traveling on I visa who wish to travel to Beaver Creek should consult the website of their nearest embassy or consulate for instructions on applying for an NIE. We recommend doing this as soon as possible due to the lengthy process.



INFORMATION FOR TEAM GUESTS

The NIE process applies to essential team staff only. We are therefore unfortunately not able to assist team guests with the entry process at this time.

UPDATES

We remain in close contact with the USOPC and will continue to monitor the situation closely with regards to travel restrictions. If any of the requirements or restrictions change before your departure to Beaver Creek, we will inform you of such updates.

We will also share more information about our Covid-19 protocols on site, including information about testing, closer to the event date.

CONTACT INFO

Please, submit your NIE waiver request spreadsheet **at the latest on Oct. 30, 2021** or 30 days prior to your travel to:

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