

# COVID-19 PROTOCOL FOR TESTING AND INFECTION CONTROL

FIS Audi World Cup Kvitfjell Downhill and  
Super-G March 2-6 2022



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## DEFINITIONS:

*All participants:* Teams, coaches, athletes, SRS, FIS, Media

*LOC staff:* Volunteers, Organization committee, race committee, Implementation staff and other staff from NSA and contractors hired by LOC

## 1. Brief factual information about the event

### a) Implementation and scope

Date: March 2-6, 2022

Disciplines: Downhill and Super-G

Arenas: Kvitfjell, NOR

Accommodation: Gudbrandsgård Hotel and Cabins, Kvitfjell Hotel

Arrival to the event will be from 28.02-01.03.2022. Most participants arrive by airplane at Oslo Gardermoen airport. The Official arrival date is 01.03.2022.

## **b) The responsible local organizing committee (LOC):**

A complete overview of the organizing committee with contact information is attached.

## **c) Arrival and transport**

All participants shall register all relevant information in the FIS Online Entry System. Through this, the organizer has a detailed overview of the following information:

- Flights, who arrives in which flights, at what times and from where.
- Hotel bookings with all details about who shares rooms etc.
- Transport needs to and from the airport as well as between hotels and training areas.

## **d) FIS-covid-19 passport**

A valid "FIS-covid-19 passport" is mandatory for all participants, support staff and all other accredited personnel. This is a digital solution where everyone is obliged to register Covid-19 certificate, recovery certificate and PCR test results. Data from the Covid-19 certificate, and test results will be available to all the accredited. Updated registration of information in the "FIS-covid-19-passport" is a prerequisite for participation and accreditation for the event.

<https://fispassport.fis-ski.com/fis/portal/>

## **2. Brief description of the authorities' requirements / restrictions for travelers into Norway**

**Norway has removed all Covid-19 entry restrictions for entering the country.** From 12 February there are no Government requirements for testing, quarantine or registration upon arrival in Norway, and all participants to World Cup/Championship events has entry rights to Norway.

## **3. The Organizer's obligations towards Government recommendations for infection control**

The Organizer and The Norwegian Ski Federation are fully aware of the increased Covid-19 infection rates in many of the Norwegian regions. National and local Covid-19 requirements may change at any day or week and thus affect the protocol for this event. Changes will be communicated to FIS and the participating nations as soon they are published and official.

The Norwegian Government has recently lifted all mandated Covid-19 restrictions, but the following general recommendations still remain:

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- Stay at home and get tested if you have recently acquired fever or airway symptoms
- If you test positive on Antigen or PCR test, stay home for 4 days
- Wash/disinfect hands frequently and cough/sneeze into your elbow

To keep the Event safe for the participants, the organizer's infection control measures are based on the following principles:

1. Avoid that sick people come in contact with healthy participants by informing everyone not to participate even with the slightest feeling of illness. Quick reporting routines in case of illness will be ensured. Sick persons must be isolated and are not allowed to be present at the event.
2. Good information about hand hygiene, coughing routines and how to limit contact from hands to face.
3. Ensure frequent cleaning of all common areas and surfaces in hotels, gyms, arenas, etc.
4. Ensure effective routines for identifying infection via testing of all participants in the event
5. Good preparedness and capacity for isolation, infection detection and infection remediation.
6. To practice clear consequences for individuals and groups who are breaking the infection control rules / covid protocol, such as revocation of accreditation and expulsion / repatriation from the event.

Anchoring of Event infection controls plans with the Municipality Medical Officer will take place in meetings ahead of the event. The extent of this collaboration is governed by the Municipality Medical Officers' need for clarifications in relation to roles, responsibilities, and shared tasks.

#### **4. FIS and LOC test-and infection control requirements**

The FIS Covid-19 World Cup Risk Management and Testing Protocol defines the procedures, requirements, roles and responsibilities for the persons who are part of FIS World Cup events to minimise any risk of Covid-19 infection. The Event organizer do not have testing requirements beyond what FIS has mandated in their Protocol.

- A negative PCR-test not more than 48 hours before arrival at the event must be documented and entered into the FIS Covid-19 passport before obtaining the accreditation
- If the PCR test prior to arrival has not been performed, this must be carried out immediately after arrival at the Organizer's test station. A rapid PCR test system is available. This will be a prerequisite to obtain personal accreditation.

- The FIS health/symptom questionnaire shall be filled out and entered into the FIS- Covid-19 passport prior to arrival
- Antigen and/or rapid PCR testing will be performed on all participants with fever, airway symptoms or other possible COVID-19 infection signs.
- Face masks must be used in all accredited areas (inside and outside) of the event as much as practically possible and in all situations where it is not possible to keep a distance of minimum one meter.

## 5. Event COVID-19 team

The organizer will establish a COVID-19 team in close collaboration with the municipality Medical Officer and is responsible for all handling of testing and infection control measures.

The main task for the Event Covid-19 team is:

- 1) Prepare and update this Covid-19 infection control and testing protocol in cooperation with local infection authority (Municipality Medical Officer)
- 2) Inform FIS, Event delegates, media and participating national teams about the national and local infection situation and regulations
- 3) Respond to questions from FIS, Event delegates, media and participating national teams
- 4) Establish Covid-19 testing regimes according to the specification in this protocol (FIS and Government requirements)
- 5) Plan and execute infection control measures according to this protocol
- 6) Manage Return to competition cases where athletes recently have had Covid-19 infection, according to FIS protocol
- 7) Manage participants with positive test results at Event entry or during the Event.
- 8) Ensure isolation of all confirmed positive participants according to Norwegian Covid-19 regulation
- 9) Ensure records of all positive test results or delegate this to Event Testing Agency (Volvat)

The COVID-19 team consists of the following representatives:

- LOC Event medical officer (Head of COVID-19 team)
- LOC COVID-19 coordinator
- Testing coordinator from Volvat Medical Center AS

Per request from the COVID-19 team

- Municipality Medical Officer
- Chief Medical Officer for the Norwegian Ski Federation

## 6. Testing, isolation, close-contact tracing and quarantine management

The organizer will follow the current Norwegian «Regulations on infection control measures etc. in case of a corona outbreak» and National Institute of Public Health's (NIPH/no:FHI) recommendations regarding testing, close-contact tracing and follow-up of positive cases for everyone coming from abroad and for Norwegian people who will participate in the event.

Testing at the event is organized and carried out by Volvat Medical Center AS according to a plan from the Covid-19 team. All test results will be logged in a separate computer system and treated as sensitive information in accordance with current Norwegian rules for storage of health information and in line with the GDPR directive.

### Positive test routines

- The COVID-19 team is responsible for ensuring that all routines related to notification of a positive COVID-19 test, isolation of the infected person and tracking of close contacts will follow the NIPH and the Municipality Medical Officers' guidelines.
- The infected person is notified according to the FIS protocol.
- The organizer's COVID-19 team will, in collaboration with the Municipality Medical Officer, immediately implement isolation of the infected person according to FHI's guidelines for isolation. Currently, the isolation period is 4 days and a 24h period of no fever
- Close contacts in the same group / team / cohort are also identified immediately, i.a. by means of the organizer's cohort lists, room lists and Event database.
- There is no requirement for close-contacts to quarantine, but to test daily (mornings) for 3 days before leaving the household. Self-tests will be provided by the organizer and must be performed by each of the close-contacts
- Other infection control measures can be Introduced by the COVID-19 team in consultation with the Municipality Medical Officer according to local infection regulations.

### Return to Competition after recent COVID-19 infection.

- Eligibility for returning safely into the red-bubble of an WC/Championship Event will be decided by the COVID-19 team. FIS criteria for Return to Competition will be used in combination with case information from the athlete.
- **FIS Return to Competition Protocol:**
- Scenario 1: 8 days after positive result and a negative PCR prior to the event – permitted to participate in event
- Scenario 2: 8 days after positive result and still a positive PCR prior at the event -- Exemption request for individual assessment of the entire C19

infection history and complete testing results (incl CT values if possible) by completing the exemption request form

## **7. Information to all incoming participants before the event**

This protocol will be updated if significant changes in COVID-19 regulations should be issued by local or national health authorities. The English version will be published in FIS information channel as soon as it is approved or updated. In addition, an updated version will be sent to all accredited persons coming from red countries.

## **8. Specific infection control measures for the following areas / places:**

### **Hotel**

- Participants who are subject to quarantine shall stay in solitary confinement during the quarantine period.
- All nations/ participants will have designated placing in the dining area.
- Face mask must be used in all common areas at the event hotels.

### **Use of indoor facilities at the hotel, including fitness facilities, massage / treatment rooms and meeting rooms after the sports quarantine has ended**

- Athletes in quarantine are assigned dedicated times for the use of indoor fitness rooms.
- Other participants are free to use the areas from arrival.

### **Internal transport**

- All transport takes place with the organizer's closed transport system or the individual nations' dedicated vehicles.
- All means of transport from the organizer are disinfected between each transport.
- The organizer has officials who control access to the individual transport in accordance with cohort.

### **The arenas**

- Organizer will keep athletes, leaders and officials separated from the spectators.
- There will not be held any gatherings beyond the sporting events to avoid mixing with the locals.
- All meals are served at the hotel / residence. Personnel who will be at the arena for a longer period of time will have access to ready-made food.
- The bib and chip are packed in advance and hung up for collection by the individual athlete. Wrapping and hanging up is done by an official who has followed internal procedures for disinfection. The Prize giving ceremony will be

carried out with the current distance rules and without distributors. Prizes are placed on the podium in advance and collected by the individual athlete.

- Face masks must be used in accredited areas and where distance requirements cannot be maintained.

### **Arena security**

- The organizer establishes access control and shell security in the areas that are closely connected to the cohorts so that unwanted audiences are not given access to stay in the vicinity of these areas.

### **Media**

- International media representatives follow all test and infection control measures outlined above for athletes and support staff from abroad. Including signing up for the FIS-Passport.
- National media must be able to document a negative PCR test taken within 48 hours before entering the event
- A separate dedicated area for media is created.
- In the mixed zone (outdoors), double fences are rigged for increased distance between the media and athletes.
- Any press conferences before, during or after the event are conducted digitally or in such a way that athletes and support staff do not have physical contact with the media at any time.
- Media is accommodated in dedicated hotels
- The media must wear a face mask in accredited areas.

### **Volunteers and other implementation staff (LOC staff)**

- Covid 19 testing of LOC staff, who will be in close contact with participants is carried out within 48 hours before entering the event.
- LOC Staff presence at the arena shall be in accordance with rosters and in predefined limited areas.
- LOC staff must wear face masks in all accredited areas and where distance requirements cannot be met, both indoor and outdoor.

## **9. About the protocol**

This protocol has been prepared in accordance with current requirements in the Covid-19 regulations with accompanying recommendations and guidelines on infection control given by NIPH and the Norwegian Directorate of Health, but based on an exception from current entry restrictions for foreigners given in the Immigration Act and exemptions from entry requirements in Covid -19 regulation as of January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022. In addition, the requirements of the "FIS - Covid-19 World Cup Risk Management and Testing Protocol" are incorporated.



Any changes in the regulations, as well as orders and input from national and local health authorities, will be continuously included and updated in the document.

The protocol has been prepared by Chair of the LOC, Chief Medical Officer for the Norwegian Ski Federation Ola Rønsen, Head of organization for the Norwegian Ski Federation Øistein Lunde

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