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Covid-19 protection concept

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## 1. Introduction:

For the organization of the Audi FIS Ski Cross and Snowboard Cross World Cup Finals Sion-Veysonnaz with the possibility of receiving spectators and about 500 people including athletes, athlete support staff, auxiliary personnel (volunteers, members of the army and the PCi) as well as the media, a Covid-19 protection concept approved by the medical authorities of the Canton of Valais is required to ensure the safety of all these people and to decrease the risk of spreading the pandemic.

The Covid-19 protection concept will also have to be approved by Swiss-Ski - with the support of the expert group around BASPO.

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) must obtain prior approval from the cantonal authority for the organization of the World Cup events. The protection concept is designed to cover the three phases of the event (assembly, competition days and dismantling).

The Audi FIS Ski Cross and Snowboard Cross World Cup Finals Sion-Veysonnaz will bring together the following groups of people (see Distribution of people by color group) :

- group of people RED
- group of people BLUE
- group of people YELLOW

The protection concept for the organization of the World Cup Finals is based on the documents provided by Swiss-Ski and valid from December 20 2021 until further notice. It considers the cantonal regulations and requirements. Furthermore, it considers the requirements of the International Ski Federation (FIS).

## 2. Objectives of the protection concept

The Covid-19 protection concept for the Sion-Veysonnaz World Cup Finals is designed to ensure that the following objectives are met:

- The health of the athletes, employees, volunteers and media on site has the highest priority.
- The processes and rules of the Covid-19 concept are clear and understandable for all partners. They give the event managers security in their approach;
- The processes and rules can be put into practice and are constantly adapted to the current guidelines and conditions.

## 3. Individual responsibility

The concept of protection is based primarily on individual responsibility according to the general recommendations in line with WHO requirements for reducing the risk of transmission of acute respiratory infection. The basic principles of the rules for preventing the transmission of infection are as follows:

- Wash hands regularly with soap and water for at least 30 seconds,
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth with hands,
- Prevent any risk of the occurrence of a viral infection of the upper respiratory tract
- Sneezing or coughing into the elbow
- Respect the physical distance of 1.5m.
- It is mandatory to wear a mask inside and outside in high traffic areas or those indicated as such even if the social distance of 1.5m is respected (catering areas, meetings, transport, etc.)
- Staying home with Covid-19 or flu-like symptoms

## 4. Covid-19 Organization

### 4.1. Covid-19 Responder (LOC Health Coordinator)

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Duties will include:

- Is the interface with the canton
- Follows national health guidelines
- Advise the LOC on prevention measures to be implemented
- Defines the testing protocol in accordance with FIS guidelines and/or cantonal and national regulations
- Defines the protocol for managing suspected Covid-19 cases
- Established the Covid-19 protection plan to be validated by the canton
- Is the contact person for event participants
- Oversees the results of tests and/or other medical documents (FIS Passport)
- Can be reached for the duration of the event and for 14 days after the event (0700-2200)

### 4.2. Covid-19 Officer (LOC Covid Officer)

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Duties will include:

- Is the LOC representative in the Covid-19 Task Force and ensures its coordination
- Responds directly to the LOC President
- Oversees the work of the Covid-19 Task Force and reports regularly on activities to the rest of the LOC
- Coordinate the preparation meetings with the other stakeholders (Swiss-Ski and/or FIS)
- Ensures that LOC preparatory activities are carried out in accordance with FIS guidelines and/or applicable regulations
- Advises LOC members on the implementation of the protection concept in all areas (personnel, administration, logistics, other)
- Is responsible for the implementation of the protection concept and monitors compliance with it
- Report observations or need for action to the Task Force for immediate implementation
- When necessary, takes immediate action to ensure compliance with the guidelines in consultation with the LOC Chair

### 4.3. Task Force Covid-19

A working group will be set up during the World Cup. It will be composed of the following people:

- Covid-19 Officer (LOC Covid Officer)
- LOC Health Coordinator (Covid-19)
- FIS representative
- Swiss-Ski representative

The working group decides what to do and what action to take if accredited individuals develop symptoms and test positive for Covid-19 infection.

## 5. Distribution of people by color group

The colors correspond to the following groups of people:

<b>RED</b>	All persons who travel with or are in direct contact with the World Cup entourage. Specifically, this includes athletes (including forerunners), coaches, supervisors, service people, management closest to the athletes, FIS, judges at the start, camera operators in the start gate, finish area.
<b>BLUE</b>	All persons active in the organization on the course, in the start/finish area or in other areas of the competition: volunteers, race officials, Civil Protection, Army, external companies
<b>YELLOW</b>	Media, journalists and reporters from TV, newspapers, radios, photographers, technicians and Host Broadcaster.

The details are defined in the corresponding-colored appendix.

Key points:

- A person can only belong to one color group.
- Groups should never mix.
- Colored armbands will be used to control membership in the different groups. As an organizer, a list of all accredited persons will be kept up to date (name, first name, phone number, address)
- In addition, a map that defines the corresponding zones is created for the color groups. The traffic flow will be managed so that two color groups cannot mix.

## 6. Specific regulations for the organization of the World Cup Finals

### 6.1. General

The health requirements for epidemiological prevention were issued by the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH), the Federal Office of Sports (BASPO) and Swiss Olympic. They apply to all sports events.

As a reminder, the basic measures were described in the chapter "Individual Responsibility".

### 6.2. Accreditations

Each person to be accredited will be assigned to one of the color groups according to his/her function and will have to provide a Covid certificate valid in Switzerland and fill in the appropriate health questionnaire provided by the FIS. If the person answers "Yes" to any of these questions, a Covid-19 test will be performed on site. Until the test result is received, the person will remain isolated.

For those who are neither cured nor vaccinated, a negative antigen test is required before accreditation can be granted. A rapid test will then be performed every 24 hours starting 24 hours after arrival.

Other obligations apply to the RED group, which are regulated in the corresponding colored annex. Individuals in the RED group must present a negative PCR test that is less than 48 hours old upon arrival.

### 6.3. Protective masks

Masks must be worn during all indoor and outdoor competitions when the 1.50m distance cannot be respected. There are exceptions which are defined in the various color documents (especially for athletes during competition or for volunteers engaged in physically intense work).

The wearing of a mask is mandatory when a person is in contact with a person of another color group when the context of the competition requires it (e.g. personnel near the starting area).

Only surgical or FFP2 masks are allowed. The Task Force Covid-19 Sion-Veysonnaz recommends the use of FFP2 masks for all accredited persons.

### 6.4. Hygiene and protective measures

Regular disinfection of contact surfaces.

Disinfectant dispensers will be provided in sufficient quantity and placed at strategic points of passage, especially in all colored areas. Each person is required to disinfect their hands upon entering the area. Supplies of masks will be available. Security guards will be trained to manage the flow of people and ensure that there are no crowds.

Garbage cans will be placed at the exit of the areas for the disposal of used masks.

### 6.5. Testing for Covid-19

Hotel and restaurant staff in contact with the red group should be tested with a PCR test before the arrival of the athletes.

RED group members who require a test to travel must register before arrival.

### 6.6. Behaviour in case of flu-like symptoms

<b>Accredited person with flu-like symptoms</b>
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(Athletes, team staff, media, volunteers, etc.)



**Announce to his team leader or line manager**

The person concerned must immediately isolate himself



**Announcement to the official responsible for the Covid-19**



**The official responsible for Covid-19 transmits the information to the task force**

Attitude decision: (Testing, isolation, quarantine, return home .... )

Discussion with the medical specialist (infectious disease specialist)

Transmission of information to higher authorities and to the persons concerned

## 6.7. Traceability

- During the competitions, a list of all persons present will be established and kept for at least 2 weeks so that this list can be transmitted to the health authorities in case of need. This directive is valid for all color groups.

## 6.8. Organization of the competition

### 6.8.1. Transport

The transportation of the different groups of people to the competition site must be organized individually. If teams or nations are not able to organize their own transport, this will be arranged through the LOC. During the transport there must be no contact or mixing with other groups of people (exception: drivers, wearing FFP2 masks).

### 6.8.2. Catering on the competition site

A separate catering area must be provided for each group of people. No self-service is allowed. When a table empties, auxiliary personnel will be required to disinfect and clean the table.

### 6.8.3. Team Leader Meeting

The number of participants at the Team Captains Meeting (TCM) must be kept to a minimum, i.e. the FIS representatives whose number is decided by the FIS, 3 LOC representatives and a maximum of 1 representative per nation.

### 6.8.4. Press conference

No press conference is planned. Media wishing to interview an athlete may do so at the finish of the races according to a program defined in advance by the press chief.

### 6.8.5. Award ceremonies

Award ceremonies will take place exclusively in the finish area. The participants are limited and defined by the FIS in the document "FIS Covid-19 Ceremony Guidelines 2021-22" available on [fis-ski.com](https://www.fis-ski.com).

### 6.8.6. Public bib draw

The public draw is cancelled. The start numbers will be collected by a team member. The start number can also be issued at the TCM.

### 6.8.7. Spectators

Spectator zones are planned in the finish area outside and around the giant screens (FIS and LOC). The areas will be well marked, and the flow of spectators will be monitored by volunteers.

Social distancing shall be observed in all areas. A distance of 1.5m should be provided between people.

All traffic flow on the site should be one-way. It is recommended that you do not stop in narrow sections. The use of a face mask will be mandatory when entering the finish area. Masks must be worn throughout the competition site.

Security personnel will be present to enforce these measures.

## 7. Communication

### 7.1. Information exchange

The exchange of information between World Cup organizers is coordinated by Swiss-Ski.



## 7.2. Area Managers

All sector chiefs must be informed in advance of the applicable protective measures based on the current World Cup basic protection concept and the corresponding annexes.

## 7.3. Dissemination of information

Information signs regarding applicable safety procedures shall be posted. In addition, speakers should regularly remind people of the safety instructions in place. This information channel must avoid the accumulation of people at the entrances and exits.

## 8. Use of the lifts

When using the lifts, the national and cantonal protection regulations as well as the protection concept of the lift operator apply. When using the lifts, it is important not to mix color groups and not to mix guests with World Cup staff (volunteers, military and civil protection personnel).

When using the lifts, all persons, regardless of their color group, must wear a mask.

## 9. Hosting

All accommodation planning should be based on the advice and recommendations of local health authorities. Social distancing requirements must be respected in hotels.

The protection concept of GastroSuisse/GastroValais applies strictly.

During meals, the RED group will not mix with other clients.

Adequate sanitation and dining facilities must be provided for each color group.

The catering is done by table service only

Closed rooms must be well ventilated regularly at each change of group.

In addition, tables and other surfaces must be disinfected as soon as a group has left the table

## 10. Catering on site

People belonging to the RED group will be able to eat at the restaurant Le Mont-Rouge in a reserved area.

The people belonging to the BLUE group will be able to eat in a reserved room and space.

Under no circumstances will these two groups be allowed to cross paths.

At no time can the public have contact with these groups of people.

## 11. Responsibilities

The responsibility for the implementation and control of the prescribed measures lies with the organizers responsible for the staging of the competition. The Covid-19 Officer is responsible for ensuring compliance with these measures.

Before receiving accreditation, all persons involved in the organization sign a declaration that the basic protection concept and the corresponding color appendix have been read and understood. This ensures individual training and correct implementation.

Event participants (athletes, managers, volunteers, members of the press) are required to implement the prescribed measures in a consistent manner and to immediately report any symptoms of illness to the official Covid-19 respondent.

The protection concept is made available to all participants in the World Cup Finals and to the facility operators and is published on the organization's website.

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

**Responsible for the basic protection concept for  
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