

# Safety Concept St. Moritz Ski World Cup, 11 - 12 December 2021

(Winter Universiade Lucerne 2021, 13 to 16 December 2021)

## I. Introduction

A Covid-19 safety concept approved by the authorities (federal and cantonal) is required for the staging of a sports event involving more than 1000 people.

The Audi FIS Ski World Cup St. Moritz 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 for tourism, which is why the local organising committee (LOC), the national association Swiss Ski as well as the international ski association FIS have a great interest in ensuring a safe and successful implementation.

In order to hold the World Cup event, the LOC must first obtain a permit from the cantonal authorities. The safety concept covers all phases of the event (infrastructure, the event itself including arrangements for training and dismantling).

The specific requirements for events are described in the Articles of the Covid-19 Special Situation Ordinance, listed below:

- Events in which entry is restricted to persons with a certificate: Article 15
- Special provisions for large-scale events: Articles 16 and 17
- FAQ FOPH of 30.09.2021
- Basic regulations governing Covid certification (version 30.09.2021)
- Cantonal regulations

In all circumstances:

Persons with symptoms of ill health must stay at home and seek testing.

**This concept furthermore constitutes the basic principles governing events of the Winter Universiade Lucerne 2021 in St. Moritz, which will take place immediately after the FIS Ski World Cup in St. Moritz and on the same site.**

## **2. Aims of the Ski World Cup St. Moritz**

- The health and safety of athletes, staff, volunteers, media representatives and everyone else involved is a top priority.
- The LOC adheres strictly to the federal 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 departmental heads security in carrying out their duties.

## **3. Principles of the Ski World Cup St. Moritz**

The following principles are paramount to the organisation of the Ski World Cup St. Moritz:

- 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, are not ill or showing symptoms of a disease or a Covid-19 infection nor have been in contact with sick persons may take part in the event. All persons must comply with the specific requirements of the FOPH.
- Due to the “3-G rule” (vaccinated, recovered, tested) the general obligation to wear a face mask within the event perimeter is no longer in force. However, masks have to be worn indoors.
- Each person should consider it their own responsibility to wear a protective mask – when deemed advisable or necessary – in publicly accessible outdoor premises that are connected with the organisation of the Ski World Cup.

## 4. Event with certificate requirement (3G)

Only persons who can provide a valid Covid certificate (vaccinated, recovered, tested) will be granted access to the event ⇒3G. Foreign certificates (vaccinated & recovered outside the Schengen area) will first have to have their certificate transcribed into a Swiss certificate by the cantonal authorities, submitting adequate proof (certificate, vaccination booklet and a passport or identification document). Recognized foreign certificates are described in annex no. 5 under the Ordinance on Certificates to prove Covid-19 vaccination, Covid-19 recovery or Covid-19 test result (Link FOPH).

Everybody is under obligation to present their Covid certificate at any moment if requested. At all entrances to the event area the organiser will check Covid certificates and scan the applicable QR codes. All persons involved must present a valid certificate and official identification in order to receive accreditation, which will be tied to the certificate. Spectators have to be in possession of a valid, personalised ticket in addition to a valid certificate and an official identification document.

The Covid certificate, which will be issued with a QR code, documents a Covid-19 vaccination, recovery from a Covid-19 infection or a negative test result. Entry is granted on the base of a Swiss or international vaccination certificate, negative result and recovery certificate with QR code (vaccination booklet not accepted). In addition to family name, first name(s), date of birth and a certificate number, the Covid certificate contains details of the Covid-19 vaccination, of the recovery or of a negative PCR or antigen rapid test result. The Covid certificate is issued with a QR code to verify its authenticity. Persons under the age of 16 do not have to present a Covid certificate.

Wearing a mask is compulsory in the approach to the certificate-check point. Once the certificate has been checked and the person has been granted access to the premises, masks are no longer mandatory.

The waiting areas in front of the certificate check points will be sufficiently large and there will be enough personal present to carry out the checks.

## 4.1 Criteria for the Covid certificate

For information about the basis of certification monitoring please consult the FOPH website: For information about the basis of certification monitoring please consult the FOPH website: <https://www.bag.admin.ch/bag/en/home/krankheiten/ausbrueche-epidemien-pandemien/aktuelle-ausbrueche-epidemien/novel-cov/covid-zertifikat/covid-zertifikat-pruefer-aussteller-technische-informationen.html>

### **Covid certificate for persons having recovered from a Covid-19 infection**

Validity starts from Day II after the positive test results and lasts for 365 days after the test result.

### **Covid certificate for persons with complete vaccination**

Persons receive a Covid certificate if their vaccination complies with the following conditions:

### **Covid Certificate for persons who can prove their recovery with an antibody test**

As of 16 November Covid Certificates can be issued for persons who can prove - with a current positive antibody test (serological test) - that they have recovered from a Corona infection and that they have sufficient antibody protection. The validity of this certificate is limited to 90 days, and it is only valid in Switzerland.

- The vaccine is recognised in Switzerland
- The vaccination has to be complete, meaning the number of vaccine doses corresponds to the recommendations of the FOPH.
  - Two doses of mRNA vaccine (even if by mistake it was not the same vaccine in both instances)
  - One dosis of mRNA vaccine after a Covid infection?
  - One dosis of Astra Zeneca followed by one dosis of a mRNA vaccine
  - One dosis of Johnson&Johnson
- The following vaccines are recognised in Switzerland:
  - Pfizer/BioNTech (BNT162b2 / Comirnaty® / Tozinameran)
  - Moderna (mRNA-1273 / Spikevax / COVID-19 vaccine Moderna)
  - AstraZeneca (AZD1222 Vaxzevria®/ Covishield™)
  - Janssen / Johnson & Johnson (Ad26.COV2.S)
  - Sinopharm / BIBP (SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine (Vero Cell))
  - Sinovac (CoronaVac)

Validity: 365 days from the injection of the last vaccination dosis

### **Covid certificate for negative test results**

The following negative test results will be admitted:

#### *PCR test with QR code*

Validity: 72 hours from the moment of the sample collection

#### *Antigen rapid test with QR code*

Validity: 48 hours from the moment of sample collection

### **Tests that will NOT be accepted**

- Company testing without QR code
- Self-tests from a pharmacy

### **Covid certificate for visitors under the age of 16**

Covid certification is not required for children/young people under the age of 16. They will therefore be allowed entry to the event area without a certificate. However, a personalised ticket and an identification document must be presented at the check point.

### **Testing facilities on site**

It is possible to undergo tests at the Polyclinic St. Moritz Bad as well as at the hospital Oberengadin. The OC is evaluating further testing facilities in St. Moritz and in the vicinity of the event area.

### **Covid certificate check**

The Covid certificate is digitally linked with the accreditation which will be checked daily at the entrance to the event site and to the accreditation centre. Should a certificate be invalid or out-of-date entry will be refused. If a faulty certificate is submitted, the person in question will be automatically barred from access to and use of the mountain railways.

Spectators with a valid event ticket have to present their Covid certificate at the entrance to the event area.

The certificates are checked using the 'Covid Certificate Check App' and a valid official ID. Persons who carry out the certificate check are trained by the Task Force and will receive a leaflet with vital information (see attachment). Persons checking certificates must wear a mask.

## **5. Protective measures for the Ski World Cup St. Moritz**

As a rule, the current measures and regulations of the FOPH apply. The most important measures are as follows:

- Everybody in the organisation makes sure to observe hand hygiene. Staff and volunteers wash their hands regularly with soap and water or use hand disinfectant.
- Handshakes are to be avoided.
- Hand disinfectant as needed is available everywhere.
- Wearing a mask out of doors is not prescribed, but recommended. Indoors, masks have to be worn until persons reach their seats.
- The LOC has a stock of protective masks.
- Whoever feels unwell or has symptoms stays away from the event.

## 6. Covid-19 organisation on site

### 6.1 Covid-19 Commissioners

The Covid-19 commissioners of the Ski World Cup St. Moritz are the following:

- Alexander Delvendahl (Medical Contact)
- Ruedi Birchler (Responsible Commissioner for the implementation of and compliance with the safety concept)

The following tasks are the responsibility of the Covid Commissioners:

- Point of contact for teams
- Support of arriving teams (establish contact with authorities / support by Swiss-Ski)

The Covid Commissioners will be supported by the in-house LOC Task Force. This body consists of:

- Martin Berthod (Head of OC)
- Alexander Delvendahl (Covid Commissioner, contact for teams)
- Guido Mittner (Installations & Logistics)
- Claudia Jann (Communication, Contact for Federal and Cantonal Authorities)
- Thomas Rechberger (Legal Matters & Finances)
- Martin Scherer (Catering)

### 6.2 Event Task Force

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

- Covid-19 Commissioner of the LOC: Alexander Delvendahl
- Representative FIS: Sarah Fussek
- Representative Swiss-Ski: Hannes Hofer
- Representative LOC: Martin Berthod / Claudia Jann

## 7. Persons in the “Red Group”

In accordance with FIS and Swiss-Ski guidelines, all persons associated with the competing athletes will be assigned to the so-called “Red Group”. This group must be strictly separated from all other persons. Procedures must be planned so that persons in the Red Group do not mix with other participants.

The definition of this group is as follows:

### Red

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).

Persons in the Red Group must be in possession of a Covid-19 FIS pass. This passport contains the following information: records of test dates and results, records of past infections, a health questionnaire, vaccination status. Before they can get accreditation, all persons in the Red Group have to upload onto their FIS passport a negative PCR test not older than 72 hours.

Persons who have recovered from a Covid infection and are free of symptoms (between 14 and 180 days before the event) have to upload proof of their positive test onto their FIS passport.

After being granted accreditation, persons in the Red Group are permitted onto the event site. Every 2 days persons in the Red Group (if not vaccinated and not recovered) have to undergo an antigen rapid test, for the first time 48 hours after accreditation. The result will be sent to the OC in order to guarantee the fastest possible health check.

All other persons can move about freely on the event site after presenting their Covid certificate, provided the relevant accreditation zones are observed.



## **8. Event Rules and Regulations**

In the following section, measures are described which will enable the World Cup event in St. Moritz to be carried out safely.

### **8.1 Accreditation**

In order to receive an accreditation, applicants must present a valid Covid certificate plus an official identification document.

The accreditation centre is located in the Hotel Laudinella in St. Moritz Bad. The location has various entrances and exits, the desks are protected by plexiglass panes, all visitors must wear masks. For access to the accreditation centre a Covid certificate is required.

In the team zones and sport-relevant zones only team officials are allowed, in accordance with FIS quotas.

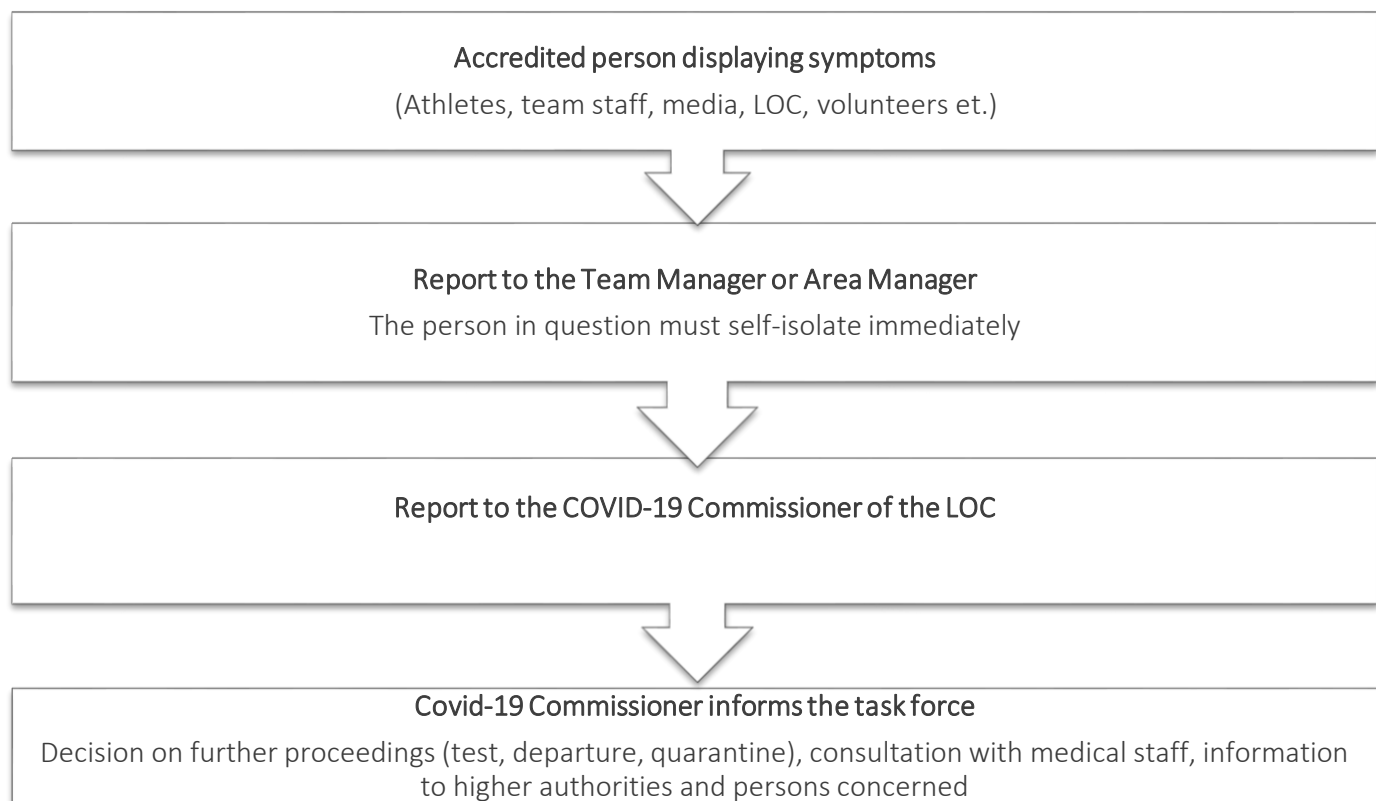
The LOC reserves the right to refuse admission to the event if the regulations of the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH) are not complied with.

### **8.2 Covid Point of Contact**

A Covid Contact Point will be established in the finish area. People with symptoms will be able to register there. 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.

### 8.3 Procedure in the event of symptoms

In the event of a suspected or established case of infection, the person concerned will be asked to immediately put on a mask (also out-of-doors). The Covid commissioner must be informed as soon as possible, and will then decide on the next steps and order immediate testing. Should the test have a positive result, the Covid Hotline (cantonal authorities) will be informed without delay. Should the person concerned have been in close contact with other people, these will be treated in the same way.



## 9 Event organisation

Details of the event organisation regulations are set out in the following section.

### 9.1 Safety measures for volunteers and staff

The protective measures described in this concept also apply for volunteers, auxiliary staff and employees of external companies. The 3G regulation must be observed without exception, otherwise access to the event will not be granted. Volunteers who do not have a certificate (vaccinated, recovered) have the possibility to be tested at the Polyclinic St. Moritz. The costs for these tests will be borne by the organiser.

Persons who come into close contact with spectators and participants must wear masks. This applies in particular to the following areas: catering, access control, certificate checks (in accreditation), cleaning services and throughout the Red Zone. In addition, masks are mandatory indoors, such as in the finish house Salastrains.

The present provisions of this concept also apply to suppliers; deliveries are made via the Salastrains access road. There are no side entrances

### 9.2 Safety measures during construction and preparation period

During the entire construction and preparation period, masks are compulsory on the event site and the hygiene and protective measures described above must be observed. From 30 November – 20. Dezember, the certificate obligation (3G) will apply as well. Compliance with the measures will be monitored by the heads of department and the task force. Most of the dismantling will take place on Sunday, 12 December, The Winter Universiade Lucerne will take place from December 13th, further dismantling will take place gradually until December 20th. During the Winter Universiade Lucerne, all protective measures of the present concept are valid

Supplies to the event site will be carried out via the access road to the finish house Salastrains. There are no side entrances. Suppliers who enter the event site must show a valid Covid certificate. Small deliveries will be made at the entrance to the event site; a mask is required for this.

### **9.3 Transfer to the event site**

It is the responsibility of the following groups to organise their own transportation to the event site:

- Teams
- Military

If teams/nations do not have the possibility to organise transport themselves, it will be organised by the LOC. Transport organised by the LOC is subject to the FOPH guidelines, the wearing of a mask is compulsory.

In order to guarantee separation of the Red Group athletes and their coaches/staff have to be transported to the event site using the Signal mountain railway.

For all other groups shuttle buses are available. There will be no parking spaces in the finish area Salastrains (except for teams according to quotas).

### **9.4 Catering on the event site**

It is possible to have meals/snacks on the event site. Personnel working for caterers must wear masks when handing out food and in direct contact with visitors.

In the case of the Red Group, separate tables/areas per team/nation are also marked within the catering area. Pre-packaged drinks, snacks and meals are offered which can be purchased at a staffed serving station.

The rules and regulations of the catering industry apply to the catering areas in the finish house, the catering tents for teams and media as well as to the VIP tent (see appendix).

### **9.5 Team Captains Meeting**

The Team Captains Meetings takes place in the Hotel Laudinella in St. Moritz Bad. Only persons with a valid accreditation will have access to the Team Captains Meeting. Certificates and accreditations will be checked at the entrance. Masks are compulsory both while queuing and indoors, irrespective of the certificate check.

### **9.6 Media conference**

No media conferences will be held during the Ski World Cup St. Moritz.

## **9.7 Award ceremonies**

Following the races, a so-called “Flower Ceremony” will be held in the finish area /on the event site. Whether an additional/public award ceremony will take place in the evening is still a matter of deliberation. Should this plan go forward, athletes will be strictly separated from the spectators and be guided to the stage by a separate passage.

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

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

## **9.9 Concerts**

The concerts on Friday and Saturday night will be held according to the 3G concept on the Plaza Rosatsch in St. Moritz Bad. There will be an entry check in an entry passage. The area will be completely cordoned off in order to facilitate the entry check.

The same event area would be considered for a public award ceremony on Saturday night according to paragraph 9.5.

## **10 Communication**

The following section 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 Safety Concept World Cup and the integrated appendices.

### **10.2 Volunteers**

Volunteers will receive the safety concept as well as additional information on the currently valid regulations and measures in advance. They are aware that participation is only possible under 3G conditions (vaccinated, recovered, tested). On the occasion of their briefings, the heads of department also inform the volunteers verbally about the applicable measures on the event site.

### **10.3 Information flow**

At important and prominent points throughout the entire event site, FOPH information boards and posters will be installed, pointing out the applicable safety guidelines. The race speaker will make regular announcements about the guidelines and measures and announce important current information.

The safety concept, additional information and guidelines on Covid measures will be published on the Ski World Cup website.

## **II External facilities and providers**

National and cantonal safety regulations valid at the time and the currently valid safety 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 safety concept of GastroSwiss applies (see appendix).

### **II.2 Hotels**

As a rule, the safety concept of Hotellerie Suisse applies (see appendix).

If there are other hotel guests in the same hotel, they must, if possible, be separated from the Red Group. During meals, different teams and regular hotel guests may not be mixed, if possible. Separation/reservation of allocated and labelled tables is paramount. Teams are required to wear protective masks during their stay in the hotel and when entering rooms.

### **II.3 Mountain railways and cable cars**

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

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

## I2 Responsibility

- Responsibility for implementing and monitoring the defined measures lies with the LOC St. Moritz. The corresponding Covid organisation and responsibilities are defined in section 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 Ski World Cup St. Moritz must sign a declaration before receiving accreditation that the present safety concept has been read and understood. This ensures individual instruction and correct implementation.
- 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 safety concept is published online and is accessible to everyone.
- The operators of external facilities / providers are responsible for the corresponding general conditions and safety concepts of the respective facility / provider.
- **All participants are to adhere to the safety concept in the spirit of solidarity and with a high degree of personal responsibility!**

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