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KRANJSKA GORA



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Dear members of the WPNS Family,

The Organizing Committee are welcoming all participants at the I FEEL SLOVENIA Para Nordic Skiing World Cup Planica/Kranjska Gora, Slovenia, that will take place from March 2nd till March 10th, 2021 in Planica/Kranjska Gora.

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

All the guidelines follow the recommendations of National health authorities and WPNS 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 WPNS guidelines, to follow all procedures and instructions and behave responsibly at all times of the World Cup.

In case of changes the LOC WPNS Planica/ Kranjska Gora will provide updated information accordingly.

Together we are stronger.

Thank you for your cooperation and stay safe!

Organizing Committee WPNS Planica/ Kranjska Gora

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

An epidemic (second wave) has been declared on entire territory of the Republic of Slovenia as of Sunday, October 18, 2020 and is still in effect. So far the situation regarding the organization of top level sporting events did not change (or at least not getting worse).

Current restrictions:

- 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 pre-prescribed exceptions.
- Ban on gathering of people: All events are temporarily prohibited, such as gatherings, celebrations, weddings and religious ceremonies. Gathering is permitted only to groups of persons who are close family members or share the same household.
- Hotels are closed with the exception that accommodation is allowed for top level sports teams.
- Restaurants and bars are closed, but pick up/delivery is permitted, including during curfew hours (except alcoholic drinks).
- Gyms, indoor sports centres, spas, swimming pools, cinemas, car washes, casinos, cultural institutions, cosmetic salons, and some stores are closed.
- Essential shops/services such as for fuel, groceries, pet food, hardware, car/bicycle repair, gardening, pharmacies, banks and post offices, remain open, but the Slovenian government is enforcing distancing and other health precautions.
- Schools and universities are partially on-line. Kindergartens are closed in some regions.
- Organization of sporting events on international level (such as World and European Championships, World Cups) is allowed but without spectators.
- All athletes on national level can normally proceed with their trainings.

In the event of a legislation amendments, different from the provisions of the Protocol, the legislation of the Republic of Slovenia shall apply.

Local health authorities' requirements:

- Mandatory use of face masks in all closed public places and public transport.
- Use of face masks is not obligatory in open air, if a distance of at least 1,5 metre can be maintained.
- Social distance at least 1,5 m.
- Regular hand washing and disinfection.
- Proper cough etiquette.



2. ARRIVAL TO LJUBLJANA AIRPORT AND TRANSFER TO THE HOTEL

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

Travelers who have spent 14 days in either a “green” country or an “orange” EU country/region can enter Slovenia without quarantine.

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 48 hours prior to arrival.** Link (Recognition of results of tests to detect SARS-CoV-2 for the crossing of borders)

<https://www.nlzoh.si/en/objave/recognition-of-results-of-tests-to-detect-sars-cov-2-for-the-crossing-of-borders/>

Upon entry into the Republic of Slovenia, negative PCR tests performed in third countries are also recognized, and rapid antigen tests must be performed in an EU Member State or the Schengen area. It is considered that a negative test result (PCR and HAG) should not be older than 48 hours. Testing with rapid antigen tests at border crossings at the external Schengen border has been abolished.

Link: <https://www.gov.si/novice/2021-01-08-jutri-spremembe-pri-prehajanju-meje-priznajo-se-testi-pcr-tudi-iz-tretjih-drzav/>

If you travel to Ljubljana Airport please order the transfer at LOC.

After the arrival to Ljubljana Airport transport will be waiting for the teams and special shuttle service will be organized for those teams without their own means of transport.

CROSSING THE BORDER WITH OWN VEHICLES

All teams arriving to Planica/ Kranjska Gora with own vehicles have to inform LOC (accommodationipc@hit-alpinea.si) about the date and place of border crossing into Slovenia. 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.

LOC will organize testing for COVID-19 (PCR and/or HAG) tests for all members of the team arriving before 27th or 28th of February. Results will be known until the next morning the latest and for that period of time team members should refrain from having social contacts with other teams. All detailed information will follow after receiving the information about team’s arrival.

DAILY TRANSPORT HOTEL KOMPAS – PLANICA VENUE AND BACK

LOC encourage competition teams to use their own vehicles for daily transportation from Hotel Kompas to the 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. If you do not travel by own vehicles, please order it at LOC (accommodationipc@hit-alpine.si latest until 15/2/2021).

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

- All shuttle drivers will have a certificate of negative COVID-19 test.
- All drivers will be wearing face masks.
- Complete disinfection of vehicles will be made before the arrival of the teams.

If it is necessary to provide a test results for a further travelling after the event in Planica/ Kranjska Gora, testing can be organized before departure.

The cost of single PCR test is 120 EUR and of single HAC test is 30 EUR.

3. HOTEL KOMPAS KRANJSKA GORA

The hotel will be a "snowflake" hotel, only for teams, jury members, WPNS representatives and competition management and organizers. No other guests.

Protocol within the hotel:

- Face mask is mandatory in all public places. No need only when eating and drinking.
- 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 and during their stay.
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be served as buffet, but hotel staff will be doing the food plating. Drinks are available in bottles. Tables are cleaned and disinfected after every guest.
- Entering the hotel will be possible only with proper accreditation. Upon hotel entry each person must measure his/her body temperature using contactless thermometers and disinfect his/her hands (equipment will be provided).

- Entrance to and out of the hotel is possible only through main entrance. Other doors are closed, except emergency exists which are allowed to be used only in case of emergency.

Isolation/quarantine rooms will be prepared in case of health issues of any of the guests. Prompt separation will be possible. We ask all teams to inform LOC (contact +386 31 754 783) immediately in case of COVID-19 is detected among any of the team member.

4. ACCREDITATION

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

- Negative COVID-19 PCR Test (swab test) carried out in less than 72 hours (two days) prior to the arrival and was carried out in one of the EU member states or in Schengen area and negative rapid antigen test made in Slovenia upon arrival.
- Pre-arrival PCR test result must be carried in printed form for crossing the border.
- Protocol for previously positive persons: If more than 10 days have passed since the onset of the symptoms and the person is without clinical signs after this time, he or she is allowed to compete because the person is no longer contagious. In this case, the person must have a positive PCR test result (between 90 days and 14 days prior of the time of the accreditation pick-up) from which it will be seen when the test was performed.

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

The LOC can withdraw the accreditation at any time if regulations and guidelines are not respected.

5. TEAM CAPTAINS MEETING

The meeting will take place in Hotel Kompas - Conference Hall Jasna (basement level). Social distancing at least 1,5 m will be assured. Only one person per team will be allowed to participate.

6. VENUE

A SNOWFLAKE area will be created for the following:

- Athletes, team members
- Jury members
- WPNS 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 access to the "Snowflake" area, also from LOC side, will need to have a negative COVID-19 HAC test.

In case the HAC test is positive the PCR test has to be done.

"Snowflake" area consists of:

- Hotel Kompas
- Inside of NC Planica venue:
 - NC Planica Centre main building
 - Warm-up room
 - Waxing space
 - Judges' space
- Coaches' stand

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

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. Gathering of athletes have to be avoided at all times in the corridors of the mixed zone. There will be live stream provided on 6th and 7th March. Otherwise no media is expected.

To access the "snowflake" area marked corridors will be arranged to avoid crossing with others. It will be properly marked with directional signs. Masks must be worn at all times and social distance must be respected. Access to accreditations holders only. All facilities in "snowflake" area will be disinfected regularly.

7. SNOWFLAKE RULES:

- Wearing face mask indoors and outdoors at all time. Masks do not need to be used only in cases: 1. during warm up (keep the obligatory social distance at least 2m); 2. right before the start; 3. when eating or drinking.
- In any common space it is not allowed to leave masks on tables or on any other surfaces. It is recommended to put them on a proper shelf or throw them in a bin in case of replacement.
- Keep social distance: at least 2m.
- Regular hand washing and disinfection: regularly and properly wash hands with soap and water. If water and soap are not available, use hand sanitizer to disinfect your hands.
- Transport: we encourage competition teams to use their own transportation means. Parking for vehicles will be assured in green areas in front of the official hotel and at competition venue in Planica. Green parking permits will be issued accordingly.

- Entering the green areas with accreditation only. Access is strictly denied to persons without accreditation.

8. HEALTH PRE-EVENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Main four functions of the Questionnaire are the following:

1. the test results
2. Health Pre-Event Questionnaire
3. Daily Health questionnaire

Conditions to get accreditation for each person of Team:

- The following must be filled out in Questionnaire on the day when accreditations are to be collected:
 - negative COVID – 19 PCR test result not older than 72 hours at the time of the accreditations pick-up (counting from the collection of the sample) or positive COVID – 19 PCR test between 90 days and 14 days prior of the time of the accreditation pick-up.
 - Filled out »Health Pre-Event Questionnaire«

The COVID – 19 LOC Coordinator checks each registration and authorises issuing of an accreditation. Should there be any problem or in case of any doubts, the Team Captain will be immediately contacted by the COVID – 19 LOC Coordinator and informed about what actions to be taken.

Serological results for COVID 19 don't valid.

On this event is NOT ALLOWED TO participate any person, who was positive to COVID 19 test in last 14 days before arrival.
Persons with COVID-19 symptoms must not attend the event.

Tests performed outside Slovenia or EU countries must be recognized by Slovenian health system.

Health must be the highest priority; a high level of discipline, solidarity and individual responsibility is required.

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- If a case of COVID-19 is diagnosed after the event (after a max. of 14 days), the LOC must be informed thereof immediately through the COVID-19 Hotline.
- All information must be entered truthfully.

A person who has had COVID 19 in last 6 months is entitled to testing after arrival, unless he develops symptoms or signs of COVID 19. And original positive result is required for his exception.

- If Covid-19 RAT is positive, one will be directed immediately to the PCR Covid-19 test together with all person(s) in close contact and until the results are known, this person and persons in close contacts with the positive tested person must be in self-isolation in the designated accommodation facilities. If the PCR Covid test is positive as well, the National health regulations will apply and the person(s) will be quarantined for 10 days. The costs of quarantine are borne by the affected person(s)/NSA in question.

- The valid information on the current Covid-19 situation in Slovenia may be obtained from: <https://www.gov.si/en/topics/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/>

Exceptions:

- A person, who has been vaccinated with two doses of COVID 19 vaccine (Pfizer and Moderna) or with at least 1 dose of AstraZeneca in required 7, 14 or 21 days doesn't need to be tested. Unless if the symptoms of COVID 19 occur.

9. COVID-19 EVENT TASK FORCE IN PLANICA/KRANJSKA GORA

OC President: Mr. Milan Sajovic

OC Coordinator: Mirjam Žerjav, +386 31 754 783

COVID-19 Event coordinator: Mrs. Dr. Irena Grmek Košnik, MD, irena.grmek.kosnik@nijz.si

Head of Medical Service OC Planica/Kranjska Gora: Paramedic
(Paramedic will be presented with the crew and ambulance car only on days of competition, Mountain rescue 1 person – doctor will be presented also at training days.

10. INFORMATION IN CASE OF SYMPTOMS

Any health problem or discomfort must be immediately reported to the COVID-19 Event Coordinator appointed by the LOC – mrs. Mirjam Žerjav – +386 31 754 783.

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 IPC Officials and OC Planica/Kranjska Gora 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/Kranjska Gora and WPNS guidelines, follow all procedures, instructions, behave responsibly at all times, also during breaks and/or after competitions, including visiting bars, restaurants and other public places outside the "snowflake area". Otherwise, the accreditation could be withdrawn immediately.

Please note that 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 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/WPNS 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 hand washing and respiratory hygiene rules.

These rules will be finalized a week prior to the event and depend on the 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 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 the National Institute of Public Health (NIJZ) and the Government of the Republic of Slovenia: <https://www.gov.si/en/topics/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/border-crossing/>