

Safety Concept St. Moritz Ski World Cup 5 - 6 December 2020

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 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 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 will be validated by Swiss Ski with the support of a group of FOSPO experts and covers all phases of the event (building infrastructure, event with training and dismantling).

The present safety concept is valid for the Ski World Cup St. Moritz from 5 - 6 December 2020 and is based on the following:

- Currently valid Covid-19 FOPH directive
- New framework for sport events (FOSPO and Swiss Olympic, 29.05.2020)
- FOPH hygiene and social distancing rules.
- Swiss Ski Basic Safety Concept World Cup October 2020
- FIS Covid-19 Prevention Guidelines

The present safety concept for the AUDI FIS Women's World Cup from 5 – 6 December 2020 complies with the latest recommendations of the federal government, canton and associations.

2. Aims of the Ski World Cup St. Moritz

- The health and safety of all those involved, athletes, staff, volunteers, media representatives etc. 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 respective departmental heads security in their approach.

3. Characteristics of the Ski World Cup St. Moritz

The AUDI FIS Women's World Cup from 5 – 6 December 2020 can be characterised as follows:

- Takes place in the open air and in public spaces.
- Occupies mainly public as well as closed rooms (meetings, conferences, accommodation, catering, start and finish area).
- Is divided into specific areas for participants, helpers and other people involved in the organisation.
- Consists of different formats (so-called subevents), which can be defined separately in space and time.
- Participants are committed nature lovers, disciplined and environmentally aware.
- Participants can be expected to assume a high degree of personal responsibility.

Due to these characteristics, the AUDI FIS Women's World Cup from 5 – 6 December 2020 is predestined to be held in compliance with the Covid-19 prevention goals.

4. 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, have no previous illnesses or disease/Covid-19 symptoms 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.
- The minimum social distance (1.5 m) applies to the entire event site and must be observed at all times.
- Wearing masks is compulsory within the entire event perimeter. (Use of a certified hygiene mask as mouth and nose protection. The mask has to be changed in case of soaking or soiling and has to be changed/washed daily). Mask obligation applies specifically in the starting area, in the finish area, including everywhere in the finish house, in the mountain railways, in public transport, at meetings – basically, everywhere where the minimum social distance of 1.5 metres cannot be maintained. Members of the medical team wear masks and gloves during the entire event.
- Special winter protective masks have to comply with the specifications of the Covid Task Force and the specifications of the FOPH (e.g. Winter Community Mask by the Muntagnard company: tested and approved in accordance with FOPH guidelines).

5. Protection against transmission of infection

The three main transmission routes of the new coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) are:

- Close contact: if a person maintains a distance of less than 1.5 metres to a sick person.
- Droplets: if an infected person sneezes or coughs, the virus find its way directly onto the mucous membranes of another person's nose, mouth or eyes.
- Hands: infectious droplets get onto the hands when coughing and sneezing or touching the mucous membranes. From there the virus is transmitted to surfaces. Another person can then transfer the virus to their hands and it can get to their mouth, nose or eyes if they touch their face.

There are three main means of preventing transmission:

- Social distancing, cleanliness, disinfection and hand hygiene
- Protecting particularly vulnerable persons
- Social and occupational segregation of patients and persons who have had close contact with patients

The principles for preventing transmission are based on the main transmission routes mentioned above. Transmission through closer contact, as well as transmission by droplets, can be prevented by keeping a distance of at least 1.5 metres or by physical barriers. To prevent transmission via the hands, regular and thorough hand hygiene by all persons and cleaning of frequently touched surfaces are important.

5.1 Hand hygiene

All persons in the organisation clean their hands regularly. Staff and volunteers wash their hands regularly with soap and water or disinfect them with a hand sanitizer. This is particularly important when arriving at the workplace, when changing from one activity to the next, and before and after breaks and toilet visits. Disposable towels and sanitizers are provided at all entrances and exits.

5.2 Keeping your distance

All persons keep a distance of 1.5 m from each other. Distances are ensured by floor markings or with barrier tape. Working groups are separated from each other in zones and spaces and must not mix. The 1.5 m distance is also ensured in the WC facilities.

5.3 Health declaration

All participants and members/helpers of the organisation have to confirm that they have not been in contact with any person with a COVID-19 infection within the last 10 days before the event. They also have to confirm that they are not experiencing any typical acute respiratory symptoms (e.g. cough, sore throat, shortness of breath), fever, muscle pain or sudden onset of anosmia or ageusia (loss of sense of smell or taste). Accompanying persons are only allowed to the event in the absence of the above symptoms. Anyone who does not feel well must stay away from the event!

5.4 Safety measures LOC

The members of the OC and volunteers wear protective masks and are obliged to disinfect their hands regularly. Shaking hands when greeting is not allowed. Hand sanitizers are available whenever necessary. A distance of 1.5 metres is to be maintained wherever possible. As soon as the minimum distance cannot be maintained for a longer period of time, protective masks must be worn.

5.5 Swiss-Covid App

The use of the Swiss-Covid app is recommended to all persons involved. Excluded from this recommendation are professional groups (e.g. paramedics), who are regularly in contact with Covid-19 suspected and confirmed cases due to their daily work. They are recommended by their main employer not to use the Swiss-Covid App.

5.6 Volunteers who are particularly vulnerable

Volunteers who are themselves considered to be at risk are recommended to refrain from volunteering during the pandemic period. According to the FOPH, the following persons are considered to be particularly vulnerable:

Adults of an advanced age and / or with the following pre-existing condition

- High blood pressure
- Cardiovascular diseases
- Diabetes
- Chronic respiratory diseases
- Cancer
- Diseases and therapies that weaken the immune system
- Obesity grade III (morbid, BMI ≥ 40 kg/m²)

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 Commissioner)
- Ruedi Birchler (Responsible Commissioner for 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)
- Responsible for contact tracing / implementation of current regulations

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)
- Ruedi Birchler (Covid Commissioner, contact for federal and cantonal authorities)
- Guido Mittner (Installations & Logistics)
- Claudia Jann (Communication)
- 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 / Ruedi Birchler
- Representative FIS: Sarah Fussek
- Representative Swiss-Ski: Hannes Hofer
- Representative LOC: Martin Berthod / Claudia Jann

This Task Force will decide on further procedures and possible measures to be taken if accredited persons show symptoms and test positive.

7. Separation of individual groups

In accordance with FIS and Swiss-Ski guidelines, all persons involved in a World Cup event are divided into groups. The groups must be strictly separated from each other, and procedures must be planned so that these groups of people do not mix with each other.

Each group is identified and defined by their colour 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).
Blue	All persons involved in the organisation on the track, in the start/finish area or at other locations of the event: volunteers, race officials, emergency organisations, civil defence, army, contractors.
Yellow	All media professionals such as host broadcasters, journalists and reporters from television, newspapers, online portals and radio, photographers, technicians.

All relevant details are defined in the red, blue, yellow and green appendices.

A person can only belong to one colour group (exceptions possible in special cases) and should avoid mixing with people from other colour groups.

All entries and exits from a colour zone must be recorded using an app or access list. The LOC keeps a list with an overview of all accredited persons.

The different zones are defined and shown on the zone map in the appendix. The traffic flows are directed in such a way that the colour groups do not mix with each other.

8. Event Rules and Regulations

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

8.1 General Measures for Events

For all sports events the following health and epidemiological requirements of the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH) and Swiss Olympic apply:

- [Link FOPH](#)
- [Link Swiss Olympic](#)

Rahmenvorgaben für Sportveranstaltungen

Spirit of Sport
heisst jetzt ...


Hygieneregeln
des BAG einhalten


Abstand
halten


Symptomfrei
an die Veranstaltung


Kontaktdaten
erfassen (Contact Tracing)


SwissCovid App
aktivieren (gemäss Empfehlung Bund)


Gesichtsmaske
tragen



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8.2 Accreditation

In order to receive an accreditation, applicants must sign and bring with them the relevant colour appendix and fill in a current FIS Health Questionnaire. If questions in the FIS Health Questionnaire are answered with "Yes", a Covid-19 test must be taken on site. Until the test result is received, the applicant must go into self-isolation. The Red Group has further obligations, which are described in the appendix "Red" under "Information and reporting obligations".

The accreditation centre is located in the "Trinkhalle" of the St. Moritz Bäder AG in St. Moritz Bad. The location has various entrances and exits, the desks are protected by plexiglass panes, all visitors must wear masks. A corresponding map can be seen in the appendix.

Due to the strict safety regulations, the LOC must limit the number of accredited persons. In accordance with the FIS quota, only team officials have access to the team zones and sport-relevant zones. One person per media outlet is allowed.

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.

8.3 Protective masks

At the Ski World Cup St. Moritz, masks are generally compulsory on the entire site and in all venues. Exceptions are defined in the relevant appendices (athletes in competition, helpers in physically-demanding work situations and on the ski runs etc.)

8.4 Hygiene and safety measures

Disinfectants are provided within all zones. The LOC also keeps a reserve stock of protective masks.

8.5 Temperature scans

At all entrances to the zones, the body temperature of each individual will be measured by means of a scan. If an increased temperature or even fever is indicated, the person concerned will be immediately isolated and tested for Covid-19.

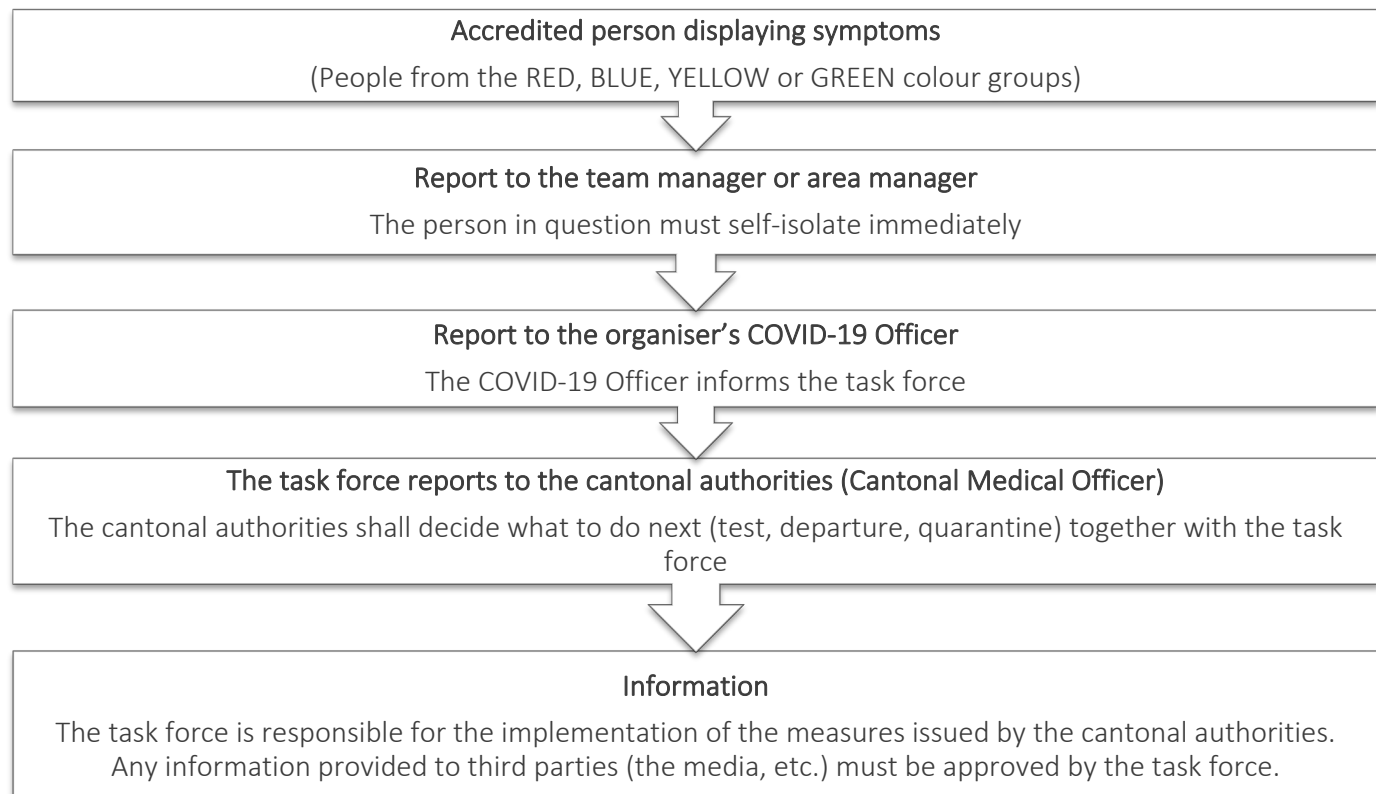
8.6 Covid-19 test

Only the Red Group will be tested in the run-up to the event. The procedure is regulated and described in more detail in the appendix "Red". A certified testing opportunity will be offered on site.

8.7 Covid Point of Contact

A Covid Contact Point will be established in the target area. People with symptoms will be able register here. 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.

8.8 Procedure in the event of symptoms



8.9 Contact tracing

Seamless contact tracing for the traceability of close contacts is a central task of the organiser. A close contact is defined as one that lasts longer (> 15 minutes) or repeatedly falls short of a distance of 1.5 metres without any protective measures being taken.

In order to implement **Contact Tracing** the following applies:

- All persons involved are recommended to use the Swiss Covid App;
- List of all persons present must be kept;
- Attendance will be recorded as follows: accreditation list, entry lists, lists of volunteers and military personnel present;
- Attendance lists have to be kept for 14 days. They can be requested by the health authorities at any time during this period.

The detailed contact tracing for the respective colour groups is regulated in the colour appendices. All attendance lists are collected daily and stored in the Covid container.

9 Event organisation

In the following paragraph details of the event organisation are regulated.

9.1 Transfer to the event site

Transportation of the individual groups to the event site must be organised individually. The following groups are responsible for their own transfer:

- Teams
- TV
- Military

If teams/nations do not have the possibility to organise transport themselves, it will be organised by the LOC. During transport there must be no contact between or mixing with other groups (exception: drivers). Transport organised by the LOC is subject to the BAG guidelines, the wearing of a mask is compulsory.

9.2 Catering on the event site

A separate catering area is provided for each group. 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 regulations for the catering industry apply (see appendix) in the catering areas in the Finish House and the Team and Media catering tents.

9.3 Tobacco and alcohol

No alcohol will be consumed or sold on the entire event site.

A smoking area will be defined for a maximum of 15 people at any one time.

9.4 Team Captains Meeting

In the Team Captains Meetings (TCM), the number of physically present participants will be reduced to a minimum: necessary representatives FIS (determined by FIS), a maximum of 3 representatives LOC and no more than 1 representative per nation. The meetings have to be accessible to all outside participants via online livestream. Team Captains Meetings take place in the team tent on Salastrains.

9.5 Media conference

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

9.6 Award ceremonies

The award ceremonies will be held exclusively in the Finish Area /on the event site. Participants will be limited to the athletes and one representative each of FIS and LOC.

9.7 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, athletes will obtain their bib numbers at the start.

9.8 Crowd management outside the event site

Spectators are not allowed in the Finish Area. It is possible to watch the event near the race track. Spectators are required to wear a mask and to observe the FOPH's hygiene and distancing regulations throughout the event. In the public area along the course, the maximum number of spontaneous gatherings is limited, subject to the FOPH's rules on distance and hygiene. We appeal to their personal responsibility for complying with this guidance. Spectators are themselves responsible for compliance with the protective measures issued by the FOPH.

Persons outside the event area, for example at the edge of the ski run, are instructed by the LOC to maintain the prescribed distance from one another and to comply with the regulations of the FOPH.

10 Communication

The following paragraph 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 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 pass on important current information. This channel can be used for both internal and external stakeholders. The purpose of this channel is to ensure that no crowds form at entrances and exits.

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).

The different teams are not allowed to mix with each other with respect to catering. Sufficient sanitary and catering facilities are available for each colour group.

Catering on the race days is provided in the form of pre-packaged drinks and food, which can be picked up independently at a service station. Closed rooms are regularly ventilated, tables, chairs and other surfaces are cleaned after each meal.

II.2 Hotels

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

Hotels have quarantine rooms where suspected cases can be isolated.

If there are other hotel guests in the same hotel, they must, if possible, be separated from the Red Group. During meals, colour groups, 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. The personal data of groups must be recorded in the respective hotels. All employees are required to wear masks.

II.3 Mountain railways and cable cars

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

When using mountain railways and cable cars, all persons must wear masks. The colour groups may not mix. The individual colour groups will be taken separately to the Salastrains chairlift and directed to a seat.

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

I2 Responsibility

- The responsibility for implementing and monitoring the defined measures lies with the LOC St. Moritz. The corresponding Covid organisation and responsibilities are defined in paragraph 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 and the relevant colour appendix have been read and understood. This ensures individual instruction and correct implementation. The declaration to be signed is attached at the end of the relevant colour appendix.
- 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!**

St. Moritz, 21.10.2020



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