

COVID-19 information

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BAKURIANI 2021 WC SX/SXT AND WC SBX

With this document we would like to inform all teams about **COVID-19** measurements for the:
Bakuriani 2021 WC Ski Cross SX/SXT to take place on 26-28 February 2021
AND
Bakuriani 2021 WC Snowboard Cross SBX to take place on 3-5 March 2021

Before travelling to Georgia

✓ Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Georgia has introduced tight measurements to enter and stay within the country. It is necessary to obtain the entrance permit, before traveling to Georgia. The LOC shall be provided with the information including the name, surname, country, citizenship, passport number, arrival/departure flight, last 14 days travel history, COVID-19 testing/vaccination history.

✓ **Special regulations are made for the persons accredited by the Local Organizing Committee for the event**, based on FIS PASSPORT.

Entering Georgia

→ Entering Georgia by a commercial flight

✓ **SARS-CoV-2 PCR** testing negative result presented at the airport upon arrival (not older than 72 hours). This negative result must be uploaded to the FIS passport as well as hard copy presented upon arrival in Tbilisi International Airport

✓ **AND** the participant **DOES NOT** take a test at the airport: after the entry modalities and logistical procedures the participant is taken to Bakuriani.

✓ **AND** the participant takes SARS-CoV-2 PCR test upon arrival at Bakuriani hotel, where the on-site Testing Lab is set up by the LOC with the **special prices** for the participants. The cost is 75 GEL (approx. 20 Euros) per test and shall be paid by credit/debit cards. The LOC staff and the Covid-19 Coordinator will organize the testing procedure in a structured manner to minimize the waiting time and avoid lines. After testing, the participants stay in short self-isolation at the hotel, until receiving the negative result of the PCR test. The result usually received in less than 24 hours.

✔ **AND** mandatory testing policy applies in every following 72 hours.

⊗ The PCR test presented upon arrival must be recognized by the health authorities in the country where the test has been carried out.

⊗ If a participant had Covid-19 from 14 to 90 days prior to the arrival, these cases shall be informed to the LOC well ahead of time, and the LOC along with the local authorities will consider / assist them on case-by-case basis.

⊖ Individuals with a positive PCR test within 14 days prior to the arrival are not allowed to enter the country.

⊖ Failure in fulfilling above steps may result in denial to enter the border.

→ Exemption:

✔ If the participant presents a certificate issued by the respective National Health Authority indicating completion of two-dose vaccination course, this participant is exempt from the obligations of pre-arrival tests/isolation and further tests. This certificate must be uploaded to the FIS passport as well as presented as a hard copy upon arrival in Tbilisi International Airport

Staying in Georgia

→ mandatory SARS-CoV-2 PCR testing in every following 72 hours

✔ Mandatory SARS-CoV-2 PCR testing in every 72 hours applied to any individual who is staying in Georgia for more than 72 hours. It means that if you had taken the previous test on 21 February at 15:00hrs (time is counted after taking the sample), you have to take a next test within 60-72 hours but no later than 24 February at 15:00hrs.

✔ On-site Testing Lab is set up by the LOC with the **special prices** for the participants. The cost is 75 GEL (approx. 20 Euros) per test and shall be paid by credit/debit cards. The LOC staff and the Covid-19 Coordinator will organize the testing procedure in a structured manner to minimize the waiting time and avoid lines.

Transportation

✔ **Airport-Hotel-Airport transfers:** to be in line with the COVID-19 regulations in force for this event, the teams shall request and get a corresponding vehicle from the LOC, at competitive prices, to transfer them from the airport to the hotel (arrival) and back (departure). Please note that stops will be avoided during the travel. LOC drivers will wear masks at all times and will have Covid-19 negative test results. Masks are mandatory for all passengers.

✔ **Hotel - Competition area – Hotel transfers:** participants are provided with the shuttle transportation organized by the LOC. LOC drivers will wear masks at all times and will have Covid-19 negative test results. Masks are mandatory for all passengers.

Accreditation

✔ To get the accreditation, all participants are required to record their PCR Negative TEST results (not older than 72 hours at the accreditation) in FIS Passport as per above requirements, along with the information for the Whereabouts for the last 14 days and complete the Health Questionnaire, which will be provided through the FIS Passport application. Only one representative from each team may collect all accreditations for the whole team at the race office.

⊖ Failure to record the PCR Test results / whereabouts in FIS Passport (including the mandatory every 72 hour testing results) may result in denying / suspending the accreditation.

COVID-19 case management

➔ Covid-19 case management is determined by the current regulations of Georgia. If there is a COVID-19 case/suspect case, a team from the LOC and the local authorities will be organizing further procedures including isolation.

✔ In case you show one of the following symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath, breathing difficulties, loss of smell and taste / or have received a positive test result, immediately contact the Covid-19 Coordinator (please see the contacts below). The LOC will activate Covid-19 measures in accordance with national regulations.

✔ In case of a positive test result, a minimum 10-day, maximum 13-day quarantine is required, depending on the symptoms. Appropriate space will be available for isolation in the Tbilisi COVID-19-specialized hotels / or at the locations determined by Emergency Situations Coordination and Urgent Assistance National Center. The authorities decide on quarantine of the people in contact (e.g. team members etc.). The costs of quarantine/ isolation / hospitalization / testing, etc. should be carried by the individual, therefore we suggest that you check that these costs are covered by your health insurance.

✔ **The LOC COVID-19 Coordinator: Vakhtang KUPRAVA Email: covid19@mrg.gov.ge**

Important information

- 👉 Take your responsibility;
- 👉 Follow hygiene measures (regularly wash your hands and disinfect);

- ☞ Maintain the minimum distance of 1 meter;
- ☞ Wear a face mask everywhere, at all times. exceptions:
 - when drinking or eating
 - athletes during sport
 - athletes in the start and warm up area during race preparation
- ☞ Stay within allocated and marked zones for teams (red zone);
- ☞ Avoid direct contact with anyone other than your team;
- ☞ Please do not mix with other teams;
- ☞ Avoid contact with the LOC staff members;
- ☞ In case of a team member feeling not well or showing COVID-19 symptoms, please inform the LOC immediately;
- ☞ Form small groups;
- ☞ Please take into consideration that all sports events will be held without spectators.

⊗ These measures determined in accordance with the current regulations. The LOC reserves the right to make necessary changes/adjustments as the dates approach. Should the changes/adjustments appear, the LOC will announce immediately.