

HEALTH REGULATIONS

FOR EVENT PARTICIPANTS



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GENERAL PRINCIPLES

During the current Covid-19 pandemic the health and safety of all participants at ISU Events including the athletes, team members, officials, volunteers, service providers, broadcasters, media, and spectators needs to be given additional attention.

Therefore, in conjunction with the sports and health authorities, the International Skating Union (ISU) and Organizing Committee (OC) have drawn up the protocol below. Strict compliance with it, by everyone, will guarantee the successful staging of these Championships.

The guiding principle behind this protocol is that it is advisable to limit, as far as possible, the number of persons taking part in this ISU Event and to ensure that contacts among these persons are minimized as much as possible and traceability among them is guaranteed.

Therefore, within the framework of ISU World Figure Skating Championships® 2021 (hereafter called WC2021), a “Competition Bubble“ (hereafter called CB) will be created and aimed at minimizing the risk of skaters and team members of either being infected or infecting other people directly or indirectly (people in contact with skaters and team members) and at restricting the number of persons identified as close contacts in the event of infection.

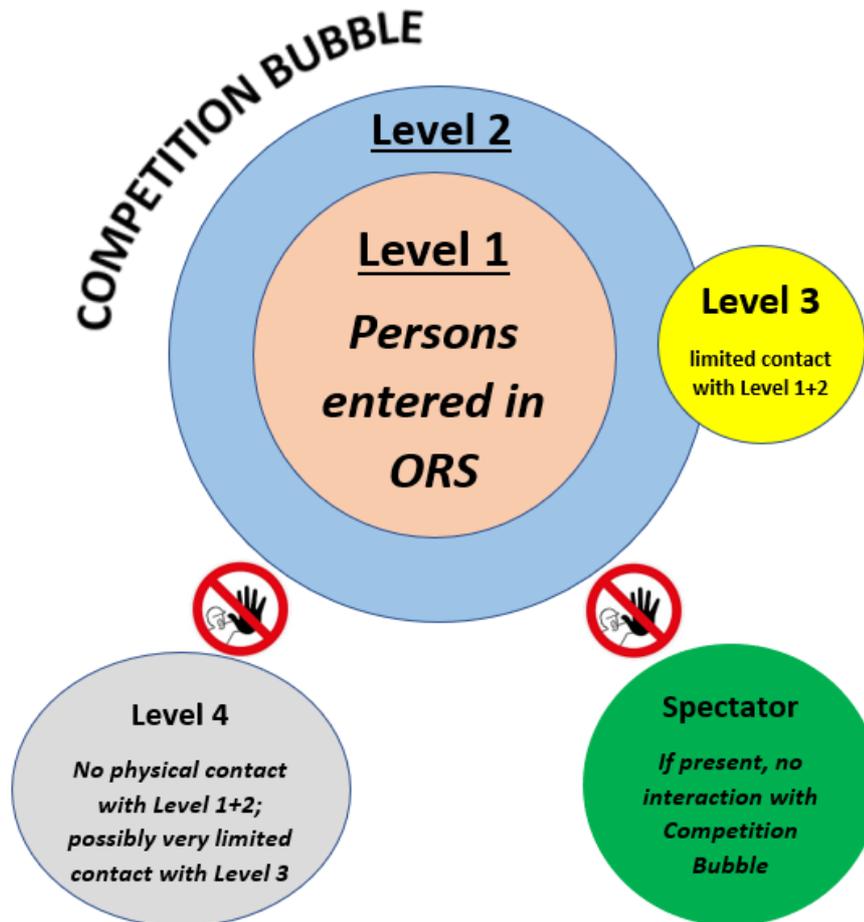
The clear common goals are: to safeguard the health of skaters, team members and other people involved in the ISU Event and to guarantee that the Championships can go ahead.

All measures and rules set out herein (except for tests performed before the arrival at the WC2021) shall remain in force for as long as the persons are in the CB.

These “Health Regulations” represent measures and rules that complement those set out in the ISU’s document titled “Guidelines for ISU Events during the COVID-19 pandemic” (ISU Guidelines).

These regulations exclusively and specifically apply to the ISU World Figure Skating Championships® 2021.

COMPETITION BUBBLE AND EVENT LEVELS



The Competition Bubble consists of 2 levels:

- **Level 1:** all event participants who have been officially registered for the WC2021 via the Online Registration System (ORS), are designated as “Level 1”. Those include ISU Event Officials, ISU Office Holders, ISU Staff, ISU Media Team, Result Service Provider, Team Leaders (Assistants), Competitors, Coaches/Choreographers, Team Medical, Member Press Officers, Team Officials, Member Presidents. Members of Level 1 will be screened & tested on Covid-19 on a regular basis. *Please note: Chaperones, Observers and Guests will not be accepted at these Championships as per ISU Communication 2362, point 5. See also page 7, “Level 1”*
- **Level 2:** all persons who do not belong to a team (entered in ORS) but are in close or regular contact with the “Level 1” participants are designated as “Level 2”. The ISU and OC will draw up a list of people classified as Level 2 including but not limited to OC Competition Management, IMG personnel, key OC volunteers, key venue personnel, Anti-Doping Control Team. Members of Level 2 will be screened and tested on Covid-19 on a regular basis.

Event attendees from Level 1 and 2 are required to stay within the official event locations only (CB).

The official event locations are:

- **Transportation** (pick-up/drop-off)
- Official Hotel – **Quality Globe Hotel**
- Ice Rink (Competition and Practice Rink) – **Ericsson Globe incl. Annexet and Hovet ice rinks**

Furthermore, physical interaction with persons/third parties outside the CB is not allowed. Interactions with other people within the CB must be limited as much as possible. Visits at the hotel are not allowed as well as leaving the competition bubble. Delivery of meals from outside the CB is not permitted and in case something is needed from outside the CB, the Organizers will provide assistance to fulfill the needs/requests of the persons confined to the CB as best as possible.

Other Levels of event attendees, who are not required to stay in the Competition bubble:

- **Level 3:** persons who do not belong to a team (entered in ORS), but have roles in the Event, which occasionally brings them into contact with Level 1+2, but not extensively. The ISU and OC will draw up a list of people classified as Level 3 including but not limited to ice makers, OC media, bus drivers, security personnel. Members of Level 3 will be screened and tested on Covid-19 on a regular basis as they enter occasionally the competition bubble.

- **Level 4:** persons who participate in the Event in a certain function but are not in contact with the CB (Level 1+2). Contact with Level 3 only in urgent cases. The ISU and OC will draw up a list of people classified as Level 4 including but not limited to catering, delivery, construction team prior to the start of the Event, media representatives. Specific measures and protocols shall be established for all these people which includes regular health screenings.

Every person participating in the Event must keep a daily diary indicating the list of persons they may have come in close contact with during the WC2021. According to the WHO, “A *contact* is defined as anyone who had direct contact or was within 1 metre for at least 15 minutes with a person (...).¹”

¹ World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/question-and-answers-hub/q-a-detail/coronavirus-disease-covid-19-contact-tracing>

Level 1

For Level 1 of the Competition Bubble, each member/event participant must:

- obey the maximum ISU quota and ISU Guidelines for the WC2021
- enter through ORS their entire delegation planned to attend **latest** on the entry deadline of March 1st, 2021. Changes within the team delegation are possible after March 1, but no additional Team member can be added to the team delegation after March 1.
- accept to stay in the CB for the duration of the WC2021 without the possibility of leaving the competition bubble and re-entering it. Once leaving the Competition Bubble, no re-entry is possible.
- plan **arrival** as below:
 - Teams (excl. Judges) must arrive in Stockholm on Saturday March 20 or latest on Sunday March 21, 2021.
 - Judges in Pairs and Ladies events must arrive on Sunday March 21st.
 - Judges in Men and Ice Dance events must arrive on Monday March 22nd.
 - Referees (all categories) must arrive on Sunday March 21st.
 - Technical Panel Members (TC, TS, DRO – all categories) must arrive on Saturday March 20th.
- plan **departure** as below:
 - Team entourage (Coaches, Team Officials, TLs, Team Medical, Member Press Officer etc.) are recommended to plan their departure as soon as their skater/team has completed the competition.
 - Judges & Referee in Pairs: Friday March 26th after RTD, latest Saturday March 27th.
 - Judges & Referee in Ladies: Saturday March 27th after RTD, latest Sunday March 28th.
 - Judges & Referee in Men&Ice Dance: Sunday March 28th after RTD, latest Monday March 29th.
 - TC & TS in Pairs: Friday March 26th
 - TC & TS in Ladies: Saturday March 27th
 - TC & TS Men & Ice Dance: Sunday March 28th
 - Data/Replay Operators: Sunday March 28th

Only the persons included in the ORS list for whom all the required information has been submitted shall be allowed to take part in the WC2021 and join the CB. The ISU Member undertakes to only enter (within the ISU quota and ISU Guidelines) persons considered as essential to the correct functioning of their team in the WC2021.



The ISU quota for the WC2021 will be limited for the following roles compared to previous ISU Championships:

- Coaches: 1 coach per skater/Pair team/Ice Dance couple
Team Officials: 1 Team Official per member (incl. Member Presidents)
Chaperones: No chaperones accepted
Guests: No guests accepted (incl. accompanying to Judges/Officials/Member President's guest)
Observers: No observers accepted

Each ISU Member must enter 1 Team Leader who will be the official contact person for this Member and will be responsible to make sure that each Team Member obeys and follows the measures against Covid-19 as set out herein – unless the ISU Member appoints another person as the Covid-19 Contact Person for their Team (information must be provided by the ISU Member to the OC/ISU). This Team Leader/Covid-19 Contact Person must arrive at the latest with the first team member and keep in close contact with the Organizers and the ISU Event Coordination team. The contact details (phone number and email) for each Team Leader and the Covid-19 Contact Person (if not TL) must be provided to the ISU and OC by the respective ISU Member prior to arrival in the CB. All team members accept to strictly comply with all the screening tests and distancing measures for Level 1 both before and during their presence in the CB.

Note: Access to the CB is only possible on the entrance dates that are specifically indicated. It is not allowed to leave the CB and re-enter the bubble again.

TESTING & HEALTH SCREENING PROTOCOL PRIOR TO THE START OF THE COMPETITION BUBBLE

Health Screening Questionnaires

Every Event attendee must observe, check and report daily his/her own health situation starting at least 5 days prior to arrival at the CB by using the ISU Covid-19 Health Questionnaire online (link will be shared by the OC/ISU). Team Leaders are responsible to follow up with their team daily. The OC and ISU Medical Advisor will have access to the information and monitor the outcomes.

1st Covid-19 PCR Test prior to departure for Stockholm:

Every Event attendee, requesting an accreditation, must present a negative Covid-19 PCR test taken no more than 48h prior to arrival in Stockholm. That is also valid for people, living in Stockholm or respectively Sweden. This 1st negative PCR Test result must be sent to the OC in English language

by the participating Teams prior to travelling to Sweden and is the first requirement to be allowed to proceed with the accreditation process once being on site. Additionally, the certificate must show the name, date and time the test was taken, the type of the test, result and who issued the certificate.

2nd Covid-19 PCR Test after arrival on site prior to accreditation:

Before the accreditation is granted, another PCR Test will be conducted on every Event attendee of the CB (Level 1+2) upon arrival at the Official Hotel, provided by the Organizing Committee. After taking the test at the hotel, all Event attendees from Level 1 and 2 must isolate and wait in their hotel room until they are informed of the test result (up to max 24h). Meals will be provided by the hotel and left in front of the respective room door.

- Results of the PCR tests will be sent to the respective Team Leader/Covid-19 contact person who will inform his/her member(s)
- If the PCR test result is negative, the respective person may proceed to the accreditation room.
- If the PCR test result is positive, the individual must remain in the room and wait for further instructions by the ISU Medical Advisor, OC Covid-19 team and the authorities.

Note: Each ISU Member's designated Covid-19 Contact Person is responsible to send to the ISU Medical Advisor any information related to any symptoms (such as: a fever, dry cough, headache, loss of smell & taste, shortness of breath, diarrhea or vomiting) or to a positive test for Covid-19, as well as any non-compliance with the measures contained in this protocol of a Team Member (not filling in the health questionnaire, not taking PCR tests, not observing the contact limitations, bubble concept zones...).

ACCREDITATION PROCEDURE & REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with the ISU Guidelines and the measures set up with the Organizers, the following health checks and procedures for accreditation and follow ups must be completed:

- fill in the "ISU Waiver for Attendees of ISU Events during Covid-19 Pandemic" and upload it to ORS fully signed (no electronic signature accepted) or submit it latest at accreditation.
- present negative PCR Test result(s) (as mentioned above)
- fill in and submit the "ISU Covid-19 Health Questionnaire" daily (at least starting 5 days prior to arrival at CB until and including your departure day/leaving the CB permanently)
 - The Team Leader/contact person must make sure that each Team Member/Event attendee gets checked/screened daily for suspicious clinical signs (fever, dry cough, etc..) and fills in the online ISU Covid-19 Health Questionnaire daily.
 - The Team Leader or designated Covid-19 contact person must communicate any information related to symptoms (such as fever, dry cough, headache, etc) to the OC

Medical Team/ISU Medical Advisor without delay after obtaining knowledge of the information

RESPONSIBLE PERSON FOR HEALTH SCREENING

Each Event stakeholder must have a responsible person/contact person to follow up with the health screening of the respective team and for communication purposes with the OC/ISU:

- Teams (incl. Judges): each Team Leader/Covid-19 contact person is responsible to follow up health screening of their own team
- Organizing Committee staff and Volunteers: OC will have their own internal team leaders who are responsible to follow up with their team members in the respective operating fields.
- ISU Staff/Event Officials: ISU Medical Advisor will be responsible to follow up on the health screening
- Result Service Provider (RSP): RSP to appoint 1 internal contact person to follow up on health screening for their team
- HB: HB to appoint 1 internal contact person to follow up on health screening for their team
- IMG: IMG to appoint 1 internal contact person to follow up on health screening for their team
- TV RH: each TV RH to appoint 1 internal contact person to follow up on health screening for their team
- Media representatives: OC Media Team to appoint contact person(s) to follow up on health screening for the media representatives (Journalists, Photographers, non-Right Holders)

The online Health Questionnaire (electronic form) must be filled in daily by each Event Attendee in order to get access to the venue. After the electronic form is filled in and submitted, the individual will receive a result electronically which indicates whether the result is ok to enter the venue or not. In case the result is not ok to enter the venue, the individual must not come to the venue and instead, contact the OC. Each Event Attendee must show his/her result at the entrance of the venue. The result is personal and valid only for that particular day.

***Note:** Each ISU Member's designated Covid-19 Contact Person is responsible to send to the ISU Medical Advisor any information related to any symptoms (such as: a fever, dry cough, headache, loss of smell & taste, short of breath, diarrhea or vomiting) or to a positive test for Covid-19, as well as any non-compliance with the measures contained in this protocol of a Team Member (not filling in the health questionnaire, not taking PCR tests, not observing the contact limitations, bubble concept zones...).*

TESTING & HEALTH SCREENING POLICY DURING CHAMPIONSHIPS WEEK

Competition Bubble

Level 1

Level 2

Event participants in Level 1 and 2 will have the following minimum test policy during the Event week:

- daily health checks via online ISU Covid-19 Health Questionnaire:
 - o after filling in the Health Questionnaire, the individual will receive a result which is valid for that respective day only. That result must be shown to the entrance control at the venue when entering. Without the correct result, no entry to the venue is possible.
- Body temperature will additionally be checked at every entrance to the venue
- Additional Covid-19 PCR test no later than 4 days after arrival on site
- OC/ISU will establish a testing schedule/plan by considering the activity schedule/service of the individual.

Level 3

Event participants in Level 3 will have the following minimum test policy during the Event week:

- daily health checks via online ISU Covid-19 Health Questionnaire:
 - o after filling in the Health Questionnaire, the individual will receive a result which is valid for that respective day only. That result must be shown to the entrance control at the venue when entering. Without the correct result, no entry to the venue is possible.
- Body temperature will additionally be checked at every entrance to the venue
- rapid test (antigen test) every 2nd day
- Additional Covid-19 PCR test not later than 4 days after previous Covid-19 PCR Test
- OC/ISU will establish a testing schedule/plan by considering the activity schedule/service of the individual.

Level 4

Event participants in Level 4 will have the following minimum test policy during the Event week:

- daily health checks via online ISU Covid-19 Health Questionnaire:
 - o after filling in the Health Questionnaire, the individual will receive a result which is valid for that respective day only. That result must be shown to the entrance control at the venue when entering. Without the correct result, no entry to the venue is possible.
- Body temperature will additionally be checked at every entrance to the venue

Note: subject to change; modifications in the testing policy are possible and will be communicated by the Organizers and ISU Event Coordination Team. Furthermore, the Team Leader or designated Covid-19 contact person must communicate any information related to symptoms (such as: a fever, dry cough, headache, loss of smell & taste, short of breath, diarrhea or vomiting) to the OC Medical Team/ISU Medical Adviser without delay after obtaining knowledge of the information

MANAGEMENT OF A SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19

If a possible case or a confirmed case of Covid-19 occurs, the following procedures and consequences will apply:

BEFORE ARRIVAL AT STOCKHOLM WC2021

- If a person shows symptoms of Covid-19 (such as fever, dry cough, headache, loss of smell & taste, shortness of breath, diarrhea or vomiting) after a negative PCR test prior to departure to Stockholm for the WC2021:
 -   ➤ the person in question is not authorized to travel nor to attend the WC2021

- If the PCR test, taken before travelling to Stockholm is positive for Covid-19, the person in question is not authorized to travel and attend the WC2021 (even if the person does not show symptoms of Covid-19).
 -  ➤ In this case, the respective person (under the responsibility of the designated Team Leader/Covid-19 contact person) will be obliged to identify any close contact cases, as defined by WHO and inform the OC Medical Team/ISU Medical Advisor on those who would be part of the WC2021.
 - All persons identified as “risk contacts” will be subject to quarantine according to the laws of local health authorities following their last contact with the person.
 - If a person is not authorized to attend the WC2021 due to the above, he/she may be replaced by a substitute, subject to the same testing policy and health screening before departure.

Note: ISU Members can only substitute a Skater, who was officially entered as substitute and must have fulfilled all requirements of the Covid-19 Event measures. In case a skater must be substituted, the new skater must arrive on site latest Monday March 22.

Note: anybody, who has slept in the same room as the person tested positive for Covid-19, will automatically be declared a close contact person.

UPON ARRIVAL IN STOCKHOLM AND DURING CHAMPIONSHIPS WEEK

The Organizer and the ISU will have a common communication strategy for the situation of a positive Covid-19 case. Discretion and respect of the privacy of the respective person(s) is a priority as well as informing the remaining Event Participants internally of the situation.

- If a person shows symptoms of Covid-19 upon arrival in Stockholm/during WC2021:
 -  ➤ The respective person will be isolated, and a Covid-19 PCR Test will be done as decided by the OC Medical Team/ISU Medical Advisor. The respective person must stay in self-quarantine in his/her room until the result of the PCR test is known. No skating, officiating, serving in any Event role is allowed during this time.

- If a person has a positive Covid-19 test result:
 -  ➤ the respective person is not allowed to participate at WC2021
 - the respective person needs to stay in self-quarantine for at least seven (7) days after the first symptoms or date of the positive test, of which at least the last 2 days must be without fever and with good general condition.
 - Close contact persons need to be identified and isolated for further check and possible quarantine measures.
 - OC Medical Team/ISU Medical Advisor will assess the situation and will follow public health guidelines. Whether another PCR Test or other tests will be conducted, will be decided onsite

- If an asymptomatic person, who has had a COVID-19 infection in the past, has a positive Covid-19 test result:
 -  ➤ The respective person will be isolated and the ISU Medical Advisor and OC Covid-19 team will be informed, and further testing and analysis will be performed including the ISU Protocol for “Positive PCR COVID-19 test in an asymptomatic person who has had a COVID-19 infection in the past” will apply. The Protocol will be available onsite.

The Organizers will offer assistance to quarantined persons who are not staying at home. If a minor-aged person (e.g. skater) has a positive Covid-19 test result and has to stay in quarantine longer than the duration of the Event, an adult chosen by the respective ISU Member must stay in Stockholm until the minor is released from quarantine. The costs for the additional stay must be covered by the individual.

Note: ISU Members can only substitute a Skater, who was officially entered as substitute and must have fulfilled all requirements of the Covid-19 Event measures. In case a skater must be substituted, the new skater must arrive on site latest Monday March 22.

Note: anybody, who has slept in the same room as the person tested positive for Covid-19, will automatically be declared a close contact person.

AFTER FINISHED WC2021 AND DEPARTURE OF STOCKHOLM



If a person wants to make a PCR test before departure, the respective person must inform the OC to book a time for such test at least 1 week prior. If a person has Covid-19 symptoms or if his/her test is positive within 14 days of the end of their participation at the WC2021, he/she must immediately notify his/her Team Leader or designated Covid-19 contact person. The Team Leader/Covid-19 contact person must notify the ISU and OC without delay.

GENERAL & SPECIFIC MEASURES FOR THE EVENT

The [General Guidelines for ISU Events during The Covid-19 Pandemic](#) and [Sport Specific Annex – Figure Skating](#) are valid for the WC2021 and must be strictly followed. Interaction with persons must be limited to a minimum and wearing a mask, keeping the minimum distance and hygienic measures must be strictly followed.

WALKWAYS IN VENUE

The Organizers will have a dedicated walkway/path within the venue to the respective areas. That allows to minimize traffic and supports the concept of a one-way path.

MEDIA ACTIVITIES

Media representatives and participants in the CB are strictly separated and will not have any physical contact with each other. Access to the Press Center for Event participants in Level 1 and 2 is prohibited and Media is not allowed to enter the CB physically. All interviews will be done virtually through the virtual Mixed Zone or virtual Press Conferences. The Organizers will coordinate the interview requests with the respective team/skater – in & outside of competition times.

TEAM LEADERS MEETING

The Team Leaders Meeting will be done virtually, and the respective persons will be provided with the access information by the ISU.

STARTING ORDER DRAW

There will only be a draw for the starting orders for the Short Program/Rhythm Dance.

The Starting Order for the Free Skating/Free Dance will exceptionally be in reverse order of the Short Program/Rhythm Dance results (as stated in ISU Communication 2362 Decisions of ISU Council, para 3.).

The draw for the starting order Short Program/Rhythm Dance will be a closed activity, including only the ISU Event Coordination Team, Event Referee, Technical Controller, Result Service Provider, and selected representatives of the Organizing Committee and ISU/OC Media Team. Additionally, the ISU Event Coordination Team will draw 2 Team Leaders at the TL Meeting for each category to witness the respective draw and thus, will be required to join the draw in person.

WARM-UP AREA

Warming up must only be done in the dedicated Warm-up Area. The access limitations to the Warm-up Area must be respected and followed as explained in the Figure Skating sport-specific Covid-19 guideline. Only Skaters can enter the Warm-up Area.

DRESSING ROOMS

Skaters will be assigned to designated Dressing Rooms based on the rotation and schedule. There will be 2 male and 2 female Dressing Rooms.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Event participants part of Level 1 and 2 (CB) must not leave the designated CB areas. The Organizers will have designated areas to spend some time outside. Going for a walk or run outside the CB is not permitted.

VICTORY CEREMONY

Wearing of face masks is compulsory for all persons present in the protocol area including the skaters on the podium. Skaters, Presenters, and other people involved in the Victory Ceremony must refrain from kisses, hugs and handshakes; skaters must remain on their own podium and no picture session of the medalists sharing the space of the 1st place podium will be done. Each medalist may have a maximum of 2 accompanying persons from the Team staying at rink-side during the ceremony.

FACE MASKS

Each Event attendee is responsible to have sufficient face masks during the Event. Those face masks must comply with the ISU advertisement regulations (ISU Communication 2221). Use of surgical masks and FFP2/KN95 masks is recommended.