

## COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN

### 1. INTRODUCTION

As of today, the health situation in terms of COVID-19 pandemic across Europe has improved significantly and Slovenia is heading from yellow to green zone in terms of epidemiological risk situation and restrictions of public life.

Most of services are available and of public activities allowed with still some restrictions in place. Sports events are allowed to take place, however participants and organisers must be tested or vaccinated, spectators are allowed to be present with various strict limitations still enforced.

Entering to Slovenia is possible from most of European and non-distant countries (for instance Turkey).

People entering the Republic of Slovenia from red coloured countries (all the participant countries of 2021 Bled International Regatta) shall, due to potential infection with SARS-CoV-2 virus, be required to **remain in quarantine for a period of ten (10) days**.

**However, individuals will not be ordered to quarantine if they present the following when crossing the border:**

1. **NEW:** A negative PCR or **RAT (rapid antigen test)** result for COVID-19 that is not older than 48 hours according to the date of the swab taken if it was carried out in an EU Member State, a Schengen Area Member State, United Kingdom, Russia, at category A checkpoints for international air transport, negative PCR and RAT test results issued in Serbia and Turkey are also recognised (only for airline travellers from Turkey)
2. A positive PCR test result that is older than 10 days, unless a doctor assesses otherwise, but which is not older than six months, or a medical certificate of recovery from COVID-19 if not more than six months have elapsed since the beginning of symptoms.
3. A certificate of vaccination against COVID-19, which proves that:
  - at least seven days have passed since the second dose of the Comirnaty vaccine by BioNTech/Pfizer,
  - at least 14 days have passed since the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna,
  - at least 21 days have passed since the first dose of the Vaxzevria (COVID-19 vaccine) by AstraZeneca,
  - at least 14 days have passed since the dose of the COVID-19 vaccine Janssen by Johnson & Johnson/Janssen-Cilag,
  - at least 21 days have passed since the first dose of the Covishield vaccine by the Serum Institute of India/AstraZeneca,
  - at least 14 days have passed since the second dose of the Sputnik V vaccine by Russia's Gamaleya National Centre of Epidemiology and Microbiology,
  - at least 14 days have passed since the second dose of the CoronaVac vaccine by Sinovac Biotech, or
  - at least 14 days have passed since the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by Sinopharm.

The entry without quarantine exception applies to those convalescents referred to in point 2 who were vaccinated with at least one dose of the vaccine referred to in point 3 not later than eight months after

they tested positive with a PCR test or contracted symptoms. Appropriate protection for such convalescents is ensured immediately after the vaccination (on the day of vaccination). Accepted as an appropriate proof upon entry is a combination of:

- proof of vaccination with at least one dose and a positive PCR test or
- proof of vaccination with at least one dose and a medical certificate of convalescence from COVID-19.

Evidence referred to in point 2 are taken into account if they have been issued in an EU Member State or a Schengen Area country, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Israel or Russia.

**Proof of vaccination (from point 3) may be:**

- a completed pre-prepared card of the vaccine producer,
- entry in the vaccination certificate or
- issued certificate of vaccination (including in the form of a card received after vaccination).  
Vaccinated persons may also print their certificates through the [zvem.eZdrav.si](https://zvem.eZdrav.si) postal (access with digital certificate).

For the conduct of the sporting event, we have prepared a protocol to minimize the risk of contagion and spread of COVID-19 on the basis of the guidance documents prepared by World Rowing and approved by Rowing Slovenia and National Institute of Public Health of Republic of Slovenia.

## 2. PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES / OC RULES OF PARTICIPATING

Relevant information about regulations on COVID-19 can be found here:

<https://www.nijz.si/en/coronavirus-disease-covid-19>

Information about travel restriction can be found here:

<https://www.gov.si/en/topics/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/border-crossing/>

**Foreign participants of sports events must comply with the travel restrictions for entering Slovenia. These are also minimum requirements for the Organizing Committees of international sports events. Therefore, Bled Rowing Organizing Committee and Rowing Slovenia have adopted the rules for entering Slovenia as rules for participating at the 2021 Bled International Regatta and entering the venue at Lake Bled, Slovenia. Accreditation will be approved and issued only to the participants fulfilling one of conditions avoiding quarantine (listed above in red text, pages 1-2) and submitting a proper certificate.**

**Copies of certificates for each Team must be submitted by Team Manager to [regatta@bledrowing.com](mailto:regatta@bledrowing.com) one day before the arrival to the venue and at least by 10 June 2021.**

The operational protocols of the Organizing Committees may be subject to further implementations or corrections following any guidelines issued by other national authorities.

The main actions to be taken to be able to carry out sporting events safely and according to the guidelines of the authorities are:

- social distancing obligation, a minimum of 1.5 meter,
- obligation to use masks,
- wash or sanitize hands very often,
- limit gatherings as much as possible and prevent potential risk situations,
- frequently sanitize the sports facility and all areas of potential contagion,
- carry out the event behind closed doors, access to the event only for athletes, professionals, volunteers after accreditation and authorization of the state of health,
- temperature measurement before accessing the sports facility. Access will not be allowed in the event of temperatures above 37.5 °C.

### 3. CONTACT INFORMATION

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### 4. GENERAL MEASURES AT THE REGATTA VENUE

**COVID MANAGER**

The task of the COVID MANAGER is to coordinate and verify compliance of the provisions implemented in the protocol and the supplementary ones, referring to the venue within which the competition takes place.

**INFORMATION TO PARTICIPANTS**

There is an obligation on all teams, officials and workforce to stay at home/at the hotel if there is a fever (over 37.5 °C) or other symptoms of flu and call your doctor.

- a) pay particular attention to surface hygiene,
- b) maintain an interpersonal distance of at least 1.5 meter,
- c) avoid close contacts such as hugs or handshakes,
- d) access the event area, subdivision of areas and routes.

The following rules apply to the entire area of the event and are valid from arrival to competition field until the last scheduled departure of the official training times.

**GENERAL MEASURES**

- The sports facility hosting this event will be closed to the public. Access to the event area is allowed only to duly accredited participants in the event.
- The OC will carry out frequent sanitization of the rooms used.
- Toilets will be available in the different areas, periodically disinfected during the day.
- All participants, officials and workforce must be equipped with a mask covering mouth and nose to be used in all conditions.
- The area hosting the event is structured in the following spaces that must be respected:
  - Teams and OC parking area,
  - Boat park with pontoons with WC available,
  - Boathouse area with Information center and catering area,
  - Teams Grandstands and Victory Ceremony area with WC available,
  - Finish Tower (OC only),
  - Start Tower (OC only).

The different areas will be supervised by personnel identified by the Organizing Committee.

Since the event takes place mainly outdoors, there are no limitations in the number of athletes as it takes place in an area of almost 1000 square meters.

### 5. ACCREDITATION & ACCESS TO THE EVENT

- All participants in the event, including athletes, coaches, volunteers, professionals, OC staff and volunteers must be accredited. **Accreditation form** must be submitted to [regatta@bledrowing.com](mailto:regatta@bledrowing.com) **no later than 7 June 2021**.
- All participants must return the appropriate health declarations and member federation consent form, and show the accreditation pass with its name and surname on entry to the venue. The photo on accreditation is not mandatory.

- The Pre-event health declaration must be sent to the OC **2 days before the team arrives or at least by 9 June 2021**. In the case of officials, volunteers and staff, the form can be completed even before accessing the sports facility.
- All participants must submit a copy of certificate showing they meet the requirements to participate and enter the venue. The conditions and requirements are listed below (listed above in red text, pages 1-2).

## 6. COMPETITION AREAS

### CONTROL COMMISSION:

- All people and staff at Control Commission must wear masks covering the mouth and nose. Everyone must maintain an interpersonal distance of 1.5 meter.

### BOATING PONTOONS:

- Will be sanitized several times a day. Only athletes and workers will be able to access the pontoons. It will not be allowed to leave personal items on the pontoons. The athletes will have to wear their mask until they have left the pontoon.

### BOW NUMBERS

- Teams are encouraged to bring and use their own bow numbers in order to avoid as much contact as possible.
- For those not having their own bow numbers, they will be available to be picked up and returned at the Information Office.

### ON THE WATER FOR RACING / TRAINING / WARM UP:

- There will be no substantial differences regarding the organization of the crews in the water during training and competitions.

## 7. TEAM / ATHLETE FACILITIES & SERVICES

Dedicated courses for one-way walking flow will be organized to avoid gatherings and limit as much as possible people crossing paths. The doors must remain open where possible to avoid frequent contact with the hands of different people.

Entrance to interior of Club House (gym) will not be allowed with the exception of domestic athletes.

### INFORMATION & ACCREDITATION OFFICE:

- Only one person in the accreditation centre at a time and only the designated Team Manager.
- All people and staff at Information Office must wear masks covering the mouth and nose. Everyone must maintain an interpersonal distance of 1.5 meter.

### BOAT RACKING:

- Boat racks will not be assigned by nation or club, that is why everyone must maintain an interpersonal distance of 1.5 metres.

### ATHLETE WEIGHING:

- Only one crew at a time will be allowed in the waiting area.
- All people and staff at Athlete Weighing must wear masks covering the mouth and nose. Everyone must maintain an interpersonal distance of 1.5 meter.
- Test scales will be regularly sanitized.

### TOILETS AND SHOWERS:

- Limited numbers will be able to access at one time.

- Frequent sanitation.
- Showers at the venue shall be closed for use, except in exceptional cases (such as teams going directly to the airport after racing).

#### WARM UP POSSIBILITIES:

- Jogging will only be allowed inside the Event Accredited Area (400 meters path between Boathouse Area and Grandstands).
- No ergometers will be available for warming up.
- Teams who wish to bring their own ergometers will be able to; however, they must remain within the confinements of their own team tent to ensure social distancing from other teams. Teams will be responsible for their own frequent sanitation of their machines.

#### TEAM TENTS:

- Each tent in Team Tents designated area will be positioned at a safe distance from each other and the position will be pre-assigned based on the number of athletes for each team.

#### ATHLETES AND COACHES VIEWING AREA – GRANDSTANDS:

- Only Teams and OC will be allowed to access Grandstands in Finish Area (no spectators will be allowed).
- Must wear mask, sanitize hands very often, maintain a distance of at least 1.5 meter.
- OC recommends teams to carry out temperature testing daily to all groups, with an infrared contactless thermometer; if anyone has flu symptoms or a temperature above 37.5 °C they must be isolated them from the rest of the group and inform the OC COVID manager immediately. In any case, the temperature will be measured by OC specialized personnel or with automated systems every time the event venue is accessed.

## 8. VICTORY CEREMONIES

#### VICTORY CEREMONY PROTOCOLS:

- The awards ceremony will be held on the Victory Ceremony Pontoon under the Grandstands in Finish Area. Only the awarded athletes will be able to enter into the limited area.
- Interpersonal distances of 1.5 meter must be respected.
- The awards will be made after each race and will be performed without contact.
- The awarded athlete will take the medal directly from the tray (placed on a table in front of the drop down) to carry it around their neck.
- No handshakes and hugs. The athletes photographed must be careful not to hug each other or have an attitude that is not respectful of distance and the safety of others.
- All athletes and staff at Victory Ceremony must wear masks covering the mouth and nose. Athletes may take down their mask when being photographed individually and having distance 1,5 meter to other people.
- Photos may be taken by authorized and accredited subjects in compliance with the distancing rules.

## 9. OC AND JURY

- The same general rules apply to the OC and Jury.
- In addition, they must register and sign the COVID documentation and proceed with temperature measurement when accessing the venue.
- Plastic shields will be installed between the commentators in the Finish Tower and other working positions so they can remove masks for commentating.

## 10. SPECTATORS, VIPS & HOSPITALITY

- Event will be held without the presence of the public.
- No VIP protocols or Hospitality will be conducted.

## 11. ORGANISING COMMITTEE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

- All OC staff and volunteers, domestic ITOs and NTOs will be tested by RAT (rapid antigen test) and must present a negative RAT test for COVID-19 that is not older than 48 hours. There are exceptions of vaccination allowed and stated in the National measures.
- OC staff & volunteers must follow all the general rules for reducing the spread of the virus, and sign the self-certification forms.
- They must always carry the accreditation badge with them.
- All volunteers will be divided into specific areas and try to limit the interaction between them.

## 12. LOGISTICS, MEETINGS AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

### VENUE CATERING:

- There will be no venue catering organised. All Teams will have their meals in the hotels.

### TEAM MANAGER MEETINGS:

- Team Manager Meetings will be held at the terrace of Boathouse Restaurant.
- The first Team Managers meeting will be held on **Friday, 11 June, at 12 pm.**

### CEREMONIES AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS:

- No ceremonies or social events will be held.

### TRANSPORT:

- No shuttle bus will be organized.
- Teams need to arrange their own transport. However, they are then responsible for their own sanitization and social distancing. More details around logistical requirements for this will be published.
- Every Team will be approved a number (1 or 2) of parking accreditations in order to access the venue. Number of parking accreditations will depend on size of the Team. Every parking accreditation will be based on registration number of the vehicle.

### HOTEL:

- All teams **must** be accommodated at the OC's official hotels, so that the protocols are followed by all participants.
- For security reasons, accommodation will not be allowed outside the official hotels of the Organizing Committee, or reservations made directly at the hotels. This procedure aims to keep all participants within the same protocol and routine.
- The OC will reserve additional rooms at the hotel in case isolation is needed for someone with a positive COVID test or COVID symptoms.
- Where possible only one team will be accommodated per hotel.
- If this is not possible as in the case of very large structures or teams with a reduced number of people, all the necessary measures will be put in place to ensure the safety of all including following the government hotel requirements.
- Athletes from the same crew must remain in the same room. Room sharing by athletes who are not on the same boat should be avoided where possible.

### 13. REPORTING AND COMMUNICATIONS

*Each OC will work on the specific reporting procedures and requirements for each event to develop the Crisis Management and Communications Protocol documents with their respective World Rowing Event Manager.*

#### PRE-EVENT:

- Done through use of the “PRE-EVENT HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE”.

#### DURING EVENT:

- The COVID Manager will take care of identifying a place in the venue dedicated to the isolation of those who present symptoms attributable to COVID-19 during the event and implement all procedures to ensure rapid health intervention.
- Any person who measures over 37.5 °C should immediately avoid close contact with others and report the situation. The on-site health personnel shall take over the positive or suspected case.
  - a) If the symptoms allow, the subject is asked to go to his home and contact the doctor or health authorities.
  - b) If the symptoms do not allow the removal independently, he will be transferred to the emergency room at the relevant local hospital.

#### POST-EVENT:

- Within 14 days after returning home from the event, if any event participant shows COVID symptoms, and/or receives a positive test result:
  - They should follow their local health authority’s rules in force at the time (for example, going into self-isolation).
  - Additionally, they should immediately inform the OC and Rowing Slovenia, by emailing the specific OC COVID email address provided.
  - The participant who has tested positive will be asked to provide details of their movements and close contact with other people during their time at the event.

### 14. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR MEASURES

#### RETURN TO HOME COVID TESTS:

- COVID-19 RETURN TO HOME TESTS (PCR or RAT) will be available at the venue and must be booked in advance.
- More information is available in a special document with table for booking the tests in advance
- It is Team’s responsibility to be aware of the demands and restrictions (what kind of test and when it needs to be conducted) travelling back home. It is also Team’s responsibility to book and pay the tests in time following the OC rules.

#### TRAINING AT THE VENUE PRIOR TO THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE VENUE:

- Limited access to the venue will be possible before official opening of the venue on 10 June 2021. Please consult Information office at [regatta@bledrowing.com](mailto:regatta@bledrowing.com) for more information.