

COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN

1. INTRODUCTION

The 2021 Euro Masters Regatta had been postponed from June to September and is scheduled for 16-19 September. Despite to some Covid-19 restrictions in place all services in Slovenia are open and sports events are allowed to take place. Organizing Committee has taken all corresponding measurements and has successfully gained all required permissions in order to safely host an International Sports Event.

Entering to Slovenia is possible from all of European and non-European countries, however every person must comply with the **Covid-19 Rule of Recovered/Vaccinated/Tested**, which is also in place for all the 2021 Euro Masters Regatta participants.

For the conduct of the sporting event, the OC has 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.

The following is accepted as proof upon entry into Slovenia and to be accredited for the event:

1. **a negative PCR test** provided that no more than 72 hours have passed since the swab was taken, or **a negative rapid antigen test** provided that no more than 48 hours have passed since the swab was taken,
2. **EU Digital COVID Certificate** in digital or paper format and with a QR code (**EU DCC**),
3. **a digital COVID certificate of a third country** in digital or paper format and with a QR code, which must contain the same data as the EU DCC and be issued in English by a competent health authority of the third country (DCC of a third country),
4. **a certificate of vaccination against COVID-19** demonstrating that:
 - at least seven days have elapsed since receiving the second dose of the Comirnaty vaccine produced by Biontech/Pfizer, at least 14 days have elapsed since receiving the second dose of the Spikevax vaccine (COVID-19 Vaccine) produced by Moderna, at least 14 days have elapsed since receiving the second dose of the Sputnik V vaccine produced by Russia's Gamaleya National Centre of Epidemiology and Microbiology, at least 14 days have elapsed since receiving the second dose of the CoronaVac vaccine produced by Sinovac Biotech or at least 14 days have elapsed since receiving the second dose of the COVID-19 Vaccine produced by Sinopharm;
 - at least 21 days have elapsed since receiving the first dose of the Vaxzevria vaccine (COVID-19 Vaccine) produced by AstraZeneca or the Covishield vaccine produced by the Serum Institute of India/AstraZeneca;
 - at least 14 days have elapsed since receiving a dose of the COVID-19 Vaccine Janssen produced by Johnson and Johnson/Janssen-Cilag;
 - if a person is vaccinated with a combination of two different vaccines under this point, at least the required amount of days for a certain vaccine has elapsed since receiving the second dose of a vaccine referred to in the first or second indent of this point. If the person referred to in this indent was first vaccinated with the vaccine produced by AstraZeneca, protection is established immediately after having received the second dose; if the person is vaccinated for the second time with the vaccine produced by Biontech/Pfizer or by Moderna, protection is established within 28 to 84 days (four to 12 weeks) after receiving the first dose;

5. **a certificate of a positive PCR test result** that is older than 10 days, unless a doctor determines otherwise, but not older than six months,
6. **a medical certificate confirming that the person has recovered from COVID-19** and that less than six months have elapsed since the onset of symptoms, or
7. **a certificate under points 5 and 6, whereby the person has received one dose of a vaccine** under point 4 within no more than eight months since receiving a positive PCR test result or from the onset of symptoms; in the event of vaccines under the first and second indent of point 4, one dose is sufficient (vaccinated recovered persons). In this case, the person is considered protected as of the day of vaccination.

A **PCR test** is deemed to be valid if performed in an EU member state, a Schengen Area country, Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Israel, Turkey, Canada, New Zealand, Russia, Serbia, the UK or the US. If a PCR test is performed in a country other than those listed above, it is deemed to be valid if it meets all of the following conditions:

- it contains at least the same data set as a PCR test issued in an EU member state or a Schengen Area country: name, surname, the person's unique identifier (personal identification number, health insurance number, number of passport or another document issued by that country, date of birth or other similar identifier), data on the test type (producer, date and time of taking the swab), data on the issuer of the certificate, and the date of the issuing of the certificate, and
- has a QR code in accordance with the standards and technological systems that are interoperable with the European Digital COVID Certificate System, and
- allows the authenticity, validity and integrity of the certificate to be verified in the same way as a European Digital COVID Certificate.

A **rapid antigen test** is deemed to be valid if performed in an EU member state, a Schengen Area country, Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Israel, Turkey, Canada, New Zealand, Russia, Serbia, the UK or the US. If a rapid antigen test is carried out in a country other than those listed above, it is deemed to be valid if it meets all of the following conditions:

- it contains at least the same data set as a rapid antigen test issued in an EU member state or a Schengen Area country: name, surname, the person's unique identifier (personal identification number, health insurance number, number of passport or another document issued by that country, date of birth or other similar identifier), data on the test type (producer, date and time of taking the swab), data on the issuer of the certificate, and the date of the issuing of the certificate, and
- has a QR code in accordance with the standards and technological systems that are interoperable with the European Digital COVID Certificate System, and
- allows the authenticity, validity and integrity of the certificate to be verified in the same way as a European Digital COVID Certificate.

Regardless of the issuing country, a rapid antigen test is valid only if it is listed in the [on the common list of COVID-19 rapid antigen tests](#).

A **certificate of recovery** is accepted if issued in an EU member state, a Schengen Area country, Australia, Israel, Canada, New Zealand, Russia, Serbia, the UK or the US, at check points on flight connections of international air transport, or in Turkey.

Proof of vaccination (referred to in point 4) may be:

- a filled-in card of the vaccine producer, or
- an entry in the vaccine booklet, or
- a certificate of vaccination (including a card issued upon vaccination).

Vaccinated persons can print out their vaccination certificate via the zvem.eZdrav.si portal (access with a digital certificate) or [smsPASS](#).

A vaccination certificate of a country with which Slovenia has not concluded an agreement or arrangement must contain at least the following information: name, surname, date of birth, personal identification number or health insurance number or other unique identifier, information on the type of vaccine (manufacturer, batch, dose number, date of vaccination) and information on the institution that issued the certificate or proof. The decree does not explicitly prescribe the language of certificates. In addition to certificates in Slovenian, valid certificates include those in the languages of the national minorities (Italian, Hungarian) in bilingual areas and the languages of countries recognised by mutual agreements or arrangements (Hungarian, Serbian). In order to avoid possible uncertainty at the border, we suggest that foreigners have their vaccination certificates translated into English or German.

A person who does not provide one of the above is referred to quarantine at home for a period of 10 days. In the case of a **foreigner who is not resident in Slovenia**, they may enter Slovenia and are sent to quarantine at home for 10 days if they provide unequivocal proof that they have a guaranteed place in which to undergo quarantine, otherwise entry to Slovenia will not be permitted.

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/>

Accreditation will be approved and issued only to the participants fulfilling the COVID-19 RULE OF RECOVERED/VACCINATED/TESTED submitting a proper certificate.

The Covid-19 Digital Certificate or hard copies of Certificates will be checked for every individual arriving to the venue and picking up the Accreditation. The Certificates along with Accreditations will be checked on regular basis on all entrance points to the venue.

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 all around the venue (inside and outside),**
- 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

Organizing Committee COVID Management:

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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 and 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 can be picked up at the Information & Accreditation Office at the venue.**
Working hours of the Information and Accreditation Office:
 - Tuesday: 10-19h
 - Wednesday-Saturday: 8-19h
 - Sunday: 8-14h
- The Teams Accreditation contains copy of personal document with photo. All participants must submit a QR code of EU digital certificate or copy of another certificate showing they meet the requirements to participate and enter the venue (the Covid-19 Rule of Recovered/Vaccinated/Tested).

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:

- Will be available from the Boathouse and can be picked up max. one hour before the individual race start.
- After individual's race bow numbers will be picked up by the OC volunteers at the incoming pontoons.

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 only be allowed to access athlete/coxswain weighing in the ground floor and ergometer warming up room at the first floor

INFORMATION & ACCREDITATION OFFICE:

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

REGISTRATION OFFICE:

- Only one person in the Information and Accreditation Office at a time and only the designated Team Manager.

- All people and staff at Information and Accreditation 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 & COXWAIN 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 will be done.
- 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).
- Ergometers will be available for warming up in the ergometer room at the first floor of the Club House (gym)
- 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 and non-accredited persons will be allowed to access venue and the grandstands.
- 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 the Finish Area immediately after each individual race. Only the awarded crews will be allowed to dock in at the Victory Ceremony pontoon.
- Interpersonal distances of 1.5 meter must be respected.
- The awards will be made after each race and will be performed without contact. Crews will be asked to stay in the boat when docking in.
- The awarded athlete will take the medal directly from the tray, carried by an OC volunteer, 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 must comply with the COVID-19 RULE OF RECOVERED/VACCINATED/TESTED.
- 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 catering stand available at the Boathouse and Finish Area. Payment will be possible by cash (EUR) or debit/credit cards.

CEREMONIES AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS:

- No ceremonies or social events will be held.

TRANSPORT:

- There will be daily shuttle bus service organized from Wednesday until Sunday taking the route from Bled town center, stopping at the central parking place and coming to the venue
- Shuttle bus needs to be paid in advance at the Info Center
- Entrance to the venue with own vehicles will be only permitted to drop off and pick up the trailers
- More details around logistical requirements for this will be published.

HOTEL:

- All teams should be accommodated at the OC's official hotels, so that the protocols are followed by all participants. 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.
- 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

PRE-EVENT:

- Done through the regular announcements by OC and the actual documents

DURING EVENT:

- The COVID management 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. COVID-19 TESTS

COVID TESTS DURING THE EVENT & RETURN TO HOME COVID TESTS:

- Covid-19 tests (PCR or RAT) will be available at the **Bled Medical Center (Mladinska cesta 1, Bled)**:
 - Monday – Friday: 7:00 – 11:00 (PCR and RAT)
 - Saturday – Sunday: 7:00 – 8.30 (PCR)
 - Saturday – Sunday: 8:30 – 11:00 (RAT)
 - RAT test is 12€
 - PCR test is 80€
- No pre-booking is possible
- It is Participants' responsibility to be aware of the demands and restrictions (what kind of test and when it needs to be conducted) to comply with the rules during the events and travelling back home. It is also Participants' responsibility to pay the tests.

