

## Bavarian-Open 2022 OBERSTDORF

### International Competition

#### *Travelling, Covid-19 Guidelines and Testing Policy as of Jan. 10th, 2022*

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## **COVID-19 GUIDELINES**

The current Covid-19 Guidelines are valid as of today but might be updated at the time of the competition. The German and Bavarian Governments and the local health authorities might require stricter policies, which the OC must follow. A possible update will be given to all Teams upon arrival.

### **Travelling to Germany:**

Please carefully check the rules for entering Germany. They can be found here:

<https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/en/coronavirus/infos-reisende/faq-tests-einreisende.html#c20264>

When in doubt about the obligation to test, the testing method or testing time, the OC recommends taking a PCR test before travelling to Germany within 48 hours before crossing the border (by car) or before the departure time of the means of transport (plane, train) which brings you to Germany. The time of taking the test is relevant, not the time of the result.

Classification of the areas of high concerns / virus variants can be found here:

[https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges\\_Coronavirus/Transport/Archiv\\_Risikogebiete/EN-Tab.html](https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Transport/Archiv_Risikogebiete/EN-Tab.html)

Please also check the requirements of your airline or train company regarding the travelling.

Additionally, please make sure to fill in the forms required for entering the country, which can be found on:

<https://einreiseanmeldung.de/#/>

(Switch from “Deutsch” to the language of your choice). Please also upload the official documents (regarding vaccination, recovery and / or test results) during the process of the registration.

Furthermore, please monitor the rules of the federal health ministry constantly on you own, as they are subject to changes.

### **Travelling in Germany/Bavaria:**

For using trains/public transport in Bavaria, you need to have a valid Covid test – Antigen counts 24 hours after the test, PCR counts 48 hours after the test. This does not apply to recovered or fully

vaccinated persons, however, the “Sputnik” vaccine is not recognized in GER. At Munich airport you have the possibility to take another test before taking the train, this can be booked on <https://www.munich-airport.com/corona-tests-at-the-airport-9526455> in case it will be required.

Please also get in touch with your hotel/accommodation to clarify if they need a proof of vaccination, recovery and / or testing.

## **Exemptions from Quarantine:**

Information can be found under the link above (federal health ministry).

## **General measures during the event:**

- General Audience/spectators are excluded and cannot buy tickets or receive an accreditation for the event. Access will only be granted to persons who are essential for the conduction of the event, these are only: Athletes, Coaches, Team Members/Officials, Referees/Judges/Technical Panel Officials, Medical Staff, and other Volunteers who are involved in the organization and conducting of the event as well as selected Media/Press Representatives reporting about the event. All these persons furthermore must meet the criteria mentioned in the following parts of this document.
- Hands must be sanitized before the entrance to the rink.
- The rink may only be accessed through the official entrance and left through the official exit; the prescribed ways of walking/directions must be followed (will be published on-site). Each person has to take a screening at the “temperature screening unit” at the entrance of the rink.
- Medical masks (FFP2-standard) are mandatory and must be worn inside the rink, during transportation (bus, train, etc.), in the hotel, and any restaurant.  
Event Officials: While sitting on their assigned seats in the technical panel and/or judges stand, Event Officials (Referee, Technical Panel, Judges, DRO) might wear regular medical masks to enhance necessary communication in the panel.
- A social distance of 1,5m minimum must be observed. This applies to all sectors in the ice-rink (also to the seating order in the rink, as well as entrance or exit to the ice surface). Every accredited person will be allocated a specifically numbered seat and may only sit on this allocated seat (and on no other seat in the venue). It is not allowed to stand around or watch the practice outside of such fixed seats. Building groups of persons must be prevented.
- In case of the availability of food/beverages in certain sectors of the venue: the selected meal must be presented by the staff or be fully wrapped. Before entering the buffet, hands must be sanitized.
- The Organizer will enforce the necessary observation of all measures in this concept, as well as the possibly additionally necessary measures on site, imposed by the local authorities or becoming necessary due to other circumstances. Any violation of this concept, as well as disregarding the Organizers instructions on site may result in the immediate withdrawal of the accreditation and the exclusion from the venue and the event.

- Any admitted person must show passport, accreditation, and testing/vaccination certificates at the entrance of the venue and upon other requests by the Organizer during the event/in the venue.
- All persons are requested to plan enough extra time for taking tests before entering the ice rink. Furthermore, all persons shall enter the rink maximum one hour before their competition/practice/other duty and leave the rink the latest 30 minutes after the end of their competition/practice/duty. Wherever attendance of several practices/competitions/duties is necessary, the concerned person can remain in the venue in case there is not more than an hour between the respective events.
- A detailed plan of the dressing rooms will be published on site/in due time.

## **Covid-19 Testing Policy/Rules for entering the Ice Rink**

Entrance to any facility of the event is bound to strict hygienic guidelines:

1. All persons:

- must undergo regular Covid tests on the first day before entering the ice rink or other facilities of the organizer. For entering the Ice Rink, each test is valid for 48 hours after the sample has been taken (also tests which were taken before; for travelling however, other rules apply, see above). A repetition of the tests must be organized and conducted in time. The tests in the ice rink will be conducted by a professional health organization (“Bayerisches Rotes Kreuz”) and in cooperation with a medical doctor. People entering Germany from areas of virus variants of concern have to undergo daily testing, their test is valid for only 24 hours. The areas are steadily changing, and can be found here:

[https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges\\_Coronavirus/Transport/Archiv\\_Risikogebiete/EN-Tab.html](https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Transport/Archiv_Risikogebiete/EN-Tab.html)

The tested persons will receive coloured tags which indicate the day of testing/validity of the period of the test.

2. Persons with the age of 18 or older (Athletes, Coaches, Officials, Team Members or others):

- Must be

a) fully vaccinated with an EMA-approved vaccine<sup>1</sup>. Examples for the vaccines can be found on [https://www.pei.de/EN/newsroom/dossier/coronavirus/coronavirus-content.html;jsessionid=EF272A50B18E50805F781D0169453D13.intranet222?nn=221086&cms\\_pos=3](https://www.pei.de/EN/newsroom/dossier/coronavirus/coronavirus-content.html;jsessionid=EF272A50B18E50805F781D0169453D13.intranet222?nn=221086&cms_pos=3)

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<sup>1</sup> Please also check the requirements at the end of the document

("Biontech/Pfizer", "Moderna", "Astra Zeneca", or similar -> The "Sputnik"-vaccine is **not** recognized in Germany). The 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of the vaccination (if required) must have been injected more than two weeks before the competition.

- Or must be

**b)** fully recovered from a Covid-Infection<sup>2</sup>. This recovery state is only valid if the person had a Covid infection confirmed by a positive laboratory test at least 28 days before and maximum of 6 months before the event (by a PCR, PoC-PCR, or other methods of Nucleic acid amplification technique; Antigen-Test or similar does not count in this case). The result/certificate has to be on paper or digital version, in the languages German, English, French, Italian or Spanish, to be recognized.

3. Athletes younger than 18 years who are still pupils

Athletes who haven't reached the age of 18 before January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, do not have to be vaccinated or be recovered from a Covid infection. For this group of persons, the testing as mentioned under 1. (All Persons) is sufficient. Furthermore, the above-mentioned rules (General Measures during the event) apply.

**Please note, that accreditation will only be provided to persons, who can prove the above-mentioned conditions.**

**The organizer will issue a certification of participation in the event which can be shown to the Hotels as well to other authorities upon their request, to allow the booking for non-vaccinated athletes under the age of 18.**

**Furthermore, if any symptoms of illness should occur during the event, that resemble typical covid symptoms (e.g., but not only, fever, loss of smelling/tasting sense, or other), the respective person is responsible to leave the venue and take another Covid test under medical surveillance outside the event venue, according to the current legal regulations in Bavaria for these circumstances.**

**The tests at the Skating Centre are Antigen Tests. If a PCR-Test is necessary for the way back home, please inform the OC in the arena in due time. An appointment with a licensed medical doctor must be made at least 72 hours ahead. The costs (€ 66,28) must be borne by the tested persons and must be paid on-site (please make sure you are able to pay in cash since credit card payment cannot be assured). The test will also be conducted at the rink.**

**In case no appointment for a PCR test is possible, the OC will inform you about other possibilities for taking a PCR test. Please contact the OC in due time for the necessary arrangements.**

## **Accreditation**

The accreditation card will show not only the various icons as usual but also the possibility of the dining places and the situation around the testing requirements.

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## **During the event**

If an Antigen (Rapid) test shows a positive result or a person shows Covid-19 symptoms, a PCR test will be conducted, and the respective person will need to stay isolated until the result of the PCR-Test is known.

## **Operation of the Test station**

The test station will be directly at the Skating Centre. Tests will be available there starting on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. A detailed schedule about the testing hours and the procedure for signing up for the tests will still be communicated.

Passport/ID and either the official accreditation card or a certification of the OC must be presented to join the test procedure.

Outside the testing hours at the Skating Center, tests can also be taken in Oberstdorf at an officially recognized station, see

<https://www.oberstdorf-testet.de/>

as well as in certain local pharmacies. Appointments have to be arranged by the participants personally.

## **What constitutes proof of vaccination?**

In the context of entry, proof of vaccination must meet the requirements set out in section 2 (10) of the Ordinance on Coronavirus Entry Regulations.

### **1. It must prove a full course of vaccination against the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus was completed.**

The vaccination on which it is based must be comprised of one or more of the vaccines listed by the Paul Ehrlich Institute at [https://www.pei.de/EN/newsroom/dossier/coronavirus/coronavirus-content.html;jsessionid=EF272A50B18E50805F781D0169453D13.intranet222?nn=221086&cms\\_pos=3](https://www.pei.de/EN/newsroom/dossier/coronavirus/coronavirus-content.html;jsessionid=EF272A50B18E50805F781D0169453D13.intranet222?nn=221086&cms_pos=3) and **either**

- comprise the number of vaccine doses necessary to provide full protection as published online by the Paul Ehrlich Institute and no less than 14 days may have elapsed since the last required single vaccination, **or**
- for recovered persons, consist of the administration of one vaccine dose. To prove they are fully vaccinated, recovered persons must prove that they had had COVID-19 before they were vaccinated. Proof is provided by submitting a positive PCR test.

### **2. To certify vaccination, the proof must include the following data:**

- The personal data of the vaccinated person (at least surname, first name and date of birth or number of passport/identity card/ID card)
- Date of vaccination, number of vaccinations,
- Vaccine name,
- Name of the disease vaccinated against and
- Distinguishing marks that indicate which person or institution is responsible for performing the vaccination or issuing the certificate, such as an official emblem or the issuer's name

**3. Proof of full vaccination must be provided in German, English, French, Italian or Spanish (applies also to test certificates).**

**4. Proof in written or digital form is accepted** if it meets the criteria listed in 1., 2., and 3. For the purposes of inspection by the carrier or the authority tasked with policing cross-border traffic, **photographs of written proof are not considered proof in digital form.** Proof in digital form need to have been issued in digital form by the authorised issuer and transmitted in digital form to the authorised recipient.

### **What constitutes proof of recovery?**

Proof of a previous infection with the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus issued in written or digital form in German, English, French, Italian or Spanish, if **the test is based on** laboratory diagnostics comprising a nucleic acid test (PCR, PoC-NAAT or other nucleic acid amplification test methods) and it **was performed no less than 28 days and no more than six months previously.**

Kind regards and looking forward to welcoming you in Oberstdorf!  
The OC