



WORLD PARA SNOW SPORTS COVID-19 GUIDELINES AND CONSIDERATIONS

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1 INTRODUCTION

As the world continues to battle against the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a great deal of uncertainty amongst everyone and especially regarding the Para snow sports season 2020/2021.

It is an important year, a year in which the first combined World Championships and the Beijing2022 Test Events are planned to take place in the first quarter of 2021.

From March 2020 up until recently most sport events have been suspended and athletes along with organisers are unsure to when normality will be restored. In the meanwhile, we all need to learn to live with the virus and adapt to this 'new normal' in an attempt to minimise as much as possible the effect that the global pandemic is having on our athletes, events and wellbeing.

This document is World Para Snow Sports' attempt to inform, guide and give all stakeholders clarity on certain aspects of our sports and the upcoming winter season. This document has been created by the World Para Snow Sports COVID-19 Task Force and it also contains information that has been made publicly available by other International Federation (FIS, IBU etc.), IPC Classification and Medical Department or other organisations such as the World Health Organization (WHO).

The WPSS COVID-19 Task Force is composed of the following members: three STC chairs, three Race Directors, two WPSS management, IPC medical representative, one coaches' representative and one athlete representative.

For more general information regarding the virus please visit the following link on the International Paralympic Committee's website: [COVID-19 and Return to Para Sport](#)

2 GUIDELINES FOR EVENT ORGANISERS

WPSS recognises the importance of maintaining the safety and health of everyone involved at WPSS Events, including the athletes, coaches, WPSS staff, local organising committee members, volunteers etc.

The Covid-19 outbreak will require the integration of additional measures to avoid spreading the virus in connection with an event.

Organised Sport can serve as a role model for managing the necessary conditions to organise safe events, which the authorities are introducing in all sectors of society. WPSS Events are already structured following defined rules and regulations throughout the event and the participants are disciplined in respecting these.

These Guidelines for Event Organisers provide advice relevant for the circumstances specific to WPSS events based on information and publications from the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the FIS. The advice is designed to assist setting up various processes for the care and welfare of all participants at the Event.

Event Organisers shall ensure that adequate measures are in place to protect the health of all participants and that they can have access to immediate medical care. Preventative measures to stop transmission of infection as well as mitigation measures to minimise the risk of infection shall be put in place.

The Local Organising Committee is required to include responsible Health Authorities to support its work with establishing the appropriate measures and to stay updated in terms of latest developments and local regulations. This work shall be coordinated and led by an appointed medical expert within the LOC, who will be the “Covid-19 Coordinator”. This individual shall be up-to-date on national health regulations regarding Covid-19 and work closely with the LOC to implement Covid-19 conform measures to align with the regulations and to prevent mitigate risks. Whilst for Continental Cup and lower level events the LOCs are solely responsible for applying and respecting these guidelines, for World Cup and higher-level events, the WPSS office will co-ordinate and work closely with the LOCs to make sure that the events are at a highest possible standard.

2.1 RISK ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION CHECKLIST

Based on WHO definition, World Para Snow Sports events could potentially be counted as mass gatherings. Planning for such events includes conducting a risk assessment to determine the overall risk of disease spread. In view of the Covid-19 outbreak, the WHO together with the IOC and experts have developed a disease-specific and event-specific risk assessment and mitigation checklist for sport events. The template can be found below (“Risk Assessment Tool”).

The excel tool includes all factors from the general WHO risk assessment and mitigations checklist for mass gatherings as well as additional factors relating to sporting events, to enable Event Organisers to determine a more accurate overall risk score.

It is recommended to use the tool in the excel spreadsheet format since the scores are automatically calculated there. After the tool has been completed, the scores in the excel sheet for both sections need to be entered into the decision matrix found on the final tab (“Overall Risk Score”).

It is crucial that the risk assessment is conducted with the responsible local public health authorities and that the necessary personnel with expertise in mass gatherings, risk assessment, epidemiology, and infectious disease control measures are included from the initial stages of planning. The national and local public health authorities in your country will know how to conduct a health risk assessment. There are also WHO Regional Offices who can be contacted for additional support if needed.

The WPSS Office is responsible for coordinating this assessment with each World Cup LOC and the World Championships Organising Committee making sure to involve other relevant partners and experts in specific areas related to the event, including the NPCs/NFs, IPC Medical Department, WPSS Covid-19 Task Force etc.

Useful WHO Publications:

[Questions & Answers: Mass gatherings](#)

[Key planning recommendations for Mass gatherings in the context of the current COVID-19 outbreak](#)

[Considerations for sports federations/sports event organisers when planning mass gatherings in the context of COVID-19](#)

[Guidance for the use of the WHO Mass gatherings Sports: addendum risk assessment tools in the context of COVID-19](#)

[Decision tree \(assessment overview\)](#)

[Management of ill-travellers Water, sanitation, hygiene, and waste management for the COVID-19 virus](#)

2.2 COMMUNICATIONS TO TEAMS AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Every Organiser is required to compile a document summarising the Covid-19 prevention measures planned and undertaken that are established in accordance with local rules and regulations. This can be for example a dedicated document, and/or integration in the Official Race Invitation. WPSS Office will also include in the Official Race invitation the [Potential Impact of Covid-19 on Para Athletes](#) and the [Assessment of Potential Covid-19 Disease Severity Risk Based on Disability](#)

It is crucial that all provisions in place are communicated clearly to all participants in advance through channels identified as adequate.

The communication shall include contact details of the LOC designated Covid-19 Coordinator for the medical response plan, as well as exact provisions of the local procedures and contact details in case of Covid-19 related symptoms (telephone hotline, or similar). Make sure that the local procedures are applicable for international participants (in some countries the contacts may be different for nationals vs. non-nationals of the respective country).

In case a national Contact Tracing App is available for download, please also include this in the communication (clarify whether also available for the use of non-nationals).

Include the information and awareness as well as eventual updates during the event in the Team Captain meetings and/or other briefings for other participants.

2.3 REPORTING POLICY IN CASE OF ILLNESS

The Event Organiser must have direct contact to local health authorities to assist teams and other participants to immediate medical care as well as access to Covid-19 testing if required and be aware of the local Covid-19 regulations. (If possible, indicating costs of the testing if applicable.)

The Event Organiser shall issue a Reporting Policy in its Covid-19 prevention measures document listing the required behaviour of team members and other participants in line with national regulations. The policy shall be clearly communicated to the teams and other participants, as well as provided to WPSS for publication prior to the event, as part of the event information on the WPSS Website calendar section.

WPSS recommends the reporting policy proposed by FIS in their document [FIS Covid-19 Prevention Guidelines](#) but each organiser is free to have their own policy based on national regulations.

2.4 FIELD OF PLAY SET-UP, SERVICES AND ACCOMMODATION

Waiting areas / Changing tents

- Review space to respect appropriate distancing (minimum 1.5 meters)
- Minimise volunteers in the area to essential ones in areas with limited distancing
- No changing tent in the finish, athletes should leave the common area asap

Equipment preparation areas

- Establish limit for number of persons inside wax cabins
- Establish limit for entry to dedicated preparation zones per team (particularly start area).
- Add further wax cabins on top of minimum requirement to ensure distancing can be maintained

Race Office

- Use of Online systems where possible, such as for competition entries, starting lists, results, analyses, etc.
- All information shall be available digitally including the organisation of a digital Team Captains Meeting where possible. If TCM takes place in person: Limit number of attendees to minimum required participants (e.g. 1 per NPC) in relation to the room to ensure that 1.5-meter distance is maintained.

Meeting Rooms

- Limit number of people to those necessary
- Maintain minimum distance of 1.5 meter
- Ensure sufficient ventilation in the room
- Keep meetings as short as possible

Officials' rooms (Jury, Data/Timing, Judges stand)

- Review facility set-up to provide adequate distancing
- Limit access to the dedicated staff members in agreement with WPSS
- Ensure sufficient ventilation in the room

Doping Control Station

- Review waiting area space
- Each Sample collection agency must confirm it follows the WADA Guidelines fulfilling the necessary measures
- Sample collection agency to be supported with additional measures as necessary (similar to other venue areas, additional hand washing and/or disinfection, waste management, cleaning)
- [New guidelines for Anti-Doping testing](#) have been released by the IPC Anti-Doping department

Biathlon Shooting Range

- Develop efficient flow plans and clear signage of paths/ways (one-directional preferred)
- Prepare for extra work force needed for disinfection of equipment (e.g. Transponder, shooting mats, VI rifles, ...) before and after each individual use

Venue

- Ensure handwashing or disinfection facilities are available around the venue
- Ensure movement flow is indicated
- Frequent cleaning of indoor venue spaces and surfaces (develop a cleaning schedule)

Accommodation

- Teams accommodated on the same floor, access to hotel facilities through elevators and stairs (to limit use of elevators); try to separate from other hotel guests
- Twin-bedded rooms preferred to keep beds distanced
- If possible separate access to hotel from other guests

- Additional cleaning plans/disinfection prior to arrival
- Hand disinfection and paper towels at multiple locations throughout the accommodation, including the rooms
- Cleaning of rooms to be avoided when team members are in the accommodation (avoid contact with cleaning personnel)
- Ensure a regular cleaning schedule in common areas
- Provision of isolation rooms
- Rules for the use of joint facilities (gym, meeting rooms)

Transportation

- Limited number of persons per transportation to allow required distance
- Transportation plan to separate teams/groups
- Re-confirm with teams/groups whether own transport can be organised
- Minimise grouping of different teams/groups in one transportation
- LOC-appointed drivers and passenger to wear a mask while in the vehicles

Meals

- Separate dining rooms/areas from other hotel guests with sufficient space
- Set mealtimes per team and stakeholder groups such as officials, volunteers, ...
- Prepare as much as possible in the dining area/s before the team arrives
- Enough water/drinks already available on the tables
- Avoid buffet style meals
- Preferable self-service of prepared plates, alternatively table service
- Cleaning the table preferably after dining when an entire table has left, not during the meal
- Hand sanitizer at entrance/exit
- Food service workers to wear masks
- At the request and costs of the teams, room service shall be made available

2.5 CLASSIFICATION GUIDELINES

Classification is an indispensable part of Para sport. We therefore consider that being able to offer safe classification opportunities to all athletes is as important as the competitions themselves.

The IPC Medical and Classification Department in co-operation with the Para sports have put together the Classification Hygiene and Infection Control Guidelines during COVID-19. The document can be viewed and downloaded by accessing this [link](#).

We would like to assure all stakeholders that the World Para Snow Sports Office will work tirelessly with the LOCs, Local Health Authorities and Team Captains to ensure that our classification opportunities are of the highest standard and that it is our highest priority to keep all the participants safe.

In order to make sure that the Classification Guidelines and Hygiene Standards are being respected, World Para Snow Sports Office has already started working with all organisers and

teams that are planning to attend any of the classification opportunities published under the respective sport calendar pages:

<https://www.paralympic.org/alpine-skiing/events>

<https://www.paralympic.org/snowboard>

<https://www.paralympic.org/nordic-skiing/events>

So far World Para Snow Sports is working towards finding solutions to the issues currently affecting the organisation of classification. Possible solutions that are currently being explored:

- If two classifiers are not available, organise classification with only one classifier only for NEW athletes. This would allow the NEW athletes to race under their respective Sport Class with the Review status for a whole season, instead of racing as NEW in the highest class of their respective category.
- Hosting classification at the World Championships, only for Review athletes that already meet the points qualification criteria
- If none of the above are possible, there is a possibility of adapting the Qualification Criteria for World Championships and World Cups, to allow Review athletes to participate

We encourage all stakeholders to share with us any concerns they might have regarding classification. We would then try to provide you the most accurate and up to date information and hope to provide you with a safe classification environment for your athletes and teams.

3 COVID-19 Testing Protocol

World Para Snow Sports together with all stakeholders recognises that the safety of each participant is of utmost importance and everyone's highest priority.

For World Cup and higher-level events, at the request of the LOC and/or the National Authorities, every participant might have to go through a testing protocol which must be in alignment with the National Regulations at the time of the event.

The [FIS Testing Protocol](#) will be used as groundwork for developing the event's testing protocol. We aim to make the protocol public together with the invitation for the event. World Para Snow Sports will offer support to develop the protocol with the help of IPC Medical Department, should such a protocol be required.

It is then the responsibility of each participant to follow and respect the protocol. Failure to do so can have serious consequences and might lead to withdrawal of accreditation.

4 Competition Calendar

Whilst the global pandemic has a very strong effect on our physical and mental health it has unarguably affected all other areas of the world as we knew it, such the global economy or travel restrictions. As of today, 01 October, many countries have borders or travel restrictions, which makes planning for the upcoming season very difficult.

Nevertheless, it is important to analyse different scenarios and set-up timelines and deadlines for activating those scenarios. It is therefore imperative for all stakeholders to understand and accept that this year is not a regular year, and that a great deal of sacrifices and tolerance are necessary to minimise the impact the pandemic has on the upcoming season.

The following paragraphs provide all WPSS stakeholders a clear action plan when dealing with certain level of events. The approach and decision-making process should be unified across all Para snow sports, but exceptions will be allowed if the results would benefit the athletes and the sport.

4.1 World Championships

4.1.1 GOALS

The Lillehammer 2021 WPSS Championships is our most important event of the season and represents our top priority for the upcoming season. Our common goals for this event are:

- A. Ensure the event takes place
- B. Ensure a maximum number of countries can participate
- C. Ensure the safe arrival, stay and departure of each participant

WPSS is responsible for coordinating with the LOC and other stakeholders to ensure that the above goals are being achieved. Failure to meet any of the above goals might lead to postponement of the event.

4.1.2 PROGRESS TRACKING

WPSS will organise regular coordination calls with the LOC according to the following timeline:

These calls are meant to provide an analysis of the current environment and whether the goals stipulated above can be achieved or not. In order to measure the progress a fixed set of questions ([Appendix A](#)) have been designed and will be used on each call, measuring the progress or regress of the Championships planning

WPSS will organise and co-ordinate calls with the Nations that have confirmed their participation. The first call will take place on 7 October. Further dates for calls will be communicated to the teams in a timely manner. The Nations will be split into regions: North and South America, Europe, Asia and Oceania. The results from the calls with the LOC will be provided to the Nations and based on those results, the Nations need to provide WPSS Office with an update regarding their teams. A fixed set of questions ([Appendix B](#)) will be shared with the Nations before the calls and discussed during the calls.

4.1.3 Progress Analysis and Decision-Making Process

The following paragraphs will offer clear deadline and Key Performance Indicators for each goal individually

- A. Ensure the event takes place
 - i. Achieving this goal is highly dependent on national regulations. If the LOC has permission from the National Authorities to host the event, we consider this goal achieved
 - ii. Failure to achieve this goal by December 4 will automatically result in postponement
- B. Ensure a maximum number of countries can participate
 - i. If 50% of the Nations on the list ([Appendix C](#)) are able* to participate by 4 December, then we consider this goal achieved and the Championship is declared valid.

** A country will be considered that it is able to participate when the team representing this country has access to the host country without quarantine (or minimal) or if access to the host country is being granted upon following a testing protocol determined by the national authorities.*

***Example I: if team USA is in Austria for 14 days before the World Champs and they have can enter Norway from Austria, without quarantine (or minimal), then USA would count as a country which is able to participate.*

**** Example II: If New Zealand is not permitted by their National Authorities to leave their country, or if Norwegian Authorities are denying nationals of New Zealand entry in Norway, then New Zealand would count a country not able to participate.*

- C. Ensure the safe arrival, stay and departure of each participant
 - i. This goal can only be achieved if the Championship is confirmed
 - ii. Performance indicators of this goal are dependent on national regulations and local health protocols
 - iii. If the event has started it can only be cancelled or postponed based on advice from the National Health authorities or if the health protocols in place require it.

Based on whether goals A and B have been achieved, the WPSS COVID-19 Task Force and the LOC will decide on confirming or postponing the event by December 4. Once confirmed, the event can only be postponed/cancelled at the advice of the National Health authorities or if the safety of the participants can't be guaranteed anymore. Any subsequent decisions regarding the validity and/or integrity of the World Championships must be taken by the Covid-19 Task Force together with the LOC.



4.2 BEIJING TEST EVENTS

4.2.1 GOALS

The Test Events for Beijing2022 are our second priority for the upcoming season. Our common goals for all the test events are:

- A. Ensure the events take place (achieved when the LOC has permission to host the event)
- B. Ensure a maximum number of countries can participate
- C. Ensure the safe arrival, stay and departure of each participant

4.2.2 PARA ALPINE SKIING TEST EVENT:

4.2.2.1 POSSIBLE SCENARIOS

	Scenario A		Scenario B		Scenario C		Scenario D		Scenario E		Scenario F	
Location	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Start	Finish
La Molina, ESP	11-Jan	17-Jan										
Veysonnaz, SUI	21-Jan	24-Jan	21-Jan	24-Jan					21-Jan	24-Jan	21-Jan	24-Jan
Malbun, LIE	EC		EC		EC		EC		26-Jan	28-Jan	EC	
Lillehammer, NOR	07-Feb	20-Feb	07-Feb	20-Feb	07-Feb	20-Feb	07-Feb	20-Feb	07-Feb	20-Feb	07-Feb	20-Feb
Sakhalinsk, RUS	02-Mar	05-Mar			02-Mar	05-Mar						
Beijing, CHN	07-Mar	16-Mar	07-Mar	16-Mar	07-Mar	16-Mar	07-Mar	16-Mar	02-Mar	12-Mar	02-Mar	12-Mar

4.2.2.2 PROGRESS TRACKING

WPSS will co-ordinate monthly calls with Test Event LOC and BOCOG to monitor the situation. First call to take place on 29 September. The LOC and BOCOG will have to provide updates regarding a fixed set of questions ([Appendix E](#)):

4.2.2.3 PROGRESS ANALYSIS AND DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

A decision regarding the Test Event must be made by Tuesday, 08 December 2020.

The decision will be made by the Event Task Force (STC Chairperson, Management, Race Director, LOC Chairperson) based on whether goals A and B have been achieved. Goal B will be considered achieved when 50% of the 15 nations on the list ([Appendix D](#)) are able to attend. Whether certain countries choose to attend or not, must not play a factor in the decision.

The event must be confirmed by **8 December 2020**. Once confirmed, the event can only be postponed/cancelled at the advice of the National Health authorities or if the safety of the participants can't be guaranteed anymore. Any subsequent decisions regarding the validity and/or integrity of the competition must be taken by the Event Task Force together with the LOC.

4.2.3 PARA SNOWBOARD TEST EVENT

4.2.3.1 POSSIBLE SCENARIOS

	Scenario A		Scenario B		Scenario C	
	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Start	Finish
Almasa, SWE	25-Jan	30-Jan				
Lillehammer, NOR	07-Feb	20-Feb	07-Feb	20-Feb	07-Feb	20-Feb
La Molina, ESP	22-Feb	24-Feb	22-Feb	24-Feb		
Beijing, CHN	09-Mar	19-Mar	09-Mar	19-Mar	09-Mar	19-Mar

4.2.3.2 PROGRESS TRACKING

WPSS will co-ordinate monthly calls with LOC and BOCOG to monitor the situation. First call to take place on 09 October. The LOC and BOCOG will have to provide updates regarding a fixed set of questions ([Appendix F](#)):

4.2.3.3 PROGRESS ANALYSIS AND DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

A decision regarding the Test Event must be made by Tuesday, 08 December 2020.

The decision will be made by the Event Task Force (STC Chairperson, Management, Race Director, LOC Chairperson) and it will be based on whether goals A and B have been achieved. Goal B will be considered achieved when 50% of the 15 nations on the list ([Appendix D](#)) are

able to attend. Whether certain countries choose to attend or not, must not play a factor in the decision.

The event must be confirmed by **8 December 2020**. Once confirmed, the event can only be postponed/cancelled at the advice of the National Health authorities or if the safety of the participants can't be guaranteed anymore. Any subsequent decisions regarding the validity and/or integrity of the competition must be taken by the Event Task Force together with the LOC.



4.2.4 PARA NORDIC SKIING TEST EVENT

4.2.4.1 POSSIBLE SCENARIOS

Location	Scenario A		Scenario B		Scenario C (i.)		Scenario C (ii.)		Scenario D	
	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Start	Finish
Planica, SLO*	13-Jan	20-Jan								
Östersund, SWE**	24-Jan	02-Feb	24-Jan	02-Feb	24-Jan	02-Feb				
Lillehammer, NOR	07-Feb	20-Feb	07-Feb	20-Feb	07-Feb	20-Feb	07-Feb	20-Feb	07-Feb	20-Feb
Beijing, CHN	08-Mar	13-Mar	08-Mar	13-Mar	08-Mar	13-Mar	08-Mar	13-Mar	08-Mar	13-Mar
Sapporo, JPN	17-Mar	20-Mar	17-Mar	20-Mar			17-Mar	20-Mar		

* Postponement of event to season 2021/2022 is considered. More information will follow.

** The exact dates for Östersund are not confirmed yet, but this timeframe is considered

4.2.4.2 PROGRESS TRACKING

WPSS will co-ordinate monthly calls with LOC and BOCOG to monitor the situation. First call to take place on 9 October. The LOC and BOCOG will have to provide updates regarding a fixed set of questions ([Appendix G](#)):

4.2.4.3 PROGRESS ANALYSYS AND DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

A decision regarding the Test Event must be made by Tuesday, 08 December 2020.

The decision will be made by the Event Task Force (STC Chairperson, Management, Race Director, LOC Chairperson) and it will be based on whether goals A and B have been achieved. Goal B will be considered achieved when 50% of the nations on the list ([Appendix D](#)) are able to attend. Whether certain countries choose to attend or not, must not play a factor in the decision.



The event must be confirmed by 8 December 2020. Once confirmed, the event can only be postponed/cancelled at the advice of the National Health authorities or if the safety of the participants can't be guaranteed anymore. Any subsequent decisions regarding the validity and/or integrity of the competition must be taken by the Event Task Force together with the LOC.



4.3 WORLD CUPS

All other World Cups will follow a similar analysis process as the World Championships and the Test Events, with less coordination between WPSS office and NPCs.

The goals will stay the same:

- A. Ensure the events take place
- B. Ensure the maximum number of countries can participate
- C. Ensure the safe arrival, stay and departure of each participant

Goal A will be achieved when the LOC has the permission from the Local/National authorities to host the event

Goal B will be achieved when 50% of the countries from the list ([Appendix D](#)) are able* to attend in the event. Failure to meet this landmark will result in automatic downgrade of the event to the Continental Cup level.

The decision to confirm, cancel or downgrade an event must be made by the Event Task Force (STC Chairperson, Management, Race Director, LOC Chairperson).

The deadline by which an event must be confirmed is 30 days before the first training day, unless otherwise specified by the LOC. Once confirmed, the event can only be postponed/cancelled for COVID-19 reasons at the advice of the National Health authorities or if the safety of the participants can't be guaranteed anymore. Any subsequent decisions regarding the validity and/or integrity of the competition must be taken by the Event Task Force together with the LOC. A decision to cancel or change the event for reasons not related to COVID (such as snow conditions) will be made similar to previous seasons.

4.4 CONTINENTAL CUPS AND LOWER

For Continental Cup events it will be preferred that a minimum of two countries attend the event. Approval to hold the event as a Continental Cup with only one country participating can be given by the Event Task Force.

For WPAS, WPSB, WPNS and National Championship Level there will be no restrictions or requirements regarding the number of countries that must attend.

APPENDIX A

Lillehammer 2021 LOC Questionnaire.

- A. Ensure the event takes place:
 - a. Do you currently have the permission of the local/national authorities to host the event?
 - b. Are there any limitations on the number of people that can attend?
 - c. If there are limitations on the number of people, can we split one big event into three smaller ones?
- B. Ensure the maximum number of countries can participate
 - a. Given the list of countries that have confirmed their participation, which are anticipated to attend the event, can you provide us with the current travel/quarantine restrictions for each country
 - b. If Visa applications are suspended for certain countries are you able to provide special visas?
 - c. If quarantine is required, are you able to provide 'active quarantine' (training facilities, skiing etc.)?
 - d. If 'active quarantine' is not possible in your country are there any other countries around that you would recommend and that are deemed 'safe' by the national authorities
 - i. Safe country would be in this case defined as a country that allows travel to Norway without quarantine on arrival
 - e. Are there any current alternatives to quarantine?
 - i. Participants are required to have been tested before in their own country
 - ii. Testing on arrival and only short quarantine
 - iii. Whereabouts pass, Location Tracking National App
- C. Ensure the safe arrival, stay and departure of each participant
 - a. Are you in touch with the local health authorities?
 - b. What are current national/regional regulations?
 - c. Are you able to implement measures for limiting mitigation risks in the areas of FOP, meal stations, accommodation and transportation?
 - d. What is your reporting protocol in case COVID-19 like symptoms?
 - e. What is the current protocol when there is a positive test for COVID-19?
 - i. Quarantine of individual, contact tracing, testing?
 - ii. Targeted testing?
 - iii. Will event be allowed to continue?
 - iv. Other?

APPENDIX B

NPCs Call Questionnaire

1. Considering the results of the call with the Lillehammer LOC are you still able/willing to attend the World Championship?
2. What are your plans after the World Championship?
 - a. Return Home
 - i. If yes, under which conditions (quarantine/no quarantine)
 - b. Stay in Norway
 - c. Go to the next competition
 - i. Alpine
 - ii. Snowboard
 - iii. Nordic Skiing
 - d. Under the current circumstances are you able to attend the test events in March?
 - i. If no, why not?

APPENDIX C

List of countries for 2021 World Championships

Australia	Kazakhstan
Austria	Korea
Belarus	Netherlands
Canada	New Zealand
China	Norway
Croatia	Poland
Finland	Russia
France	Slovakia
Great Britain	Switzerland
Germany	Sweden
Italy	Ukraine
Japan	United States of America

World Championship Threshold 12 Countries: 50% of the total 24

The World Championship List was established by counting *all** the nations that confirmed by 14 September their participation in all three sports, and by adding the best three countries per sport, based on their results at the previous Paralympic Winter Games and World Championships.

**except for Armenia, due to lack of licenced athletes in the past two seasons in Para alpine and Para snowboard.*

APPENDIX D

List of countries for Para World Cups

	Para alpine skiing	Para snowboard	Para Nordic skiing
#	NPC	NPC	NPC
1	AUT	AUS	AUS
2	CAN	AUT	BLR
3	CHN	CAN	BRA
4	FIN	CHN	CAN
5	FRA	ESP	GER
6	GBR	FRA	NOR
7	GER	GBR	POL
8	ITA	ITA	RUS
9	JPN	JPN	SWE
10	NED	NED	UKR
11	NOR	NOR	USA
12	RUS	POL	
13	SUI	ROU	
14	SVK	RUS	
15	USA	USA	

- Threshold: 50% of the nations listed for each sport must be able to participate in order to confirm the World Cup by the specific deadline of each event.
 - Para alpine skiing and Para snowboard: 8 countries
 - Para Nordic skiing: 6 countries
- The list of countries has been established based on the following principles:
 - Para alpine skiing: all countries that have athletes in the top 3 of the World Cup Season 19/20 Individual Rankings
 - Para snowboard: Para alpine skiing: all countries that have athletes in the top 3 of the World Cup Season 19/20 Individual Rankings
 - Para Nordic skiing: all countries that have athletes in the top 5 of the World Cup Season 19/20 Overall Rankings in Cross Country and Biathlon

APPENDIX E

Questionnaire for Para alpine skiing Test Event LOC

- A. Ensure the event takes place:
 - a. Do you currently have the permission of the local/national authorities to host the event?
 - b. Are there any limitations on the number of people that can attend?
- B. Ensure the maximum number of countries can participate
 - a. Given the list of countries ([Appendix D](#)) which are anticipated to attend the event, can you provide us with the current travel/quarantine restrictions for each country
 - b. Are you able to provide special visas that are allowing participants to skip quarantine?
 - c. If quarantine is required, are you able to provide 'active quarantine' (training facilities, skiing etc.)?
 - d. Are there any current alternatives to quarantine?
 - i. Participants are required to have been tested before in their own country
 - ii. Testing on arrival and only short quarantine
 - iii. Whereabouts pass, Location Tracking National App
 - e. Please compare [scenarios C, D and F](#). Which would be least problematic for arriving in China? Please take into consideration the following
 - i. Scenario C: teams are arriving just from Russia
 - ii. Scenario D: teams are arriving from whole Europe
 - iii. Scenario F: teams are arriving from Norway
- C. Ensure the safe arrival, stay and departure of each participant
 - a. What are current national/regional regulations?
 - b. Are you able to adhere to the guidelines outlined in section 2.4?
 - c. What is your reporting protocol in case COVID-19 like symptoms?
 - d. What is the current protocol when there is a positive test for COVID-19?
 - i. Quarantine of individual, contact tracing, testing?
 - ii. Targeted testing?
 - iii. Will event be allowed to continue?
 - iv. Other?

APPENDIX F

Questionnaire for Para snowboard Test Event LOC

- A. Ensure the event takes place:
 - a. Do you currently have the permission of the local/national authorities to host the event?
 - b. Are there any limitations on the number of people that can attend?
- B. Ensure the maximum number of countries can participate
 - a. Given the list of countries for Snowboard ([Appendix D](#)) which are anticipated to attend the event, can you provide us with the current travel/quarantine restrictions for each country
 - b. Are you able to provide special visas that allow participants to skip quarantine?
 - c. If quarantine is required, are you able to provide 'active quarantine' (training facilities, skiing etc.)?
 - i. Are there any current alternatives to quarantine? Participants are required to have been tested before in their own country
 - ii. Testing on arrival and only short quarantine
 - iii. Whereabouts pass, Location Tracking National App
 - d. Please compare [scenarios A, B and C](#). Which would be least problematic for arriving in China considering the current situation? Please take into consideration the following:
 - i. Scenario A: teams are arriving just from whole World
 - ii. Scenario B: teams are arriving from Spain
 - iii. Scenario C: teams arriving from Norway
- C. Ensure the safe arrival, stay and departure of each participant
 - a. What are current national/regional regulations?
 - b. Are you able to adhere to the guidelines outlined in section 2.4?
 - c. What is your reporting protocol in case COVID-19 like symptoms?
 - d. What is the current protocol when there is a positive test for COVID-19?
 - i. Quarantine of individual, contact tracing, testing?
 - ii. Targeted testing?
 - iii. Will event be allowed to continue?
 - iv. Other?

APPENDIX G

Questionnaire for Para Nordic skiing Test Event LOC

- A. Ensure the event takes place:
 - a. Do you currently have the permission of the local/national authorities to host the event?
 - b. Are there any limitations on the number of people that can attend?
- B. Ensure the maximum number of countries can participate
 - a. Given the list of countries for Para Nordic skiing ([Appendix D](#)) which are anticipated to attend the event, can you provide us with the current travel/quarantine restrictions for each country
 - b. Are you able to provide special visas that allow participants to skip quarantine?
 - c. If quarantine is required, are you able to provide 'active quarantine' (training facilities, skiing etc.)?
 - i. Are there any current alternatives to quarantine? Participants are required to have been tested before in their own country
 - ii. Testing on arrival and only short quarantine
 - iii. Whereabouts pass, Location Tracking National App
 - d. Which would be least problematic for arriving in China considering the following:
 - i. Teams are arriving from whole World
 - ii. Teams are arriving from Norway
- C. Ensure the safe arrival, stay and departure of each participant
 - a. What are current national/regional regulations?
 - b. Are you able to adhere to the guidelines outlined in section 2.4?
 - c. What is your reporting protocol in case COVID-19 like symptoms?
 - d. What is the current protocol when there is a positive test for COVID-19?
 - i. Quarantine of individual, contact tracing, testing?
 - ii. Targeted testing?
 - iii. Will event be allowed to continue?
 - iv. Other?