

Event Risk Assessment Recommendation

2022 Para cycling Road World Cup #1

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Event Details	
Event Name	2022 Para cycling Road World Cup #1
Date of Event	5-8 May 2022
Location of Event including Country	Ostend, Belgium
Event website	https://www.paracycling.eu/en/home https://www.uci.org/competition-hub/2022-uci-para-cycling-road-world https://www.paracycling.eu/en/general-information
Organiser	
Sanctioning body	UCI
GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION	
Current NZ government travel recommendations	<p>www.safetravel.govt.nz</p> <p>This is the first time the safe travel website has been updated in the last 2 years. New advice is as follows:</p> <p>9/3/2022</p> <p>This COVID-19 travel advice applies to all international travel, in all destinations. If you are planning international travel at this time, please read this advice alongside our destination specific travel advisories.</p> <p>In line with step two of the Government's 5-step plan to re-open New Zealand's borders , at 11:59pm on Friday 4th of March 2022, we removed the SafeTravel global 'Do not travel' advisory and returned to issuing destination-specific travel advisories.</p> <p>While our borders have reopened for fully vaccinated New Zealand citizens, it is important to remember that international travel is different now. Travel has become more complicated and there are additional things you need to think about when planning your trip overseas.</p>

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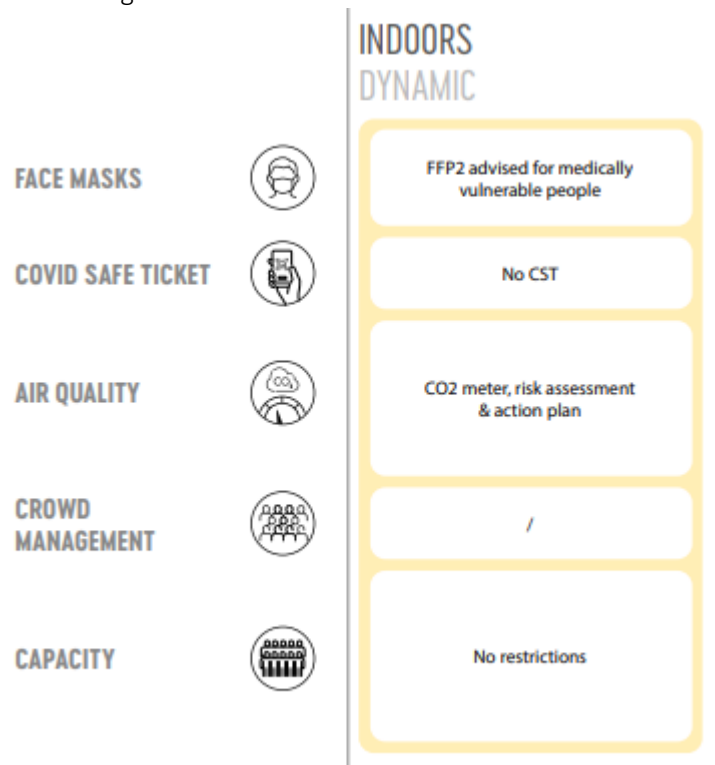
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	<p>Although many countries now have increasingly high vaccination numbers, any country could continue to experience a sudden outbreak of COVID-19. This may include the emergence of new variants of concern, which may lead to the sudden imposition of strict travel restrictions or health measures that could impact upon your travel plans, and your travel insurance. If you're heading overseas, it's important you think about the risks of contracting COVID-19 in your destination. This may mean that you have to remain overseas for longer than you had planned, which may have financial implications for you. We recommend that all New Zealand travellers make contingency plans in case disruptions mean you need to support yourself overseas for longer than you planned.</p> <p>All travellers also need to be aware of the requirements for returning to New Zealand. You can read more about that on the Unite Against COVID-19 website here.</p> <p>We advise that New Zealanders overseas follow local health advice and use basic hygiene measures to minimise the risk of exposure. The Ministry of Health provides useful information about protecting yourself and others from COVID-19</p> <p>Specific Travel Advice for Belgium https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/belgium</p> <p>Exercise increased caution in Belgium due to the heightened and ongoing threat of terrorism.</p> <p>Terrorism Terrorist groups, including those based in Syria and Iraq, continue to make threats to conduct attacks in Belgium and across Europe. There is also a threat from domestic-based extremists, including plots that may involve foreign fighters returning to Belgium and Europe from the conflicts in Syria and Iraq. Brussels hosts a number of international institutions, including the European Union and NATO, which are sensitive locations and could be targeted by terrorists.</p>
Current host country government travel recommendations	<p>https://diplomatie.belgium.be/en/services/travel_to_belgium/visa_for_belgium</p> <p>You don't need a visa if you are from the EU/EEA, Switzerland, the US, New Zealand, Australia, Monaco, the Republic of Andorra, Japan, or another country with a visa-free agreement with Schengen.</p> <p>Mandatory form for travel to Belgium Since August 1, 2020, all persons returning to Belgium and all persons travelling through Belgium and who are staying at least 48 hours must fill out an identification form (Passenger Locator Form).</p>

Current requirements to enter country	https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/faq/ For all journeys to Belgium, people who do not have their main residence in Belgium must have a vaccination or recovery certificate, or test result from a valid and recognised test. This rule does not apply to short stays of less than 48 hours where no carrier is used. There are also other exceptions. For high-risk areas, i.e. the dark red, light and dark grey zones within the European Union or Schengen area and the third countries which are not included on the White list, stricter measures are in force.
Current requirements to return to NZ	The following people can enter New Zealand now from anywhere in the world and self-test on arrival. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccinated and unvaccinated New Zealand citizens • Vaccinated New Zealand residents • Vaccinated travellers with a border exception • Vaccinated travellers on a working holiday scheme • Other vaccinated eligible travellers under current border settings https://covid19.govt.nz/international-travel/travel-to-new-zealand/when-new-zealand-borders-open/#who-can-enter-new-zealand-now
Does travelling to the event include any likely stop overs that present any risk?	Depending on airline, but there are restricted airlines available. This would need to be checked when booking flights as it depends on which country you are entering and there may be a requirement for testing.
Travel and health insurance requirements	Take out comprehensive medical insurance, including cover for hospitalisation and medical evacuation. Make sure it covers your personal circumstances, both for pre-existing conditions and the activities you plan to undertake.
Any Terrorism, Social and Political Situation that present any risk at the location of the event	No considerable threats https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/belgium
COVID-19 Information at Event and Destination	
A summary of the current Covid-19 environment and government response strategy.	Belgium has experienced a peak in November 2021 and again in January 2022 however their death rate has remained relatively low. They are currently experiencing 15,000 cases per day. https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/#countries https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/belgium/

	<p>https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/</p> <p>Code yellow as of March 7 in Belgium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mouth mask mandatory in healthcare and public transport • No PLF within the EU • No Covid Safe Ticket <p>What does code yellow, orange, red mean?</p> <p>The coronavirus barometer has three phases that reflect the level of pressure on healthcare:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code yellow: the epidemiological situation and pressure on hospitals are under control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New hospital admissions/day: less than 65, intensive care occupancy: less than 300 beds. • The trend of the numbers should be taken into consideration each time in order to possibly change phases more quickly in one direction or the other. • Code orange: increasing pressure on healthcare system, intervention needed to reverse this trend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New hospital admissions/day: 65-149, intensive care occupancy: 300-500 beds. • The trend of the numbers should be taken into consideration each time in order to possibly change phases more quickly in one direction or the other. • Code red: high risk of overburdening the healthcare system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New hospital admissions/day: more than 150, intensive care occupancy: more than 500 beds. • The trend of the numbers should be taken into consideration each time in order to possibly change phases more quickly in one direction or the other. <p>In addition to the pressures on healthcare, the Consultative Committee will make an overall assessment of the epidemiological situation and pay specific attention to mental health when determining the code.</p> <p>https://fdn01.fed.be/documents/0bead443dd7f4f56136498c8b6e23e39/FODKAN_BAROMETER_PUBLIEKSEVENEMENTEN_ENG_DEF%5B62%5D.pdf</p>
MIQ requirements at destination	<p>If traveling from a green, orange or red zone, then you do not need to get tested or quarantine</p> <p>https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/travels/#1</p>
Contract Tracing requirements	<p>https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/contact-tracing/</p> <p>Not mandatory:</p> <p>Your contribution can help yourself and others. Thanks to your help, others can be informed and advised in good time. The more contacts we can trace in time, the smaller the risk of a new wave of infections. This is how we can</p>

	avoid strict new measures together. Cooperation is therefore not compulsory, but is a form of solidarity and a civic duty. Cooperation is therefore not compulsory, but is a form of solidarity and a civic duty in the fight against Covid-19.
Public gathering/Event restrictions and stay-at-home requirements at the destination	<p>Limited requirements under yellow see link below Face coverings recommended</p>  <p>INDOORS DYNAMIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FACE MASKS: FFP2 advised for medically vulnerable people COVID SAFE TICKET: No CST AIR QUALITY: CO2 meter, risk assessment & action plan CROWD MANAGEMENT: / CAPACITY: No restrictions
https://fdn01.fed.be/documents/0bead443dd7f4f56136498c8b6e23e39/FODKAN_BAROMETER_PUBLIEKSEVENEMENTEN_ENG_DEF%5B62%5D.pdf	
Internal movement restrictions at destination and transit locations. Public transport etc	Face coverings required on public transport, no other restrictions
Event Plans	
<p>What standard protocols does the event have in place to address Covid-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social distancing 	Following UCI requirements and government requirements but little information currently available. Recommend this is checked regularly due to the heightened risk with immune compromised riders.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gathering numbers • PPE • Vaccination requirements • Pre and during event testing • Protocols if a NZ rider tests positive 	
<p>What standard protocols does the event have in place to address your safety: Eg:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical coverage • Security • Emergency response • Official practice or training times. 	<p>As per technical guide shown below. Unknown what will be onsite, but will be UCI standard</p> <p>https://www.uci.org/competition-hub/2022-uci-para-cycling-road-world</p>
<p>Any other residue concerns that the event has not addressed in regards to event management and/or COVID management?</p>	<p>If you are diagnosed with COVID-19</p> <p>You stay at least 7 days in <u>self-isolation</u>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not go outside • You may sit in your garden or on your terrace • Don't let other people in your house • You may not visit • Open your windows • Brush every day what you touch a lot (e.g. door handles, taps, light switches, etc.). • Stay away from the people who live in your house. • Use other things than the people who live in your house (e.g. different plates, towels, sheets, etc.) • Use a different toilet than the people who live in your house, if possible • Use a different bathroom than people living in your house, if possible

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a different bedroom than the people living in your house, if possible. • If you do not follow the rules for quarantine or isolation, you may be punished or fined. <p>https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/</p> <p>A negative test is required for entry to NZ, however it is possible if the rider has contracted COVID19 whilst over there the pre-departure test could return a positive result. If this is the case then a medical certificate will be required. Details as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>If your pre-departure test is positive, but you believe this is because of a historical COVID-19 infection, you need to see a medical practitioner who will examine you for current symptoms of COVID-19.</i> • <i>If they are confident you do not currently have a COVID-19 infection, you will need them to provide:</i> • <i>a medical certificate with the date of your previous positive test, within 48 hours of your first international flight and</i> • <i>documentation stating that they consider you as no longer being infectious with COVID-19.</i> • <i>If you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 3 months, book your medical examination in advance of receiving your test results.</i> • <i>You should also check with your airlines about any regulations they may have in place regarding past COVID-19 infections.</i> • <i>You are still required to provide a current valid pre-departure test if you have recovered from COVID-19.</i> <p>https://covid19.govt.nz/international-travel/travel-to-new-zealand/pre-departure-tests-to-enter-new-zealand/</p>
Medical	
Current pressure on local health system that may impact your ability to receive medical support in the event of an injury.	<p>https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/barometer/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code yellow: the epidemiological situation and pressure on hospitals are under control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New hospital admissions/day: less than 65, intensive care occupancy: less than 300 beds.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The trend of the numbers should be taken into consideration each time in order to possibly change phases more quickly in one direction or the other.
Athlete health check prior to travel	<i>The UCI do not have any requirements for pre-health checks prior to competing in an international event, aside from the COVID requirements as stipulated by the event. It is however recommended by Cycling NZ that all riders have a medical check from either a HPSNZ doctor or their local GP to identify any underlying medical conditions that could be additional risk if they were to contract COVID19 prior to leaving NZ.</i>
Recommendation for self-health checks while at event	Self-manage for any COVID19 symptoms

Assessment Summary and Recommendations

The key points:

- Case numbers are similar what we are experiencing in NZ.
- Some riders may be immune compromised so additional care required when travelling to reduce the risk as much as possible by following strict hygiene measures and mask wearing when possible.
- Belgium is currently at its lowest barometer rating, which means the situation is currently under control and there is no pressure on the health system
- The NZ Government is easing restrictions on travel, however this can change at short notice as we have seen in the past.

It is important to note:

- COVID19 is still an unknown virus and can escalate extremely quickly, this could result in difficulty in getting back home to NZ should there be an outbreak and also treatment at a hospital could be impacted for not only COVID19 related symptoms but other injuries.
- If an athlete contracts COVID19 they will be required to isolate for 14 days, which is a financial risk as well as impacting training significantly for future events

Given the above it is recommended that this event is deemed:

ORANGE – Based on the information available, there are some moderate risks of attending this event outside of what should be reasonable accepted for international travel. All those wishing to receive an entry/accreditation or selection should complete an informed consent form and will be required to adequately and appropriately be able to demonstrate their understanding of this additional risk and their plans in place to mitigate the. These risks are as follows:

1. Acknowledge that the chance of contracting COVID19 during travel is still possible, and you will be required to isolate for 7 days in Belgium if you test positive.
2. Some riders may be immune compromised so additional care required when travelling to reduce the risk as much as possible by following strict hygiene measures and mask wearing when possible.
3. Ability to stay in the Belgium or in another country for an extended period of time if the NZ government decides to change the border status
4. If you contract COVID-19 and want to return to NZ you may still return a positive pre-departure PCR test so a medical certificate will be required within 48 hours prior to travel

Recommendation approved by Independent Risk Assessor: Shanelle Barrett

Signed: 

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