

Event Risk Assessment Recommendation

UCI MTB World Cup, Albstadt – XCO/XCC

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Event Details

Event Name	UCI MTB World Cup – XCO/XCC
Date of Event	6-8 May 2022
Location of Event including Country	Albstadt, Germany
Event website	https://www.bikezone-albstadt.de/MTB-Events/2022-Mercedes-Benz-UCI-Mountain-Bike-World-Cup
Organiser	Bikezone Albstadt
Sanctioning body	UCI

GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

Current NZ government travel recommendations

www.safetravel.govt.nz

This is the first time the safe travel website has been updated in the last 2 years. New advice is as follows:

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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.

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.

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.

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

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	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. 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. 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 Specific Travel Advice for Germany https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/germany Exercise increased caution in Germany due to the ongoing threat of terrorism.
Current host country government travel recommendations	https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/visa-service/EinreiseUndAufenthalt#:~:text=Due%20to%20the%20COVID%2D19,result%20or%20proof%20of%20immunity. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, restrictions for entry into Germany from many countries apply. Persons entering must complete a digital entry registration. They also have to provide a negative test result or proof of immunity.
Current requirements to enter country	EU-wide entry restrictions remain in force. For Germany, these restrictions are issued by the Federal Ministry of the Interior and Community (BMI). Please check with the BMI prior to your trip to find out what regulations apply specifically with regard to the country from which you plan to enter Germany. In principle, entry is possible from: • EU member states • states associated with Schengen: Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein • other countries from which entry is possible in light of the epidemiological situation assessment by the EU. Entry from any other country for any purpose (including visits and tourism) is only possible for fully vaccinated People. The traveller must have received the last vaccination dose that is necessary for full vaccination at least 14 days before the

	date of travel, and the vaccine the person has received must be among those listed on the website of the Paul Ehrlich Institute https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/visa-service/EinreiseUndAufenthalt#content_0
Current requirements to return to NZ	The following people can enter New Zealand now from anywhere in the world and self-test on arrival. • 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/germany
COVID-19 Information at Event and Destination	
A summary of the current Covid-19 environment and government response strategy.	Germany is currently experiencing the highest peak since the outbreak however the death rate is lower than in January 2021. They are currently experiencing 120,00 cases per day. https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/germany/ https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/#countries 03.04.2022: Numerous Covid protective measures dropped

	Berlin (dpa)- Most state Covid restrictions on everyday life were dropped in large parts of Germany on Sunday. Though infection rates remain high, the new nationwide legal framework provides for only a few general protective measures. In almost all federal states, masks are now mandatory only in doctors' surgeries, nursing homes, hospitals, buses and trains, while tests are still required in schools, for example. Nationwide, masks still have to be worn on long-distance trains and aeroplanes. Regardless of government regulations, companies, shops and other institutions can continue to maintain regulations such as mandatory mask wearing according to their in-house rules. The federal government has justified its decision to scrap most of the measures by saying that the country's health system is not overburdened and that stricter rules can still be enacted regionally in case of emergency. https://www.deutschland.de/en/news/coronavirus-in-germany-information
MIQ requirements at destination	No MIQ required - Entry from any other country for any purpose (including visits and tourism) is only possible for fully vaccinated People. The traveller must have received the last vaccination dose that is necessary for full vaccination at least 14 days before the date of travel, and the vaccine the person has received must be among those listed on the website of the Paul Ehrlich Institute https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/visa-service/EinreiseUndAufenthalt
Contract Tracing requirements	Not mandatory
Public gathering/Event restrictions and stay-at-home requirements at the destination	https://www.baden-wuerttemberg.de/fileadmin/redaktion/dateien/PDF/Coronainfos/ZZ_Corona_Regeln_Auf_einen_Blick_EN.pdf Proof of vaccination or recovery required The previous level system in the coronavirus regulation (basic, warning and alarm level) is no longer applicable. Contact restrictions and capacity restrictions for events are also dispensed with. In indoor areas and public local transport, the obligation to wear a FFP2 mask applies. In air transport and public long distance passenger transport, the obligation to wear an FFP2 or medical face mask applies. Outdoors, the mandatory wearing of face coverings applies if the minimum distance of 1.5 meters cannot be observed. The test (certificate) obligation still applies, i.e.: • 3G at public events, cultural, leisure and other institutions, at trade fairs and exhibitions, in extracurricular and vocational training, in catering and accommodation, as well as body-related cosmetic services, etc. • 2G+, i.e. 2G with additional test, in discotheques and clubs

	The rules regarding the obligations to create hygiene concepts remain in place (e.g. at public events and in discotheques and clubs). The mandatory wearing of face coverings and test requirement at child daycare centres, schools (2 times a week), hospitals or in nursing facilities will continue. The general distance recommendation of 1.5 meters remains.
Internal movement restrictions at destination and transit locations. Public transport etc	Face coverings required on public transport, no other restrictions
Event Plans	
What standard protocols does the event have in place to address Covid-19: • Social distancing • Gathering numbers • PPE • Vaccination requirements • Pre and during event testing • Protocols if a NZ rider tests positive	Following UCI requirements and government requirements 3G at public events, cultural, leisure and other institutions, at trade fairs and exhibitions, in extracurricular and vocational training, in catering and accommodation, as well as body-related cosmetic services, etc.  3G and 2G 3G: Access only for tested, vaccinated or recovered persons 2G: Access only for vaccinated or recovered persons
What standard protocols does the event have in place to address your safety: Eg:	There will already be helpers from the German Red Cross on site at the training (from Thursday, 5 May). During the races, doctors and the mountain rescue service will also be on hand. If there is an emergency, the paramedics will decide to which hospital the patient will be transported, depending on the severity of the injury and the availability of capacity.

• Medical coverage • Security • Emergency response • Official practice or training times.	Possible hospital options are: Zollernalb Klinikum gGmbH Standort Albstadt Friedrichstraße 39 72458 Albstadt Zollernalb Klinikum Standort Balingen Tübinger Str. 30 72336 Balingen UKT Tübingen Hoppe-Seyler-Straße 3 72076 Tübingen
Any other residue concerns that the event has not addressed in regards to event management and/or COVID management?	https://www.zusammengegencorona.de/en/when-do-i-have-to-quarantine-or-self-isolate/ Isolation is required when persons have been confirmed as carrying the coronavirus, i.e. persons who have tested positive. If they have no or only mild symptoms, the patients can isolate at home (self-isolation). If they experience severe symptoms, they are isolated at a hospital. Isolation can only be ended if it is certain that the patient is no longer able to infect other persons. This is the case at the earliest after 10 days with at least two symptom-free days. 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: • <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> https://covid19.govt.nz/international-travel/travel-to-new-zealand/pre-departure-tests-to-enter-new-zealand/
Medical	
Current pressure on local health system that may impact your ability to receive medical support in the event of an injury.	Unknown but given the government has removed many restrictions this would indicate that the pressure on the hospitals has eased.
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 very high but the death rates are not like that which was experienced in 2021.
- The government has reduced many measures/restrictions
- 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 10 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 to high 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 10 days in Germany if you test positive.
2. Ability to stay in Germany or in another country for an extended period of time if the NZ government decides to change the border status
3. 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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