

Event Risk Assessment Recommendation

UCI BMX Racing WORLD CUP, Glasgow, GBR

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Event Details	
Event Name	UCI BMX Racing World Cup, Glasgow
Date of Event	28 – 29 May 2022
Location of Event including Country	Glasgow, United Kingdom
Event website	https://www.uci.org/competition-details/2022/BMX/66236
Organiser	Stuart Tomlinson, British Cycling
Sanctioning body	UCI
GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION	
Current NZ government travel recommendations	<p>www.safetravel.govt.nz</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> <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</p>

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	<p>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 Glasgow https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/united-kingdom</p> <p>We advise New Zealanders to exercise increased caution in the UK (level 2 of 4).</p> <p>Terrorism There is a heightened threat of terrorism across Europe, including in the United Kingdom.</p> <p>Since early 2017, separate attacks have taken place in the United Kingdom, causing multiple deaths and injuries.</p>
Current host country government travel recommendations	<p>https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa/y/new-zealand/tourism</p> <p>You will not need a visa to come to the UK You can stay in the UK as a tourist for up to 6 months without a visa, but you must meet the Standard Visitor eligibility requirements.</p>
Current requirements to enter country	<p>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-to-england-from-another-country-during-coronavirus-covid-19</p> <p>When you travel to England from abroad you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • do not need to take any COVID-19 tests before you travel or after you arrive • do not need to fill in a UK passenger locator form • do not need to quarantine when you arrive <p>This applies whether you are vaccinated or not.</p> <p>It includes people who are transiting through England.</p>

	<p>You should follow any rules that your travel provider tells you to follow.</p> <p>Other countries may have rules about what you need to do to leave the country to travel to England. You should check travel advice for the country you are travelling from.</p>
Current requirements to return to NZ	<p>The following people can enter New Zealand now from anywhere in the world and self-test on arrival.</p> <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 <p>https://covid19.govt.nz/international-travel/travel-to-new-zealand/when-new-zealand-borders-open/#who-can-enter-new-zealand-now</p>
Does travelling to the event include any likely stop overs that present any risk?	<p>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.</p>
Travel and health insurance requirements	<p>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.</p>
Any Terrorism, Social and Political Situation that present any risk at the location of the event	<p>We advise New Zealanders to exercise increased caution in the United Kingdom (level 2 of 4).</p> <p>https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/united-kingdom</p>
COVID-19 Information at Event and Destination	
A summary of the current Covid-19 environment and government response strategy.	<p>UK has experienced multiple peaks in COVID19 with the Omicron peak in January. Currently they are experiencing around 21,845 cases per day (Scotland 5,313 Wednesday 13/4)but the death rate is relatively low compared to previous peaks which is an indication that the hospitals are not overwhelmed like in 2021.</p> <p>https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/#countries</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus</p>

MIQ requirements at destination	No requirements
Contract Tracing requirements	no requirements
Public gathering/Event restrictions and stay-at-home requirements at the destination	<p>Events like music concerts and live sport can take place but anyone over the age of 18, who wants to go to a large event - or to a late night venue - will need to show evidence that they are fully vaccinated, or evidence that they are exempt.</p> <p>Event organisers should look at how to make them as safe as possible, including using outdoor space and encouraging people to keep a safe distance from others.</p>
Internal movement restrictions at destination and transit locations. Public transport etc	<p>No restrictions, except for the following:</p> <p>Transport providers will have procedures to promote the safety of customers and staff, but it is an individual's responsibility to comply with guidance.</p> <p>On public transport you must by law wear a face covering, unless you are exempt, and comply with the physical distancing measures that are in place.</p>

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 • Gathering numbers • PPE • Vaccination requirements • Pre and during event testing • Protocols if a NZ rider tests positive 	<p>Competition Guide</p> <p>Like many parts of the world the UK is being impacted by the Covid 19 pandemic. The landscape is ever changing, and it is currently too early to fully understand what (if any) restrictions might be in place in May.</p> <p>Over the last two years the UK and Scottish governments have supported elite sport events with exemptions and so there is a very high degree of confidence that the event will go ahead. However, it is likely that there will be mitigations and additional rules that federations, athletes and support staff must adhere to. More detail will be communicated in due course.</p> <p>https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-latest-information</p> <p>Glasgow Life's response to the Coronavirus pandemic. This page will be updated regularly regarding the ongoing impact of Covid-19 on our services. Please bookmark this page and check back often to keep up-to-date with our latest messaging.</p>
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	<p>Please note: Due to the recent surge in Covid-19 cases, there may be some last minute changes to our venues, programmes and events. Your safety and that of our staff is our priority. Please stay safe.</p> <p>Latest update – Thursday 17 March 2022</p> <p>The Scottish Government has confirmed that the legal requirement to wear face coverings in certain indoor settings will remain in place until Monday 18 April. As such, this will continue to apply within all Glasgow Life venues, to protect our staff and visitors.</p> <p>We recognise that some visitors may be exempt from wearing a face covering, and the Scottish Government has published guidance on the use of suitable face coverings and exemptions. Within our sports venues, visitors will be required to wear a mask or face covering in all indoor areas except when participating in physical activities in our gyms and fitness studios.</p> <p>Covid-19 remains a public health risk. You can catch it even if you have been vaccinated or had it before. By continuing to protect ourselves and others, we can help to reduce the spread of the virus, enable workplaces to operate safely and ease pressure on our health services.</p>
<p>What standard protocols does the event have in place to address your safety:</p> <p>Eg:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical coverage • Security • Emergency response • Official practice or training times. 	<p>Waiting on seeing official information from the LOC however following UCI requirements.</p>
<p>Any other residue concerns that the event has not addressed in regards to event management and/or COVID management?</p>	<p>While you're no longer required by law to self-isolate if you have COVID-19, you should still stay at home and avoid contact with other people. This helps reduce the chance of passing COVID-19 on to others</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>

	<p><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></p> <p><i>If they are confident you do not currently have a COVID-19 infection, you will need them to provide:</i></p> <p><i>a medical certificate with the date of your previous positive test, within 48 hours of your first international flight and</i></p> <p><i>documentation stating that they consider you as no longer being infectious with COVID-19.</i></p> <p><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></p> <p><i>You should also check with your airlines about any regulations they may have in place regarding past COVID-19 infections.</i></p> <p><i>You are still required to provide a current valid pre-departure test if you have recovered from COVID-19.</i></p> <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>The pandemic has created a huge load on Scotland's hospitals. At the peak of the outbreak in spring 2020 there were more than 1,500 Covid patients in hospital, with over 200 being treated in intensive care. Numbers reduced over the summer of 2020, but started to rise steadily again in the autumn. In January 2021, the number of patients with Covid in hospital went over 2,000.</p> <p>During the latest surge in cases in 2022, the total number of patients with Covid surpassed the 2021 peak. However, the numbers being treated in intensive care are lower than they were early in the pandemic.</p> <p>The chart below shows patients in Scottish hospitals who have tested positive for Covid - not all of them are being treated for Covid illness.</p> <p>https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/healthcare</p>
Athlete health check prior to travel	<p>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.</p>
Recommendation for self-health checks while at event	Self-manage for any COVID19 symptoms

Assessment Summary and Recommendations

The key points:

- The UK are experiencing an increase in daily cases again, of the Omicron variant. The peak is not eh same as 2021 however it is still around 18,000 per day for Scotland. has had one of the highest rates of infection of COVID in the world and is still experiencing.
- There are limited restrictions in the UK with most being lifted now, aside some requirements for wearing a face covering in indoors settings.
- Case numbers are similar to what we are experiencing in NZ.
- 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 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 in Scotland is currently high.**
- 2. Ability to stay in the UK 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 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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