

Event Risk Assessment Recommendation

UCI MTB XCO/XCC WORLD CUP, LEOGANG AUSTRIA

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Event Details	
Event Name	UCI MTB World Cup, Leogang, AUT
Date of Event	10 June - 12 June 2022
Location of Event including Country	Leogang, Austria
Event website	https://www.mtb-weltcup.at/en
Organiser	LOC: Saalfelden Leogang Event, GmbH Email: info@saalfelden-leogang.at
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> <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</p>

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	<p>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>
Current host country government travel recommendations	<p>https://www.austria.info/en/service-and-facts/getting-there-around/visa</p> <p>Specific Travel Advice for Austria https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/austria</p> <p>Exercise increased caution We advise that New Zealanders exercise increased caution in Austria (level 2 of 4).</p> <p>Crime Petty crime (such as pickpocketing and bag snatching) occurs frequently in shopping areas, restaurants, cafés, hotel lobbies, on public transport and at tourist attractions. New Zealanders in Austria should be alert of their surroundings and take steps to safeguard their personal belongings.</p> <p>New Zealanders should also be wary of ATM and credit card fraud, and only use ATMs in well-lit public areas or inside a bank or business.</p> <p>Civil unrest Demonstrations occasionally occur in Austria. New Zealanders in Austria are advised to avoid all protests, demonstrations and large public gatherings as even those intended as peaceful have the potential to turn violent.</p> <p>General travel advice Under Austrian law, you're required to carry identification documents at all times.</p> <p>A high risk of avalanches exists in parts of Austria. Follow the advice of local authorities and your tour operator.</p>

	<p>Penalties for possession, use or trafficking of illegal drugs are severe and can include lengthy imprisonment.</p> <p>New Zealanders travelling or living in Austria should have a comprehensive travel insurance policy in place.</p> <p>New Zealanders in Austria are encouraged to register their details with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.</p>
Current requirements to enter country	<p>https://www.austria.info/en/service-and-facts/coronavirus-information/entry-regulations</p> <p>Everyone entering Austria needs to show</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of full vaccination (at least 2 jabs) OR proof of past infection (the medical document needs to show the date of recovery – for guests from the UK: an NHS email/text of a positive test is not sufficient) • OR a negative PCR test (valid for 72 hours) OR a negative LFT/antigen test (valid for 24 hours) • This applies to arrivals from all countries. • See further details below (What proof is accepted?) • During your stay you no longer need to proof your "3-G" status. <p>No entry permit (visa) is needed to stay in Austria as either tourists or on a business trip for a period of up to three months.</p> <p>If you enter Austria visa free, you are generally not allowed to take up any employment there.</p> <p>Please note, that Austria has no working holiday visa agreement with Australia. Such visas are only available for eligible New Zealand citizens.</p> <p>No inoculations are required for visitors from Australia/New Zealand.</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 with 2x RATS tests.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccinated and unvaccinated New Zealand citizens • Vaccinated and unvaccinated New Zealand residents • Vaccinated Australian citizens and permanent residents • Unvaccinated Australian citizens who live in New Zealand • Current temporary work and student visa holders, with a valid visa who can still meet their visa requirements. This includes both visa holders currently offshore, and those in New Zealand who choose to travel overseas and wish to return • Up to 5,000 international students, for semester 2 • Vaccinated travellers with a border exception • Vaccinated travellers on a working holiday scheme

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccinated travellers from countries who do not need a visa (visa waiver visitors) • Vaccinated travellers from other countries who already hold a valid visitor visa • 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?	Depending on airline, and where riders are traveling from. This would need to be checked when booking flights as it depends on which country you are entering and there may be a requirements for testing at the location.
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	<p>Exercise increased caution</p> <p>We advise that New Zealanders exercise increased caution in Austria (level 2 of 4).</p> <p>https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/austria</p>
COVID-19 Information at Event and Destination	
A summary of the current Covid-19 environment and government response strategy.	<p>Around 4000 daily cases currently, with a relatively low death rate as well.</p> <p>https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/austria/</p> <p>Most restrictions have been lifted.</p> <p>https://www.austria.info/en/service-and-facts/coronavirus-information</p> <p>The so-called "3-G" rule (vaccinated/recovered or tested) only applies when entering Austria but no longer during your stay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FFP 2 masks are only mandatory on public transport (including at train stations and airports), when using taxis and in essentials shops (e. g. supermarkets, post offices and pharmacies). • Children under the age of 6 are exempt, those from 6 to 13 can wear a regular mask while FFP2 masks are mandatory from the age of 14 • FFP 2 masks no longer have to be worn in coaches, excursion boats, cable cars and ski lifts. • The "3-G" proof (vaccinated/recovered or tested) has been lifted for restaurants, bars, clubs and events. • The rules apply to all regions including Vienna.

MIQ requirements at destination	https://www.austria.info/en/service-and-facts/coronavirus-information/entry-regulations There are no current MIQ requirements
Contract Tracing requirements	https://www.austria.info/en/service-and-facts/coronavirus-information#more-information Appears no current contract tracing measures in place
Public gathering/Event restrictions and stay-at-home requirements at the destination	Since 24 March, FFP 2 masks are mandatory again in almost all indoor spaces , in Vienna the "2-G" rule applies at hotels, restaurants, bars etc.
Internal movement restrictions at destination and transit locations. Public transport etc	Covid rules since 16 April for Austria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FFP 2 masks are only mandatory on public transport (including at train stations and airports), when using taxis and in essentials shops (e. g. supermarkets, post offices and pharmacies). • Children under the age of 6 are exempt, those from 6 to 13 can wear a regular mask while FFP2 masks are mandatory from the age of 14 • FFP 2 masks no longer have to be worn in coaches, excursion boats, cable cars and ski lifts. • The "3-G" proof (vaccinated/recovered or tested) has been lifted for restaurants, bars, clubs and events. • The rules apply to all regions including Vienna.
Event Plans	
What standard protocols does the event have in place to address Covid-19: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social distancing • Gathering numbers • PPE 	Following UCI requirements and government requirements For all the latest updates regarding the measures for COVID-19, we would like to refer you to the following page: https://www.austria.info/en/service-and-facts/coronavirus-information#entry-regulations

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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:</p> <p>Eg:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical coverage • Security • Emergency response • Official practice or training times. 	<p>General information can be found at the following link:</p> <p>https://www.mtb-weltcup.at/en</p> <p>There will always be a medical team during trainings as well as during the event.</p> <p>Usually, the local hospital in Zell am See will be used, but it depends on the injuries – it can also be the hospitals in Schwarzach, St. Johann or Salzburg.</p>
<p>Any other residue concerns that the event has not addressed in regards to event management and/or COVID management?</p>	<p>My rapid test is positive. Do I have to quarantine?</p> <p>If your rapid test (antigen test) is positive, you need to take a PCR test and self-isolate until you receive your PCR test result. If the PCR test is negative, you can end your quarantine. If your PCR test is positive, you are required to continue to quarantine. Your contact at the health advice hotline 1450 will have details for you.</p> <p>https://www.austria.info/en/service-and-facts/coronavirus-information/sick-during-holiday</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>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a medical certificate with the date of your previous positive test, within 48 hours of your first international flight and • documentation stating that they consider you as no longer being infectious with COVID-19. • If you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 3 months, book your medical examination in advance of receiving your test results. • You should also check with your airlines about any regulations they may have in place regarding past COVID-19 infections. • You are still required to provide a current valid pre-departure test if you have recovered from COVID-19. <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.	Given the relatively low number of cases currently being experienced in Austria and the low death rate it is assumed the hospitals are not under stress at this point in time.
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 low less than what we are experiencing in NZ.
- There are minimal restrictions for Austria
- 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 7 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 in Austria if you test positive, the length is unknown and will be determined by the Health Officials.**
- 2. The event is not required to have any restrictions in place so there is a higher chance of someone having COVID at the event and a rider catching it.**
- 3. Ability to stay in Austria 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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