



**16<sup>TH</sup> FIG WORLD CHALLENGE CUP**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> - 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**  
**KOPER, SLOVENIA**

**COVID-19 PROTOCOL**

Please take notice that the relevant and up-to-date information regarding the entry to Slovenia can be found on the following Republic of Slovenia's website:

<https://www.gov.si/en/topics/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/border-crossing/>

**1. Entry to Slovenia**

Before arrival, please fill out the Entry Slovenia form, a form by the Slovenian Police (choose "I am traveling to Slovenia"): <https://www.policija.si/enterslovenia/en>

The following is accepted as proof upon entry into Slovenia:

1. **a negative PCR test** provided that no more than 72 hours have passed since the swab was taken, or **a negative rapid antigen test** provided that no more than 48 hours have passed since the swab was taken,
2. **EU Digital COVID Certificate** in digital or paper format and with a QR code (**EU DCC**),
3. **a digital COVID certificate of a third country** in digital or paper format and with a QR code, which must contain the same data as the EU DCC and be issued in English by a competent health authority of the third country (DCC of a third country),
4. **a certificate of vaccination against COVID-19** demonstrating that:
  - at least seven days have elapsed since receiving the second dose of the Comirnaty vaccine produced by Biontech/Pfizer, at least 14 days have elapsed since receiving the second dose of the Spikevax vaccine (COVID-19 Vaccine) produced by Moderna, at least 14 days have elapsed since receiving the second dose of the Sputnik V vaccine produced by Russia's Gamaleya National Centre of Epidemiology and Microbiology, at least 14 days have elapsed since receiving the second dose of the CoronaVac vaccine produced by Sinovac Biotech or at least 14 days have elapsed since receiving the second dose of the COVID-19 Vaccine produced by Sinopharm;
  - at least 21 days have elapsed since receiving the first dose of the Vaxzevria vaccine (COVID-19 Vaccine) produced by AstraZeneca or the Covishield vaccine produced by the Serum Institute of India/AstraZeneca;
  - at least 14 days have elapsed since receiving a dose of the COVID-19 Vaccine Janssen produced by Johnson and Johnson/Janssen-Cilag;
  - if a person is vaccinated with a combination of two different vaccines under this point, at least the required amount of days for a certain vaccine has elapsed since receiving the second dose of a vaccine referred to in the first or second indent of this point. If the person referred to in this indent was first vaccinated with the vaccine produced by AstraZeneca, protection is established immediately after





- having received the second dose; if the person is vaccinated for the second time with the vaccine produced by Biontech/Pfizer or by Moderna, protection is established within 28 to 84 days (four to 12 weeks) after receiving the first dose;
5. **a certificate of a positive PCR test result** that is older than 10 days, unless a doctor determines otherwise, but not older than six months,
  6. **a medical certificate confirming that the person has recovered from COVID-19** and that less than six months have elapsed since the onset of symptoms, or
  7. **a certificate under points 5 and 6, whereby the person has received one dose of a vaccine** under point 4 within no more than eight months since receiving a positive PCR test result or from the onset of symptoms; in the event of vaccines under the first and second indents of point 4, one dose is sufficient (vaccinated recovered persons). In this case, the person is considered protected as of the day of vaccination.

A **PCR test** is deemed to be valid if performed in an EU member state, a Schengen Area country, Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Israel, Turkey, Canada, New Zealand, Russia, Serbia, the UK or the US. If a PCR test is performed in a country other than those listed above, it is deemed to be valid if it meets all of the following conditions:

- it contains at least the same data set as a PCR test issued in an EU member state or a Schengen Area country: name, surname, the person's unique identifier (personal identification number, health insurance number, number of passport or another document issued by that country, date of birth or other similar identifier), data on the test type (producer, date and time of taking the swab), data on the issuer of the certificate, and the date of the issuing of the certificate, and
- has a QR code in accordance with the standards and technological systems that are interoperable with the European Digital COVID Certificate System, and
- allows the authenticity, validity and integrity of the certificate to be verified in the same way as a European Digital COVID Certificate.

The Slovenian Ministry of Education, Science and Sport is currently still able to prepare a special letter that allows a person, who is entering Slovenia due to sports related events, to enter the country with a PCR test that is from the abovementioned countries. With this letter the person is not being sent into a mandatory quarantine. In order to obtain this letter the national federations are required to send the following information to [rok@gimnasticna-zveza.si](mailto:rok@gimnasticna-zveza.si) for each of the team members arriving:

- first and last name;
- permanent address;
- passport number;
- their role in the delegation (athlete, coach, supporting staff).

As this letter takes a couple of days to be prepared by the ministry, please send these information as soon as possible.

A **rapid antigen test** is deemed to be valid if performed in an EU member state, a Schengen Area country, Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Israel, Turkey, Canada, New Zealand, Russia, Serbia, the UK or the US. If a rapid antigen test is carried out in a country other than those listed above, it is deemed to be valid if it meets all of the following conditions:

- it contains at least the same data set as a rapid antigen test issued in an EU member state or a Schengen Area country: name, surname, the person's unique identifier (personal identification number, health insurance number, number of passport or another document issued by that country, date of birth or other similar identifier), data on the test type (producer, date and time of taking the swab), data on the issuer of the certificate, and the date of the issuing of the certificate, and
- has a QR code in accordance with the standards and technological systems that are interoperable with the European Digital COVID Certificate System, and
- allows the authenticity, validity and integrity of the certificate to be verified in the same



way as a European Digital COVID Certificate.

Regardless of the issuing country, a rapid antigen test is valid only if it is listed in the [on the common list of COVID-19 rapid antigen tests](#).

A **certificate of recovery** is accepted if issued in an EU member state, a Schengen Area country, Australia, Israel, Canada, New Zealand, Russia, Serbia, the UK or the US, at check points on flight connections of international air transport, or in Turkey.

**Proof of vaccination (referred to in point 4)** may be:

- a filled-in card of the vaccine producer, or
- an entry in the vaccine booklet, or
- a certificate of vaccination (including a card issued upon vaccination).

Vaccinated persons can print out their vaccination certificate via the [zvem.eZdrav.si](#) portal (access with a digital certificate) or [smsPASS](#).

**A vaccination certificate of a country with which Slovenia has not concluded an agreement or arrangement** must contain at least the following information: name, surname, date of birth, personal identification number or health insurance number or other unique identifier, information on the type of vaccine (manufacturer, batch, dose number, date of vaccination) and information on the institution that issued the certificate or proof. The decree does not explicitly prescribe the language of certificates. In addition to certificates in Slovenian, valid certificates include those in the languages of the national minorities (Italian, Hungarian) in bilingual areas and the languages of countries recognised by mutual agreements or arrangements (Hungarian, Serbian). In order to avoid possible uncertainty at the border, we suggest that foreigners have their vaccination certificates translated into English or German.

**A person who does not provide one of the above is referred to quarantine at home for a period of 10 days.** In the case of a **foreigner who is not resident in Slovenia**, they may enter Slovenia and are sent to quarantine at home for 10 days if they provide unequivocal proof that they have a guaranteed place in which to undergo quarantine, otherwise entry to Slovenia will not be permitted.

### **Lifting quarantine**

A person ordered to quarantine at home upon entering Slovenia may end quarantine early by producing a negative PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2. Testing may only be performed **from the fifth day of home quarantine**.

#### **Exceptions to the quarantine and vaccinated-tested-recovered rule**

Entry to Slovenia without being ordered to quarantine at home and without applying the vaccinated-tested-recovered rule is permitted to the following categories of persons:

1. persons posted to carry out tasks in the international transport sector\* who leave Slovenia within 12 hours of crossing the border. On crossing the border, the person must present a Certificate for International Transport Workers from Annex 3 of the Communication from the Commission on the implementation of the Green Lanes under the Guidelines for border management measures to protect health and ensure the availability of goods and essential services (OJ C No. 96 of 24 March 2020, p. 1), or another appropriate document which shows that these persons were posted by their employer,
2. persons without a residence in Slovenia who are in transit\*\* through Slovenia and leave Slovenia in the shortest possible time or within 12 hours of entry (valid up to and including 22 August 2021),
3. children under the age of 15 who cross the border together with a close family member who has not been put under home quarantine or has not been refused entry to Slovenia, or in an organised group escorted by a teacher or caregiver who has not been ordered



- to quarantine at home or has not been denied entry to the Republic of Slovenia<sup>\*\*\*</sup>,
4. persons who own or lease land in the border area or on both sides of the state border and cross the state border with a neighbouring country for the purpose of carrying out agricultural and forestry work and return to Slovenia within 10 hours of crossing the border (this exception also applies to close family members<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> and other people with a registered residence at the same address when travelling together),
  5. cross-border migrant workers who are employed in an EU Member State or a Schengen Area country and residing within 10 kilometres aerial distance from the common border of Slovenia and a neighbouring country, and who return within five days of crossing the border<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup>.

**\*An exception for performing duties in the international transport sector applies to drivers of cargo vehicles. This exemption applies only during working hours (for work), but no longer for travelling to and from work. Persons claiming the right to this exemption must leave Slovenia within 12 hours.**

**\*\* Transit** means that a person must leave Slovenia within 12 hours and their travel must be accomplished without unnecessary and redundant stopping and leaving the transit route. Passengers can make necessary stops in transit, i.e. for refuelling and resting for physiological needs, but they cannot stay overnight. This exemption applies only to persons without a residence in Slovenia (if a person with a residence in Slovenia enters Slovenia, they are not in transit but are entering with the intention of going home). **The exemption is temporary and valid until 22 August 2021. As of 23 August 2021, transit through Slovenia will no longer be possible without presenting proof of meeting the recovered-vaccinated-tested rule.** A person in transit must carry a valid travel document (also a visa or residential permit, when required) and a document proving the purpose and goal of transit (as of 14 July, only non-EU residents must submit a document proving the purpose and goal of transit; EU residents can submit a valid travel document). Entry to Slovenia shall not be permitted to anyone for whom it is envisaged that they will be unable to exit the territory of Slovenia due to the measures in force in neighbouring countries.

**\*\*\*** If the **child** referred to in point 3 is travelling in the company of other family members (e.g. grandparents, uncle, aunt), the person accompanying the child is required to present a signed consent from the parents, legal representative or guardian upon entering Slovenia.

**\*\*\*\*** A **close family member** is a spouse, cohabiting partner, partner in a formal or informal civil union, divorced spouse or partner who, on the basis of a court order, is paying child support, and their parents and children.

**\*\*\*\*\*** A valid proof of the existence of an employment relationship is an employment contract, a signed statement from the employer or a similar proof justifying the **employment relationship as a reason for crossing the border.** The aerial distance is determined using a freely accessible geographic data server and Google Maps. Residence in Slovenia is permanent or temporary residence as defined by the Residence Registration Act, but not accommodation in a short-term accommodation facility (e.g. accommodation in hotels, tourist facilities, campsites and similar facilities).

**A person claiming any of the exceptions listed above must provide the police with evidence of the existence of these exceptions, otherwise they are sent to quarantine at home.** In the case of a foreigner who is not resident in Slovenia, they may enter Slovenia and is sent to quarantine at home for ten days if they provide unequivocal proof that they have a guaranteed place in which to undergo quarantine, otherwise entry to Slovenia will not be permitted.



## 2. Testing upon arrival to the hotel

The FIG World Challenge Cup will be organised as a bubble. That requires the everyone to take a HAGT test (also known as the “quick test”) upon arrival to Koper. **Taking the test and a mandatory negative result of the test is the prerequisite to start the accreditation process.** The cost of the test has to be paid by the member federation.

As per FIG regulations all who arrive at the competition need to have a test: **"Participants need to provide PCR tests with negative results even if they have been vaccinated. The reason is the expansion of the Delta variant. At the moment, the scientific society has not confirmed if the vaccination would be effective to prevent transmission of the Delta variant. Therefore, FIG asks the participants to FIG Events to continue complying with the current medical guidelines."**

The preliminary schedule of locations of the Covid-19 is as follows:

- 30<sup>th</sup> August: in the hotel;
- 31<sup>st</sup> August: in both hotels;
- 1<sup>st</sup> September: in the Arena Bonifika (competition hall);
- 2<sup>nd</sup> September: in the Arena Bonifika (competition hall);
- 3<sup>rd</sup> September: in the Arena Bonifika (competition hall);
- 4<sup>th</sup> September: in the Arena Bonifika (competition hall);
- 5<sup>th</sup> September: in the Arena Bonifika (competition hall);
- 6<sup>th</sup> September: as required by the remaining teams;
- 7<sup>th</sup> September: as required by the remaining teams.

## 3. Testing during the competition

As per the regulations of the National institute of Public Health of Republic of Slovenia each test is valid either 48 (HAGT) or 72 (PCR) hours. If the validity of the test runs out during the competition (meaning if the participant will be in the bubble for longer than 48 or 72 hour) the participant has to have a new test in order to reaffirm the meeting of the conditions. Test only has to be taken by those who have not been vaccinated or do not hold a certificate of a positive PCR test result. The cost of the test has to be paid by the member federation.

## 4. Requirements for all involved in the event

Please be aware that your goody bag includes a personal hand sanitiser.

In order to contain the spread of this disease, we all must act responsibly – to oneself as well as others. To do so, we must consistently implement the following preventive measures:

- Wear a face mask and sanitise hands in closed public spaces and on public transport.
- Maintain a safe distance by staying at least two metres away from others,
- Regularly and properly wash hands with soap and water. If water and soap are not available, use a hand sanitiser to disinfect your hands,
- Practice good respiratory hygiene/cough etiquette,
- **#OstaniZdrav**, [a mobile app](#) designed to protect health and human lives, can also help us contain the spread of infection as it notifies users of contact with an infected person.

Masks are **mandatory**:

- in all closed public spaces,
- on public transport,
- in open public spaces or outside, if a distance of at least 1,5 metres is not maintained and
- in personal vehicles.



Masks **are not compulsory** for:

- **children younger than six years of age;**
- **primary school pupils up to and including the 5th grade**, but only when they are in their classrooms;
- preschool teachers and their assistants when they interact with children;
- teachers at higher vocational colleges and universities if they lecture behind a protective barrier made of glass or a similar material;
- **speakers in enclosed public places or premises if an interpersonal distance of at least 2 metres is provided and if they meet the RVT\* condition,**
- **persons practicing individual sports if a distance of at least three metres is maintained;**
- **persons or members of the same household when taking a walk on green spaces or practicing sports or recreational activities if a distance of at least 1,5 metres is maintained at all times;**
- **in personal vehicles** when more than one person or member of the same household is in the vehicle;
- direct communication with deaf and hard-of-hearing people (if it is possible to maintain a distance of two metres) and Slovenian sign language interpreters.

More about the Covid-19 disease in Slovenia can be found here:

<https://www.gov.si/en/topics/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/>

## 5. Procedure in the event of a positive test

In case of a positive HAGT test the person will have an additional PCR test to definitely confirm the infection with the person. In case of a positive PCR test the person is required to isolate, which will be done by putting the person in a single room. They are not allowed to leave their homes, must limit their contacts and strictly follow the recommendations for preventing the spread of the Covid-19 disease. The cost of the additional room and food is to be paid by the national federation.

## 6. Requirements by the organiser

According to the latest measurements adopted in order to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 epidemics, the organiser is required to and will adhere to:

- All who enter the competition bubble meet one of the three conditions: they have been vaccinated, they have been tested or they have a certificate of a positive PCR test result;
- All who enter will still be advised to socially distance;
- Hand sanitizers will be available at all key points;
- Posters with information about preventive measures will be posted on visible places.

## 7. Testing upon departure

If you require a test prior to departure from Slovenia, please send out the following information to Rok Klavora ([rok@gimnasticna-zveza.si](mailto:rok@gimnasticna-zveza.si)):

- if you require a HAGT or PRC test;
- how many tests do you require;
- what time would you like to take the test.

We will email you the information about the details about the test the evening before the test.



## Request for Covid Tests prior to departure of the Team

The National Team of \_\_\_\_\_ requests the following tests:

#	DAY	PREFERRED TIME	# OF TESTS	TYPE OF TEST	
1				<input type="checkbox"/> HAGT	<input type="checkbox"/> PCR
2				<input type="checkbox"/> HAGT	<input type="checkbox"/> PCR
3				<input type="checkbox"/> HAGT	<input type="checkbox"/> PCR
4				<input type="checkbox"/> HAGT	<input type="checkbox"/> PCR
5				<input type="checkbox"/> HAGT	<input type="checkbox"/> PCR
6				<input type="checkbox"/> HAGT	<input type="checkbox"/> PCR
7				<input type="checkbox"/> HAGT	<input type="checkbox"/> PCR
8				<input type="checkbox"/> HAGT	<input type="checkbox"/> PCR
9				<input type="checkbox"/> HAGT	<input type="checkbox"/> PCR
10				<input type="checkbox"/> HAGT	<input type="checkbox"/> PCR

Amount of HAGT tests: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of PCR tests: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Expense to be paid by the National Federation: \_\_\_\_\_ EUR

Confirmation of payment (date and amount): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature by the LOC representative

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