



Appendix 1 - Guidance to Local Organizing Committees for Cancelling a Competition

Amid the global COVID-19 pandemic, Local Organizing Committees (LOCs), may be in a position where they need to decide if a competition should continue as scheduled in the event of changing local health authority or resort rules, limited hospital/trauma bed capacity, impending travel restrictions, or other relevant factors. Therefore, this appendix guidance document is intended to help the LOC make decisions about hosting the competition. As per all other U.S. Ski & Snowboard guidance, federal, state and local rules always supersede U.S. Ski & Snowboard guidance.

It is recommended that a Strategic Panel be formed by the LOC to assess the local climate, risks associated with hosting the competition and making the decision on whether to or not host the competition. COVID-19 outbreaks can occur quickly and accelerate exponentially, it is recommended that the Strategic Panel meet multiple times and at different planning stages prior to the competition. It is suggested to meet twenty-eight (28) days prior to competition, fourteen (14) days prior to competition, seven (7) days prior to competition, forty-eight (48) hours prior to competition and once per day during the competition, or as needed.

It is recommended that the Strategic Panel consist of key individuals on the LOC as well as any outside experts that the LOC has access to (i.e., local health authority and/or host resort representative). An example of potential Strategic Panel members may include:

- COVID-19 Coordinator
- Chief of Competition
- Coaching representative(s)
- Athlete representative(s) - in the case of a minors-only competition this could include parent(s)/guardian(s)
- External experts (ie. local health authority and/or host resort representative)
- Sanctioning body representative (i.e., FIS, U.S. Ski & Snowboard, USASA, etc.)

Every competition situation and location will have a different set of circumstances that may affect hosting a competition. It is recommended the Strategic Panel consider the following factors when making the decision to host the competition:

- Are there federal, state or county rules in place that prohibit the competition taking place or limit the number of participants attending the competition?
- Are there host resort rules in place that prohibit the competition taking place or limit the number of participants attending the competition?
- Are there high levels of COVID-19 transmission (cases in excess of a certain number per population on a rolling seven (7) day average) in the local area where the competition is due to take place or where attendees are due to travel from?



- Are there hospital and/or trauma beds available in the local catchment area or has the local health authority issued warning of decreased capacity and/or strain?
- Is the LOC implementing any enhanced COVID-19 mitigation protocols above the minimum required by federal, state county rules or U.S. Ski & Snowboard domestic competition guidance? For example, requiring participants to produce a negative COVID-19 test within a certain period of time prior to the competition and/or additional testing during the event. Or, is the LOC limiting or prohibiting spectators at the competition?
- Does the competition venue allow for significant separation of competition attendees from the general public, or are public access gondolas or parking lot shuttles unavoidable?
- Does the competition venue have mitigation measures in place to avoid crowds or provide for spacing of competition attendees from the general public?

During the Competition:

- Has anyone responded “yes” on the daily screening questionnaire to having COVID-19 symptoms and/or a positive COVID-19 test in the last fourteen (14) days and/or close contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last fourteen (14) days?
- Has anyone tested COVID-19 positive during the event?
- Is there documented transmission of COVID-19 either within or between athletes, teams and/or LOC?

Summary

U.S. Ski & Snowboard recognizes that the ongoing global novel coronavirus pandemic continues to impact different parts of the country in different ways and with different timing. It is recommended that the decision to host an event be based on the event location’s specific circumstances and the LOC’s ability to provide a viable competition with necessary COVID-19 mitigation strategies. These factors may include, but are not limited to the items discussed in this document. Health and safety remains the number one priority for all U.S. Ski & Snowboard events. Timely communication of event preparedness and plans, or cancellations, is recommended so that all stakeholders are informed and prepared.