



IISA World Championship Update 7-Jan-2022

Dear Frozen Ones,

Following recent s events around the world with Omicron and the rise of Covid cases the Organising committee and IISA board have spent the last three days meeting and discussing the World Championship, safety protocols and whether we should cancel it, postpone it, or hold it as planned.

We are aware that there are risks involved in holding such an event, we feel that it is very important to send a positive message to all athletes that we don't give up and we will hold the event with increased safety protocols and just like our ice swims and ice miles, we assess the potential risks, prepare for every eventuality and deal with unexpected events as they come along. We are extreme sports athletes and assessing risks and managing them is part of our life.

We realise that every country is currently in a different paradigm with their national cases and restrictions. Therefore, we will communicate all information we have regularly in transparent manner and each swimmer will have to make their own decisions regarding any possible risk, health, financial and others.

IISA WC SAFETY and COVID PROTOCOL

- Anyone who is staying in the event hotels or participate in any role in the World Championship required to present a 48H Negative PCR test result at registration.
- Registration will take place on 3-Feb, swimmers arriving on a later date must communicate this to the organisers and arrange for late registration or they will not be able to enter the Frozen Village.
- Vaccination – IISA strongly recommends participating to vaccinate, however, it is not a requirement.
- At registration, each person who takes part in any form at the world championship must present a 48H negative PCR test, or they will not be allowed to enter or participate in the event.
- The Event will be marked as the “IISA FROZEN VILLAGE Glogow 2022” [our mini-Olympic village].

- Entry to the Frozen Village is only for participants in the World Championship.
- Participants are Swimmers, Officials, Timekeepers, Lane counters, referee, medical staff, VIP, media. Seconds will have to declare their role at registration. All others will not be allowed at the Frozen Village. Spectators can use the bridge [excellent viewpoint] or watch the even on the big screen in the public area.
- Every participant at whatever role, will receive a IISA PASS to the Frozen Village.
- At arrival at the Frozen Village, daily, Participants will have an ear temperature check and complete a health questionnaire and declaration. Once done, they will receive a daily stamp on their PASS. Without that stamp they will not be allowed in the Frozen Village.
- There will be Antigen/Float rapid test available for purchase at a discounted price. We recommend participants who are not feeling well, to stay at the hotel and deal with symptoms as they would do at home.
- There will be doctors available to assist with any situation.
- Masks policy – required indoors at the Frozen Village.
- Participants are required to adhere to social distancing and large gathering policies. We ask the Country teams to create their own health bubble. However, we will not be able to monitor it strictly.
- Every swimmer participating in distances longer than 50m must present their valid [less than 6 months] IISA Medical Form and ECG. It is recommended that you upload it on the IISA website medical centre.
- Swimmers must bring a hard copy of their Event Passport which is attached to their entry on IISA Website.
- <https://internationaliceswimming.com/my-events/>
- We strongly recommend that you take a travel insurance that covers possible Covid related events, such as cancellation, quarantine and others.

ENTRIES AND FEES

- Entries to the World Championship will be closed on the website Friday 8-Jan 7pm Glogow time.
- Cancellations and refunds
 - Any swimmer who has entered and paid and wishes to cancel, will have until Saturday 8-Jan 7pm Glogow time to cancel their entry.
 - To cancel you are required to send an email to the event organiser request to cancel and a refund. Please email danuta.wycisk@gmail.com with a cc to internationaliceswimming@gmail.com
 - A reply confirming the cancellation will act as a refund voucher.
 - After that there will be no refund policy in place.
- Payment
 - All participating Swimmers must pay in full by Wednesday 12-Jan 7pm Glogow time.

- A list of all swimmers with entries and costs will be published once entries are closed. Swimmers can cross reference their entry and required fees.
- Non-payment will be taken as cancellation.
- Late entries – will be dealt with case by case until 15-Jan 7pm Glogow time.
- We are not in control nor responsible for any changes in Polish Covid regulation and if the event is called off by authority we all take that risk and we are not eligible for refund.

COVID IN POLAND

<https://graphics.reuters.com/world-coronavirus-tracker-and-maps/countries-and-territories/poland/>

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS

- By electing to travel and attend this event, participants will assume not only the typical risks of extreme sport, but additional pandemic related risk, including but not limited to:
 - **Medical risk** including but not limited to injury, death, or severe illness due to COVID or other diseases (including risk of local medical facilities being overwhelmed by COVID patients)
 - **Financial risk** including but not limited to being quarantined for 2 weeks or more and associated costs of quarantine hotel stay, lost wages, travel rebooking, etc.

Remember we all swim at our own risk, it is each and every one of us personal choice.

We are doing our best to mitigate risks and make sure we are all aware of them. However, let's not forget that we all face similar risks at home in our countries and we certainly hope that the peak will be behind us by the World Championship time and the risk will be reduced.

Thank you and we will continue to communicate when situation changes.
Looking forward to seeing all of you in Glogow

Be safe and see you all in the ICE

Ram Barkai
Founder/Chair

