



Bobsleigh CANADA Skeleton cordially invites your nation, as a member of the International Bobsleigh and Skeleton Federation, to participate in the:

2021/22 IBSF North American Cup Bobsleigh and Skeleton – Whistler + 2021/22 IBSF Intercontinental Cup Skeleton – Whistler

November 04 - November 14, 2021

ORGANIZATION OF THE EVENT

The competition is organized by Bobsleigh CANADA Skeleton.

PARTICIPATION ELIGIBILITY

The competition will be carried out in accordance with the 2021/22 IBSF Rules. All athletes must have a valid **IBSF e-license** issued by their National Federation. It is the responsibility of the National Federation to enter its athletes through the IBSF's online system at <http://ibsf.sportresult.com>.

All participants will follow the laws, recommended guidelines, and protocols issued by the Event, IBSF, the Province of British Columbia and local public health authority in respect of COVID-19, including practicing physical distancing and other related measures while participating in the Event's activities and/or attending at the Event facilities.

The deadline for **NAC registration** is five days before (**October 30, 2021**) the first Team Captain's meeting, taking place on November 04, 2021.

The deadline for the **ICC registration** is five days before (**November 05, 2021**) the first Team Captain's meeting, taking place on November 10, 2021.

STATEMENT OF LIABILITY

All athletes, officials and other members of the National Association who attend and participate in the event do so at their own risk. The organizer shall not be responsible for any loss or injuries incurred or suffered by an athlete or official in conjunction with the organization or staging of the event.

All athletes and staff are required to be covered by insurance against accidents deriving from the practice of bobsleigh and/or skeleton racing, including civil damages to third parties, for transport by ambulance, medical treatment, and hospital treatment.

Prior to sliding, all athletes, coaches and staff must complete a Whistler Sliding Centre Track Waiver and Track User Registration Form: [WAIVER](#)



ENTERING CANADA

All international participants should apply for their Immigration and Refugees Protection Act (IRPA) travel document (e.g. Temporary Resident Visa (TRV), electronic Travel Authority (eTA), as applicable) **as soon as possible**.

COVID-19 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS – All travelers

Please refer to the link below for the most up to date entry requirements for travel to Canada:

<https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid>

Please note the following (accurate at the time this invitation was issued):

- Contact information must be submitted through the Government of Canada app (ArriveCAN) **48 hours prior** to boarding (air) or prior to entry into Canada (land or marine).
 - Additionally, this app will help with daily self-monitoring for symptoms.
- There must be a plan in place, prior to arrival in Canada, for how the travelers can safely quarantine for 14 days in Canada should they test positive or become symptomatic.
- Travelers must self-isolate and self-monitor for symptoms from the time the pre-arrival test is taken until travel to Canada. It should be made clear that travelers who feel unwell or exhibit any COVID-19 symptoms should avoid any travel, isolate from others, promptly contact a local public health authority, and not enter the premises.
 - *Note: if a traveler is intending to arrive with a positive test in accordance with the applicable Order In Council, traveler must ensure strict adherence to public health measures and minimize contact with others in the 72 hours prior to travel to Canada.*
- Travelers should be provided with the appropriate information, including advice from federal, and provincial public health officials, and local public health authorities on COVID-19 guidelines, and preventative practices for travelers to take prior to their departure, during their flight, during their transportation to their accommodation or if ever they need to be transported for medical attention during their stay in Canada.

Fully Vaccinated Participants

Those who are fully vaccinated with the Government of Canada-approved vaccines (listed below) are allowed to enter Canada for discretionary purposes and will be exempt from the 14-day mandatory quarantine.

Accepted COVID-19 vaccines in Canada:

- Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty, tozinameran, BNT162b2)
- Moderna (mRNA-1273)
- AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD (ChAdOx1-S, Vaxzevria, AZD1222)
- Janssen/Johnson & Johnson (Ad26.COV2.S)

Quarantine Exemption for Non-Vaccinated Participants

The IBSF NAC and ICC Whistler has been designated by the Government of Canada as International Single Sport Event (ISSE) allowing the Race Organizer to apply for an exemption to quarantine requirements for non-vaccinated participants, specifically for the purposes of the ISSE.

If you are non-vaccinated (or vaccinated with non-approved vaccines) please contact the Race Organizer at your earliest convenience indicating the number of non-vaccinated participants (athletes, coaches etc.): events@bobcanskel.ca



ENTERING THE IBSF EVENT – COVID-19 TESTING REQUIREMENTS + ACCREDITATION

To enter the NAC+ICC modified event bubble and receive your IBSF season accreditation or event accreditation, Bobsleigh CANADA Skeleton will require all participants (athletes, coaches, staff, officials, volunteers, etc.) to **provide proof of a negative COVID-19 molecular test result no older than 72 hours prior to the first TCM.**

The event entry test* will be the responsibility of the National Federation and shall be a test result from a COVID-19 molecular test taken between Oct 31 – Nov 02, 2021.

TESTING SCHEDULE

NAC Testing:

Event Entry COVID-19 molecular test*: October 31 – November 02, 2021

IBSF Antigen Event Testing Skeleton: November 03, 2021

IBSF Antigen Event Testing Bobsleigh: November 04, 2021

PCR Event Testing (bobsleigh only): November 09, 2021 - provided by Race Organizer

ICC Testing:

Event Entry COVID-19 molecular test*: November 07 – 09, 2021

IBSF Antigen Event Testing: 10th November 2021

The most common type of molecular test is the PCR test, but the full list of molecular tests can be found [here](#).

COVID-19 TRAVEL/ACCOMMODATION DECLARATION FORMS & REQUIREMENTS

All national federations will be required to submit the Travel/Accommodation Declaration Forms below to identify the travel and accommodation arrangement of all event participants. This form will be submitted to BCS no later than **15-days prior to the start of the IBSF NAC + ICC event (Oct 19, 2021)**. It is **Required** that all participants of the NAC + ICC will strictly adhere to the Government of Canada's travel restrictions for the duration of their time in Whistler, which includes limiting interaction with the Whistler community.

It is also **Required** that participants will:

- book self-sufficient accommodation.
 - Accommodation should include a kitchen so that all food can be prepared on-site
- research how to access groceries without multiples trips into the Whistler community.
 - [The Grocery Store](#) and [Walmart](#) will deliver groceries within Whistler

It is also **Required** that participants **will not**:

- Use the Whistler/local amenities (restaurants, gym, lounges, stores, spas, etc.).
- Entertain visitors at their place of accommodation.

It will be the responsibility of each national federation to ensure an appropriate quarantine plan is in place in the unlikely event an event participant tests positive for COVID-19 and needs to isolate.

The Government of British Columbia will require all event attendees to always carry on their person their proof of vaccination and/or their proof of exemption.



SCHEDULES

IBSF NORTH AMERICAN CUP 2021/22

WHISTLER 04 November - 14 November 2021

Race Organizer	
Contact Person	Zoe Todd
Phone	+1 604 967 2885
E-Mail	events@bobcanskel.ca
Web	www.bobsleighcanadaskelton.ca

Additional Information	
Entry Deadline	30.10.21 BOB / 30.10.21 SKN
Race Director BOB	Petre Kotev
Race Director SKN	Nicholas Voss
1st TCM	remotely

Date	Day	Time	Men's Bobsleigh	Time	Women's Bobsleigh	Time	Men's Skeleton	Time	Women's Skeleton
03.11.2021	wed					15:00 - 17:00	COVID19-testing	15:00 - 17:00	COVID19-testing
04.11.2021	thu	09:00 - 11:00	COVID19-testing	09:00 - 11:00	COVID19-testing				
		12:00	TCM	12:00	TCM	8:00	TCM	8:00	TCM
		15:00	3 TR	15:00	3 TR	11:00	3 TR	11:00	3 TR
05.11.2021	fri	15:00	3 TR	15:00	3 TR	11:00	3 TR	11:00	3 TR
06.11.2021	sat	15:00	2 TR / TCM	15:00	2 TR / TCM	11:00	2 TR / TCM	11:00	2 TR / TCM
07.11.2021	sun	15:00	1. NAC 2-man	15:00	1. NAC Women's Monobob	11:00	1. NAC	11:00	1. NAC
08.11.2021	mon	15:00	2. NAC 2-man	15:00	2. NAC Women's Monobob	11:00	2. NAC	11:00	2. NAC
09.11.2021	tue	tbc	PCR Testing	tbc	PCR Testing	11:00	3. NAC	11:00	3. NAC
		15:00	3. NAC 2-man	15:00	3. NAC Women's Monobob				
10.11.2021	wed		day off						
11.11.2021	thu	15:00	3 TR / TCM	15:00	3 TR / TCM				
12.11.2021	fri	15:00	1. NAC 4-man	15:00	1. NAC 2-woman				
13.11.2021	sat	15:00	2. NAC 4-man	15:00	2. NAC 2-woman				
14.11.2021	sun	14:00	3. NAC 4-man	14:00	3. NAC 2-woman				

IBSF INTERCONTINENTAL CUP SKELETON 2021/22

WHISTLER 11 November - 14 November 2021

Race Organizer	
Contact Person	Zoe Todd
Phone	+1 604 967 2885
E-Mail	events@bobcanskel.ca
Web	www.bobsleighcanadaskelton.ca

Additional Information	
Entry Deadline	05.11.21
Race Director BOB	n/a
Race Director SKN	Nicholas Voss
1st TCM	remotely

Date	Day	Time	Men's & Women's Skeleton Group I	Time	Men's & Women's Skeleton Group II
10.11.2021	wed	15:00 - 17:00	COVID19-testing	15:00 - 17:00	COVID19-testing
		18:00	TCM	18:00	TCM
11.11.2021	thu	10:00	3 TR	10:00	3 TR
12.11.2021	fri	10:00	3 TR	10:00	3 TR
13.11.2021	sat	10:00	1. ICC	10:00	1. ICC
14.11.2021	sun	9:00	2. ICC	9:00	2. ICC



TEAM ENTRIES

Entries to the IBSF North American Cup must be submitted using the IBSF online system five days, **(October 30, 2021)** prior to the first Team Captain's Meeting.

Entries to the IBSF Intercontinental Cup must be submitted using the IBSF online system five days, **(November 05, 2021)** prior to the first Team Captain's Meeting.

RACE ENTRY FEES

Entry fees for the **IBSF North American Cup** must be paid by November 03, 2021, via PayPal, using the QR code below.

Please comment your Nation and which discipline you are submitting payment for.

Entry fees for the **IBSF Intercontinental Cup** must be paid by November 10, 2021, via PayPal, using the QR code below.

Please comment your Nation and which discipline you are submitting payment for.



Bobsleigh: CAD \$30 per athlete per race [€20]

Skeleton: CAD \$37 per athlete per race [€25]

TIMING

Swiss Timing / Omega

100th / Second

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded from 1st to 3rd place.



COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

IBSF Coordinator:	Nicola Minichiello	
Event Manager:	Zoe Todd	
Bobsleigh Jury:	Arram Kim/KOR, Ken DeLong/USA & Kristaps Kotans/LAT	
Bobsleigh Materials:	Bogdan Panaitescu/CAN, Frank Furr/USA & Jason Blake/USA	
Bobsleigh Race Director:	Petre Kotev	
Skeleton Jury:	Bill Sheard/CAN, Diana De Man/CAN & Karen Lee/CAN	
Skeleton Materials:	Frank Furr/USA & Jason Blake/USA	
Skeleton Race Director:	Nicholas Voss	
Chief of Track:	Robb Zirnhelt	
COVID-19 Coordinator [IBSF]:	Nicola Minichiello	nicola.minichiello@ibsf.org
COVID-19 Coordinator [BCS]:	Josh Leins	jleins@bobcanskel.ca
Medical Service:	Nelson Dow	

FACILITIES AND SERVICES

COMPETITION RACE OFFICE

The competition Race Office will be remote access only.

Race Office Contact Details:

events@bobcanskel.ca

+1 604 967 2885

FACILITY WAIVER

Before accessing the Whistler Sliding Centre you will be required to sign the facility waiver online.

FACILITY ACCESS

Due to COVID-19 requirements, facility access will be restricted during the event and there will be strict entry and exit times for all event participants.

Details to be circulated no later than the first TCM.

DOPING CONTROL

Doping control may be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth by the IBSF, CCES and WADA.

MEDICAL SERVICES

The Organizing Committee and Whistler Sliding Centre will provide medical services during training and competition sliding, in compliance with the IBSF rules.

- WSL Emergency Medical Response team (full-time staff)
- A medical doctor will be present at all times during official competition

SLED UNLOADING

TBC

SLED STORAGE

Please contact tracktime@whistlersportlegacies.com to book.

WEARING A MASK:

Unless engaging in physical activity, it is compulsory to wear an appropriate face mask that covers the mouth and nose, at all times, by all attendees.

All athletes will be required to:

- Carry a face mask with them at all times (helmet or face mask)
- Unless in the field of play, wear a face mask that covers their mouth and nose
- Keep spare masks in their down bags, personal bags, and on their person
- Wash reusable masks regularly and dispose of single use masks after each use
- Follow the recommendations for each type of mask accordingly
- Wear a face mask when being transported in any WSC vehicle
- Wear a face mask when needing or receiving first aid treatment
- Keep their helmet on if they do not have a face mask readily available.

Face masks and face shields will be available for all officials around the facility. If for any reason a mask becomes damaged or deemed insufficient, BCS will provide face masks to staff and officials.

It is the responsibility of the athletes and coaches of each national federation to provide an adequate supply of approved face masks while attending any BCS organized activity. There will be sufficient face masks provided by BCS in the case of medical needs or emergencies.

Masks must not be shared.

There is inconsistency in conclusions regarding adequacy of face buffs vs face masks. It is because of this that BCS, in conjunction with WSC, have confirmed face buffs are **not adequate** protection, and masks must be worn.





DAILY HEALTH SCREENINGS:

In addition to the testing process described above, all event attendees will be required to monitor their personal health and complete an online COVID-19 Daily Attestation & Agreement Form **before 8am local time**. It is the responsibility of each event participant to complete the form prior **each day** to be permitted access to the venue.

Daily Health Screenings **must be continued** for 14 days following the attendees' departure from Canada.

Daily Health Screening URL will be circulated separately.

Any athlete or staff member feeling unwell or suspect they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 must immediately:

- Self-isolate* and inform their coaches/staff they will not be attending the session
 - All individuals in the training node in attendance during the NAC+ICC scheduled training or competition session, must leave the session immediately and self-isolate until further instructions are provided
 - If exposed to symptoms of COVID-19, all persons must take a COVID-19 test within 12 hours of the symptoms onset.
- Call Health Link 811 and contact the appropriate COVID Hygiene Officer
- Any need for further intervention and/or isolation/quarantine will be determined by Public Health and the most current local guidelines.
 - If instructed by the local health authority to continue to isolate* as it is suspected that the person is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, they will continue to isolate for 10 days.
- The facility will be notified by the appropriate COVID Response Lead as additional cleaning may be required.

Contact tracing attendance records will be kept for a minimum of 3 months following the event.



REPORTING CASES OF ELEVATED BODY TEMPERATURE

If any person shows a temperature higher than 100.00°F (37.50°C), they will **not** be granted access to the venue. They will be advised to isolate immediately from the rest of their training node and will be required to seek and prove medical advice prior to entry to the venue will be granted. The Event Hygiene Officer will be informed and, in conjunction with the IBSF Hygiene Officer, next steps will be established.

REPORTING OF POSITIVE COVID-19 TESTS

All positive COVID-19 test results will be immediately reported to the IBSF Hygiene Officer and the Event Hygiene Officer, who will contact the NIE-granting department, Vancouver Coastal Health, and PHAC, and will follow the provincial guidelines as instructed at that time.

The individual who has received a positive test will be required to isolate away from their team node immediately. Once informed, that Nation's Hygiene Officer will notify athletes and coaches who are part of the affected training group, and they will also be required to isolate* immediately and follow the guidance provided by Vancouver Coastal Health who will contact them directly.

For any individuals who are required to isolate* during the NAC and ICC Whistler event, the following instructions will apply:

- If exposed to symptoms of COVID-19, all persons must take a COVID-19 test within 12 hours of the symptom's onset.
- Do not use private or public transportation unless absolutely required, such as transport to a medical facility, in which case strict preventative practice protocols should be applied (frequent cleaning and disinfecting, use of NMM's, no stops on route, increasing ventilation, driver needs to self-monitor for symptoms, physical barriers (plexiglass) etc).
- Use wherever possible of single occupancy rooms with private bathrooms; if this is not possible, strict preventative practice protocols should be outlined.
- No contact meal & medication delivery.
- No contact check in process (if possible).
- No access to common amenities such as gyms, spas, restaurants, bars, stores etc.
- If a traveler tests positive for COVID-19, they must inform: the location for which they received the exemption, the NIE-granting department, the local public health authorities, PHAC, and if applicable enter the result into the COVIDAlert App.
- Even if a traveler has symptoms but tests negative for COVID-19, they must remain in isolation* until their symptoms resolve, and in accordance with instructions of local public health authority.
- Provide instructions on monitoring for symptoms for individuals isolating.
- Symptomatic (suspect or confirmed COVID-19) travelers that may be self-isolating* on site and/or received healthcare services prior to going back to their place of accommodation must wear a medical mask, or if one is not available, a non-medical mask.

**** Travelers who are required to isolate at any point during their period in Canada may be required to isolate in a Government of Canada designated quarantine facility if their isolation plan is considered insufficient.***



TRAINING NODE REQUIREMENTS:

***For Nations travelling with more than 10 persons**

In addition to the modified sport bubble, each participating nation or training node will be kept separate in the training and competition environment. Whether the nation is one training node or separated into multiple training nodes will depend on the size of the participating team and in accordance with the nation's IBSF approved Hygiene Concept.

Training nodes are recommended by each nation attending the Whistler NAC+ICC to add an extra layer of protection for event attendees. A training node is defined by OTP's SMAC as:

"A small group of athletes including coaches and essential support staff that form a defined training group (variable number depending on the region as prescribed by public health authority) for all training sessions. Members do not necessarily live together but limit all socialization (including commuting) as much as possible to this group only (excluding family member(s) or partners sharing a home dwelling). Members live in their normal community and do not integrate with other training groups or nodes. The 2m distance is maintained at all times except where needed and approved for training."

For the Whistler NAC+ICC all athletes, staff, and coaches will be required to self-isolate within their training node, attend training and race activities at the WSC, and return to their self-sufficient accommodation. It will be mandatory for any participant to avoid contact with the Whistler Community and operate in a contained training node. If participants are required to enter the Whistler Community for essential items, it will become the responsibility of one (1) individual per training node.

COVID-19 PREVENTION INFORMATION:

BCS will be implementing the follow precautions to mitigate the spread of COVID-19:

- Maintaining physical distancing
- Washing one's hands before participating
- Bringing one's own equipment, water bottle and hand sanitizer
- Prohibiting the sharing of food and beverages
- Avoidance of physical contact with others, including shaking hands, high fives, etc.
- Avoidance of touching one's mouth, nose, and eyes
- Requiring participants to leave the field of play or facility as quickly as possible.

WHISTLER ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

***Please email events@bobcanskel.ca to receive a Microsoft Word version of the Travel and Accommodation Forms, to fill out and submit electronically**

Travel and Accommodation Forms

Please complete and return this form no later than:

October 19th, 2021 at 5:00pm MST

If this form is not received by the deadline outlined above, the event attendees will not be able to participate in the respective IBSF NAC or ICC Whistler event.

National Federation: _____

National Hygiene Officer:

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Team Captain: _____

Arrival Information:

Please explain how each of your athletes will be arriving to Canada and their transportation plan to Whistler.



Name of Event Attendees

	First Name	Last Name	Event (NAC / ICC)	Sport (Bob/Skel)	Arrival Date into Canada	Departure Date from Whistler
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