



24th December 2020

From: The Secretary

## Operational Covid Rules for 2020/21

Dear Member

I regret I have not before now been able to set out arrangements for riding the Cresta this season.

This is owing to the myriad rule changes that have taken place in Switzerland and Graubunden since the decision to open the Run was taken in late October.

For the avoidance of doubt, that decision was not taken lightly, nor was it taken without considering various concessions and assistances, not to mention the overwhelming support from Members who were of the opinion that the Run should open.

Clearly, the environment has deteriorated, and, arguably, we might not have opened if we knew then what we know now. Contracts had to be entered into and whilst it may seem right to some to pull out, there are obligations and indentures that make this more difficult than might seem apparent.

We will open the Run on December 29th unless we are prevented from doing so by either the Federal Council or the Cantonal Authority. On 28th December there will a limited opportunity to test ride the Run before the official opening. If you would like to help with this, please email me ([gary.lowe@cresta-run.com](mailto:gary.lowe@cresta-run.com)).

### How will riding work?

First, I am sorry to say that the planned **Children's Race is cancelled**. If we are able to hold an event later in the season, we will do so.

Until January 22nd at the earliest, we are not able to hold any Club Races. We will be changing the website so that everyone will be able to register for practice. If you have already entered a Race and still want to ride, do nothing. If you have entered a race but do not now want to practice on that day, please scratch. The races are now 'hidden' on the website – if you want to scratch please follow the link on the email confirming your race registration or email Harriet ([harriet.brabazon@cresta-run.com](mailto:harriet.brabazon@cresta-run.com)) or send a text to the Tower Team on +41 79 911 8680.

If you want to enter to ride please follow the instructions below:

### Entering to Ride

If you want to ride on any particular day you must register through the website before 12 noon on the previous day.

A daily draw will be published on the website at the earliest possible time during the preceding afternoon.

### Arrangements for Riding

Riders must ride in groups of five. Groups will be published on the draw sheet and will be given approximate arrival times; do not arrive before your arrival time. In order to make planning less difficult, it is hoped that Members and SLs will ride at least three times if possible.

On Beginners' days, it is imperative that Members and SLs do not arrive at the Run before the stated arrival time.

The Groups of Five must keep a clear distance from each other. Therefore you must stay within your group at all times. There can be a maximum of five people in the dressing room at any one time, so I ask for your co-operation in changing as quickly as possible.

There will be various 'holding stations' for each group and you will be instructed from Tower how to move from one to another. These will include:

- five people only in the Dressing Room,
- two sets of five people in the Bar,
- five people in Junction Hut,
- five people in Finish Hut, (which to add to the confusion will this year be placed at Junction),
- five people waiting to ride, and
- five people riding (one at a time on the Run and the others between Finish and Junction).

Until further notice non-riders will not be permitted to enter the 'facility' - which means not entering Junction Hut, not ascending the stairs on Junction Hut and not entering the Start Area.

On public land (e.g. Shuttlecock viewing area) the Cantonal guidelines on social distancing must be observed.

You will appreciate, this will be difficult to manage and we desperately need everyone to understand and co-operate. Any departure from the operational plan lodged with the Canton will jeopardise the continuation of riding. So, please enjoy the riding but follow the rules and listen to and heed instructions from Tower.

#### **Junction Hut**

As all riding will be, until further notice, Practice, we ask that Members spend the minimum time working on their toboggans during riding. Obviously, we want people to be able to ensure their toboggans are safe, but we ask that extensive work be undertaken during the afternoon when riding has finished.

Work stations will be set delineated on the bench and the capacity at any one time will be five.

I am sorry that there are so many restrictions, all of which are necessary to keep people safe, but we will be able to ride. As I said earlier, the decision to open was taken following overwhelming support from the Membership. Let us hope that we can get through January and might have the possibility of a very different environment in February.

The new Board and Committee have expended much time and energy dealing with various issues during this very difficult time; moreover, members of my Tower Team have been working tirelessly and been willing to adapt to all eventualities so that the Cresta Run can be enjoyed by all Members and guests.

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