



**8th December 2021**

**FROM THE SECRETARY & CEO, GARY LOWE**

**Dear Member**

**Covid Rules as at 8th December**

After careful consideration and consultation with the Kulm Hotel, who manage the Clubhouse bar, the President and the Secretary have agreed on the following policy for entering the Clubhouse, Junction Hut and the Camion for the coming season:

- Only people who have been double vaccinated or recovered, as evidenced by the Swiss Covid App or an equivalent digital certificate recognised by the Swiss Authorities, will be allowed access (the 2G regulations). This will apply to everyone aged 16 and over.

Details on certification in Switzerland can be seen [here](#). The NHS app (England only) showing Covid vaccination status is now recognised by the EU and Schengen countries, including Switzerland; information can be seen [here](#).

We feel this is the safest policy and affords the greatest protection to our Members, guests, the Tower Team and the Kulm Staff. It is also believed that this gives the Club the best chance of keeping the Run open all season. Any visitor must report to the admin. desk in the Clubhouse bar on their first visit during the season. Once a certificate has been checked, people will be given a hospital type bracelet so that they do not have to show their certificate on every entry to the Clubhouse.

Unfortunately, people who cannot comply with the 2G regulations will not be allowed in the Clubhouse, nor will they be allowed to ride. We are extremely sorry that those Members who choose not to be vaccinated will not be allowed to ride. We trust that it will be understood that during these extraordinary times, we have to implement a policy that is fairest to all and will allow the Cresta to remain open.

The Sunny Bar, and indeed the rest of the Kulm Hotel, will operate the same policy.

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### **Riding Insurance in the Clubhouse**

We have not, as yet, been able to secure a policy to enable riders to buy insurance that covers the Cresta Run in the Clubhouse, before they start riding. We would urge all riders to make sure that they have adequate insurance, which may involve 'topping up' a standard winter sports/travel policy.

We strongly recommend that all EU Nationals carry an EHIC card. The UK GHIC (Global Health Insurance Card) has, very recently, been accepted as valid for treatment in Switzerland. UK residents can apply [here](#).

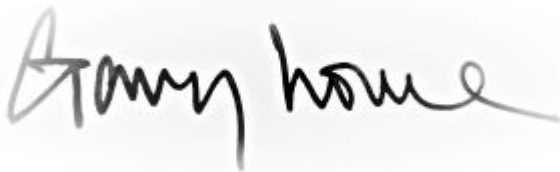
EHICs/GHICs are not a substitute for travel/accident insurance. They should be used in conjunction with appropriate insurance.

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Our splendid Seiler Team (all of whom are vaccinated) are hard at work crafting our new Cresta Run. So far they have powered down from Junction Start and although visibility is poor this morning as it's snowing, you can just see the Run down the Bledisloe Straight all the way to the Road Bridge. It's wonderful to see the Run emerging from her summer aestivation.

The Tower Team looks forward to seeing as many Members as possible during the season.

Best wishes



**Secretary & CEO, SMTC**

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