

UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour 2020/21: 'Go ahead' Criteria regarding Covid-19

The following criteria must be satisfied in order for the 2020/21 UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour to go ahead. If not all the criteria can be satisfied or not all the criteria can be satisfied by certain nations, then it may be possible to only run a certain portion of the 2020/21 UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour. These extraordinary decisions will be made by the UIAA Ice Climbing Commission after consultations with the UIAA Medical Commission and ratified by the UIAA Executive Board by 15 October 2020.

1. The governments/competent authorities of countries hosting UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour events must sanction their individual competitions to go ahead with no or minimal Covid-19 restrictions.
2. There must be no ongoing travel restrictions to and from the host UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour event country from the vast majority of nations that will be active in the 2020/21 UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour.
3. All UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour level sponsoring partners must be in place and committed to the 2021 season.
4. All Local Organisers' sponsoring partners must be in place and committed to the 2021 event.
5. All events should be impacted by minimal Covid-19 restrictions and if social distancing measures are to be in place for athletes, officials and spectators these must be respected and enforced. Before the event Local Organisers must work with the UIAA to design protocols detailing how these competition-related social distancing measures will be enforced in a practical way in order to have minimal impact on the athletes. These protocols may involve changes to the UIAA Ice Climbing Regulations which will be published as soon as possible after these decisions have been made.
6. **All events should go through a full risk assessment using the World Health Organisation Risk Assessment and Mitigation Checklist for Mass Gatherings in the Context of Covid-19. https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/331764/WHO-2019-nCoV-Mass_Gatherings_Sports-2020.1-eng.pdf - this document includes a risk assessment tool and decision tree which will be used and all UIAA events should fall into the low risk (green) category.**
7. The UIAA receives confirmation from Local Organisers' and National Federations planning to participate in the 2020/21 UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour that they are ready and able to compete in the approaching season and are free of Covid-19 restrictions and hinderances.

The UIAA reserves the right to amend these criteria at any point should the Covid-19 situation change in the months leading up to these decisions being made. The UIAA also reserves the right to change the calendar to run a partial or altered 2020/2021 Ice Climbing World Tour at any point should the Covid-19 situation change in the months leading up to these decisions being made. The UIAA will make these decisions in the best interests of the sport, the athletes and all stakeholders of the UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour.

If you have any questions regarding any of the criteria please contact UIAA Event Coordinator Rob Adie – rob.adie@theuiaa.org