

Whistler Olympic Park Range & Ski Pandemic Policy (Revised, Phase 3)

Purpose

Whistler Sport Legacies (WSL) is taking measures to meet or exceed the guidelines and orders of the [Federal/Provincial](#) Government(s), [Health Authorities](#), and [WorkSafe BC](#) to address the risks posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. This policy provides direction to users of the biathlon range, trail network(s), building(s), storage containers, and equipment, while ensuring the health and safety of visitors and staff.

Scope

Effective **November 27, 2020**, the revised Phase 3 Range and Ski Pandemic Policy (the Policy) applies to all sport user groups and individuals training on venue. These directives are in addition to existing WSL sport user group policies, and will remain in effect so long as pandemic response requires. The Policy may be subject to updates in accordance with sector guidelines or government orders.

Policy

1. Approvals & Reservations:

- 1.1 Group training requires approval prior to accessing the biathlon range and roller ski / cross country ski trail network. Groups and individuals must have a range reservation to access the biathlon range.
- 1.2 **Group training plans must include a COVID-19 safety policy and follow the respective Provincial Sport Organization's Return to Sport guidelines. All Sport User Groups operating on our venue(s) for any purpose, must provide the following to WSL at least two weeks prior to arrival on our venue(s):**
 - 1.2.1 A COVID-19 Safety Plan that clearly demonstrates how activities will be carried out in alignment with directives from Provincial Health Officer, local authorities, and WSL's own requirements.
 - 1.2.2 A clear communication document that will be distributed to all individuals within the group including the expectations around the COVID-19 protocols and compliance.
- 1.3 **In addition, WSL will:**
 - 1.3.1 Complete a review and an approval of the plan by WSL's Manager of Safety & Compliance or a designate. Any changes required will be communicated back to the group organizer to be implemented prior to arrival.
 - 1.3.2 Provide all user groups a copy of the protocols that are in place on our venues to ensure individual plans align with WSL's procedures.

2. General:

- 2.1 Groups and individuals must [self-screen](#) prior to training. Cancel training and do not visit the venue if any sign of COVID-19 symptoms. Follow [government directions](#) for public health management of cases and contacts associated with COVID-19 to manage symptoms, suspected cases, and decrease risk of transmission.
- 2.2 All participants must check-in at the gate on arrival. Participants will receive a day-ticket if they do not hold a season pass. **Winter 2020-2021 passes are valid as of November 27, 2020.**
- 2.3 Participants should arrive ready to train. Maintain physical distancing, at least 2 meters, around staff and patrons who are not part of your program.
- 2.4 Participants must have their own gloves, masks, hand sanitizer, and/or sanitizing wipes for personal use. Masks must cover the mouth and nose. WSL is unable to provide guests with PPE. WSL will provide cleaning products and hand sanitizer at the range and other public access areas. Soap and water are available in the washrooms. Do not take any of the WSL products home.

- 2.5 Public access to Cross Country and Biathlon buildings is restricted to washrooms only. Washroom access is adjacent to the Biathlon parking lot on the lower level of the flex space, or at the rear of the Cross Country technical building. **Flex spaces and technical buildings remain closed to public until further notice.**
- 2.6 Additional washroom facilities and day lodge access will be permitted during winter operating hours November 27 to April 5. Day lodge services will include café, guest services, rentals, retail, and washrooms. Please do not use the day lodge as a place to congregate before/after programs. For general COVID-19 venue information visit: **<https://www.whistlersportlegacies.com/whistler-olympic-park/covid-19-response-whistler-olympic-park>**
- 2.7 For First Aid, contact Whistler Olympic Park Patrol phone, 778-228-4586.

3. Roller Skiing & Cross Country Skiing:

- 3.1 Roller skiing is accessible from the dog loop, parking lot 3, or the biathlon area in the spring, summer, and autumn months.
- 3.2 Cross country skiing is accessible from P1, P2, P3, Biathlon parking, Brandywine and Porter's Glide parking areas during the winter season.
- 3.3 It is recommended to ski individually, maintaining a minimum distance of 20 meters between athletes. When possible and safe, it is preferable to run/bike/ski beside others instead of behind, e.g. on closed roads or wide one-way trails.

4. Range Access:

- 4.1 Range hours:
 - Sunday to Friday 10:00 am – 3:30 pm
 - Saturday 9:15 – 11:15 am, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, and 1:45 - 3:45 pm
- 4.2 Range capacity is 50 people or less. Only those directly involved in training should be on range.
- 4.3 WSL staff will prepare the range for existing reservations, including grooming, snow clearing, wind flags, and one rifle rack for every 2 lanes, with 2 additional racks on each end of the range.
- 4.4 Bunker doorknobs and tools will be sanitized once a day by WSL staff.
- 4.5 Club coaches are responsible for posting paper targets. Only coaches will be allowed bunker access. Masks are required in the bunker, 2 people permitted in the bunker at a time. Sanitize hands upon entry. **Please submit coach names to WSL with your club's COVID-19 Return to Sport plan. Athletes are not permitted in the bunker or down range.**
- 4.6 WSL will post lane bookings on the bulletin board mid-range. As per Biathlon British Columbia Phase 3 Return to Sport Guidelines, lanes, target resets, and rifle racks can be shared within cohorts and must be sanitized between cohorts. Lanes may be booked side by side for a sport cohort. At least one empty lane will separate cohorts. The range must be cleared between training groups and cohorts and equipment (rifle racks and mats) sanitized by coaches.
- 4.7 Sanitize hands before handling target control boxes. Use the "auto re-set" setting (directions on box) or designate one person to handle re-sets.
- 4.8 Sanitize hands upon raising and lowering the red/green range flag.
- 4.9 WSL has a limited quantity of mats that can be provided to users. The following rules apply:
 - 4.9.1 Mats will be located in a yellow tub/donkey behind the hora timing hut. Do not take mats from the bunker.
 - 4.9.2 Disinfect mats in between training groups/cohorts, e.g. during change over times OR end of day, by spraying with certified COVID disinfectant, brush with broom(s), and leave mats to sit for 5 minutes. Each club will be provided with a labelled spray canister, stored in the bunker.
 - 4.9.3 If mats cannot be disinfected, e.g. spray solution is frozen or mats are iced over, mats cannot be used. Extra disinfectant will be stored in the bunker. Best practice is for participants to bring their own yoga, camping mat, blanket, etc. as a back-up.
 - 4.9.4 Pile mats beside the yellow tub at the end of practice/day. DO NOT pile used mats with clean ones.