

INFORMATION DEAF SKI EUROPACUP 2021

Hello, Skiclub + Skifriends + Trainer!

After a long wait to observe the COVID-19 situation at home and abroad, I would like to announce the following. The numbers of new infections are very high at the moment, partly still rising. In 3 months it would have been with the EC races. After consultation with the vice-coordinator **Andreas Santini (ITA)**, I decided with a heavy heart that the Deaf Ski European Cup 2021 cannot be held for many different reasons, and for the first time in EC history (!).

Reasons:

- 1.) Different mouth-nose-protection (also outdoors, etc.)
- 2.) Different quarantine laws between countries
For example: If we would participate, we would have to take either before the 1st race in the quarantine period or after the race in our own home in the quarantine period.
- 3.) Some countries have put foreign countries in the red list
- 4.) Almost everywhere increasing new infections (Attention! Incubation period approx. 12-14 days)
- 5.) All indoor skiers would then have to be tested every 2 days, we couldn't afford that
- 6.) There should be over 20 participants, otherwise Deaf Ski European Cup could not be held (also because of organization costs). The fewer skiers, the less income. A huge loss for the organizers or club. Unfortunately not foreseeable at the moment.
- 7.) If we would organize everything ready and suddenly all races would have to be cancelled, that would be very problematic for all of us. For example: Hotel cancellation, piste cancellation, etc. (for example, at the Deaf Mountain Bike European Cup and Deaf Mountain Run European Cup all races were also cancelled).
- 8.) The corona situation in the next months very uncertain.

By the way, I also talked to Philipp Steiner about 1st EC in Hasliberg (SUI). He could have a friendly race (January 2021), but without EC points. Well he also decided to cancel this.

So, since next year 2021 is completely cancelled, I would like to ask you not to stop skiing right away, but just to continue training for 2022 and to continue participating in national ski races. And especially, please find more up-and-coming skiers!

At the moment we are planning for 2022: SUI (fixed - different club), AUT (fixed at Reiteralp - Styria) and GER (50%) or Czech Republic (50%)

I would like to give you some more information. I have been in contact with Eidsaunet Kjell Inge (NOR) He has already talked to the Norwegian Ski Association and they are not planning to do this for 2 or 3 years.

We have been very lucky last winter that we can do all 3 stages in January and February 2020.

My team captains and I very much hope that you are doing well. Stay healthy and please keep training for 2022! Thanks for your attention!

With sporty greetings

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(Video will be coming soon...)