

APPENDIX

A. VISA Procedure

Before your departure to Japan, be sure to carefully follow all the instructions given to you to ensure smooth immigration process. Prepare to provide all necessary information and documents requested by the OC.

1. Steps to obtain VISA

While border enforcement measures are in place, **ALL** foreign nationals will require VISA to enter Japan, **including those who did not need VISAs before**. As this VISA will serve as a part of special measures approved by the Japanese government, the process will be different from those issued regularly.

- Step 1: Wait until OC informs you about date and time of your VISA appointment.
- Step 2: Contact your designated Japanese Embassy/Consulate and make an appointment.
- Step 3: Prepare all necessary documents (VISA Application form and your photo) beforehand.
- Step 4: Submit all requested documents at the time of your appointment.
- Step 5: Receive your VISA. As procedure is different from usual, VISA will be issued promptly (in a day or two).

2. VISA-related checkpoints:

- ✓ To obtain VISA, follow all instructions given to you by the OC, including the time and date of your appointment.
- ✓ Be sure to arrive on exact date and time of your appointment.
- ✓ Check the expiration date of your passport
- ✓ Be sure to have at least two blank pages in your passport.

B. COVID-19 Testing

Read information below regarding testing of the participants. Additional testing may be required upon arrival depending on the epidemic situation at the time. Those tested positive will be denied entering the country.

3.1 COVID test within **72 hours** before entering Japan.

As per request of Japanese Government, all participants arriving to Japan from overseas must provide COVID-19 test Negative Result Certificate on designated form (see samples attached). The test must be conducted within 72 hours before arrival to Japan with scanned copy sent to the OC prior to your departure. Be sure to bring the original with you as it will be requested by the Immigration Inspector at the airport of entry.

Testing costs: Covered by Participants

3.2 COVID test at the airport of entry

From the standpoint of preventing epidemics, antigen test will also be conducted at the arrival airport. Only those tested negative will be allowed to enter Japan.

Testing costs: Covered by Japanese Government

3.3 Post-entry antigen tests

By request of Japanese Government, antigen test will be also conducted the next day after arrival to Japan, and the day after that as well to ensure safety of all the participants.

Testing costs: Covered by OC

3.4 Third-day test

It is required by the Japanese Government to submit negative coronavirus test result on the third day of your stay in Japan (Counting the day after arrival as first). Test will be conducted on following dates:

For those arrived on October 24th: test will be conducted on October 27th

For those arrived on October 25th: test will be conducted on October 28th *

*Negative result must be submitted before the races. By failing to do so, you will not be able to compete and/or participate in the Event. Antigen tests are also accepted.

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Participants who arrived from countries with confirmed mutant strains of COVID-19 will be required to take PCR test. Others will be requested to submit antigen test.

Testing costs: Covered by OC

3.5 Test before departure

COVID test of all participants before departure may be required by Japanese Government. In this case the test will be conducted on **October 31st, 2021**. Antigen tests are also acceptable. More information on this particular test will be provided in due time.

Testing costs: Covered by OC*

*However, ISU Members will bear all test-related costs if their team members are required PCR test negative proof to return to their country.