

## **FIBA RETURN TO BASKETBALL**

# **COVID-19 Protocol for FIBA Official National Team** and Club Competitions

Participant Protocol for FIBA Continental Cups Qualifiers FIBA Game Officials and Representatives

Window 3 (February 2021)

January 2021 All changes from Window 2 in yellow

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#### 1. Introduction

This document sets out the main requirements for any individual who is appointed by FIBA, FIBA Media or other FIBA-appointed suppliers to enter and be part of the FIBA Continental Cup Qualifiers "Bubbles" scheduled in February 2021 for Window 3. All these individuals are broadly defined as FIBA Game Officials and Representatives and, in the scope of this protocol, as either "FIBA Game Officials" or "Participants".

Those requirements are contained, unless expressly stated in this Participant Protocol, in the FIBA COVID-19 Protocol for FIBA Official National Team and Club Competitions v3 (11 January 2021), which can be accessed in full at any time on this <u>URL</u>. The Protocol sets levels of required expertise, infection prevention, hygiene, medical response and compliance for FIBA Official National Team and Club Competitions for a safe return to FIBA Competitions.

In order to minimise the risk of transmission of COVID-19 during the Event, Participants shall cooperate at all times with FIBA, the Bubble Host and any Local Authorities and adhere to the requirements in this Participant Protocol.

All Participants shall read this document very carefully and must understand their individual and collective responsibility to ensure that they and others are kept as safe as possible during the Competition. Protocol measures and requirements are in place to protect all Participants.

This Protocol is binding for all Participants competing or otherwise participating in the Competition. Participants shall declare their understanding of the requirements of this Protocol by undersigning and returning the declaration attached as Appendix A prior to entering the Bubble.

Non-compliance with the obligations set out in this Participant Protocol may lead to disciplinary action in accordance with this Protocol and the FIBA Internal Regulations.

## 2. Pre-competition behaviour for risk prevention

Prior to leaving for a FIBA Competition, FIBA referees, staff and any other representatives ("FIBA Game Officials and Representatives") are required to restrict social contacts for the 2-week period preceding their travel. They are required to undergo a COVID-19 serology test and, if proven negative to antibodies, a testing regime of two (2) PCR tests (please refer to section 5. COVID-19 testing requirements: pre-travel period). If the individual undertakes high risk employment (e.g. healthcare worker) this shall be declared to FIBA. This is to limit the risk of COVID-19 infection.

Individuals may exercise during this period but be cognisant of COVID-19 infection risks and take precautions.

FIBA Game Officials and Representatives must utilise the following personal hygiene and risk-prevention measures:

- Regularly and thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds;
- · Augment this with an alcohol-based hand sanitiser;
- Maintain at least 1.5m distance between yourself and anyone else including at training;
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth;
- Wear a face mask when in public;
- Follow good respiratory hygiene covering the mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when coughing, or sneezing, followed by its disposal;
- Stay home if unwell (e.g. fever, cough, sore throat or difficulty breathing) and call for medical advice;
- Avoid public places and transport.

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## 3. COVID-19 testing requirements

#### **Pre-travel**

Game Officials and Representatives travelling to the Competition on behalf of FIBA shall undergo a COVID-19 serology test and, in case of negative serology, PCR testing prior to departure.

Prior to PCR testing, all participants are required to undergo a COVID-19 serology with the analysis undertaken at a government recognised laboratory. It is required that this serology test is taken between twenty-one (21) and fourteen (14) days prior to travel. If the individual has had serology tested within the three (3) months prior to the departure date with IgG positive result, this will suffice and replace the required pre-trave serology test. Serology test results will need to be submitted to FIBA and must display, amongst other information, the date the sample was taken on and the IgG (and where possible IgM) levels.

In case of negative serology, e.g. if there is no presence of IgG antibodies, the individual needs to undergo two (2) PCR tests as prescribed below. A PCR test may also be required be local/travel authorities even in case of positive serology. Only reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) tests ("PCR") from samples (nasopharyngeal or saliva) collected by a health professional and analysed by a laboratory accredited by its government or national public health authority to perform PCR testing will be recognised as a valid test. FIBA will not accept samples that are self-collection samples, antigen testing or point of care testing.

The two (2) PCR tests shall be carried out as per following timeline:

- One (1) PCR test taken seven (7) days before the departure. In case the date is on a bank holiday, or testing is not possible on the required date, then the test may be exceptionally postponed to six (6) days before departure; and
- One (1) PCR test taken no later than 48 hours prior to departure (or in case of individuals located in the country of the Host or Game, arrival at the Game location), or earlier if required by the host country authorities in order to enter the host country. In case the date is on a bank holiday, or testing is not possible on the required date, then the test may be exceptionally anticipated to 72 hours before departure.

#### **COVID-19 vaccination**

FIBA Game Officials and Representatives who have undergone a full vaccination cycle for COVID-19 at least 10 days prior to departure must notify FIBA no later than ten (10) days prior to departure. Full details of

the vaccination, in the English language, must be provided. An exemption from serology and/or PCR testing may be granted.

#### Travel and arrival

The relevant institutions in the country of the Host may require online registration (travel card) before arrival for all travellers connected with the Event. The Host will timely provide links for e-registration to all participants.

Arrival in country of the Host

- Border officials may randomly select travellers to undergo screening at the airport.
- All Participants shall be prepared to present results of the PCR test to border officials or to the local medical staff at the airport, if requested.

#### Arrival at the hotel

- All test results must have been submitted to FIBA prior to travel using the provided system. Only in exceptional circumstances, or subject to FIBA request, individuals may be required to present all applicable test results to the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer upon arrival at the dedicated hotel.
- Failure to submit tests in advance as required by FIBA shall result in mandatory isolation for the FIBA Game Official/Representatives until the test results are properly screened by the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer and any other relevant authority.
- Participants who fail to present these results and/or who refuse to sign and submit the Participant Declaration to the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer shall not be permitted to participate and will not be able to access the hotel and the venue.

#### **On-site testing**

FIBA Game Officials and Representatives may be requested to undergo additional PCR tests by FIBA at any time upon arrival or during the Competition. Participants with a positive serology or who have undergone COVID-19 vaccination may be exempted from on-site PCR testing.

Results shall be communicated by the accredited laboratory to the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer, who will be responsible for coordinating any required measures in case of any positive results.

#### 4. International travel

FIBA Game Officials and Representatives must always take maximum care to maintain strict social distancing at all times while travelling on commercial flights (or trains), use a hand sanitiser regularly and wipe down their seat and its surrounds prior to use.

If a FIBA Game Official is unwell, he/she is not allowed to travel and shall immediately report to FIBA.

All travellers should be prepared to undergo testing on arrival, as per the directives issued by the public health authorities in the host country, regardless of their test status before departure, if so required by those authorities. All Participants shall be prepared to present results of the PCR test to border officials or to the local medical staff at the airport, if requested.

#### 5. Accommodation and board

The Team Hotel or a well-defined part of the hotel will be reserved for the sole and exclusive use of FIBA Game Officials and Representatives and Team Delegations. Arrangements will be in place to limit contact between all Participants and hotel staff.

Only Participants holding appropriate accreditation granting access shall be allowed in the hotel or its Competition areas and access control measures will be put in place in this respect. When entering the hotel for the first time upon arrival, Participants must go through temperature screening and security control.

For the duration of the Window, Participants will be required to present their accreditation at the access control while entering the hotel coming back from the venue.

In case of a non-exclusive Official Hotel, a dedicated entrance and exit shall be provided for all Participants.

Each individual must carry their luggage / personal belongings at all times. Hotel staff are not permitted to handle any luggage / personal belongings at any time.

Upon arrival in the hotel room, it is recommended that individuals sanitise any objects which have been used outside the room, such as mobile phones or glasses.

Participants must stay at the hotel at all times unless for training or competition purposes. Visitors are not permitted, and Participants will not be able to make physical contact with individuals located outside of the Bubble at any time during their stay, with the exception of essential relation with the Host, media and other FIBA Suppliers as absolutely required. Public areas such as a public bar are off limits while at the hotel.

Participants shall not invite other individuals in their room to prevent any risk of virus transmission.

#### Room cleaning

It is strongly recommended that Participants keep their own room clean and make their own bed to reduce maid service requirements to the minimum. Room cleaning should be on demand and shall take place when the Participant is out of his/her room. Clean towels may be left outside the room daily in sealed bags. Minibar products and items (e.g. glasses or cups) may be replenished on demand but limiting contact with any other facilities in the room.

#### Catering and room service

A separate exclusive room will be provided as FIBA Game Officials and Representatives dining and meeting area. Food shall be served by hotel staff and not in self-service. While waiting to be served, queues shall comply with the minimum of 1.5m physical distancing precautions.

Room service is permitted but hotel staff in charge of room services must sanitise hands or wear gloves and face mask and leave food on a tray outside of the room, minimising interaction with the guests. Guests should sign the room service bill with their own pen.

Minibar products and items (e.g. glasses or cups) may be replenished on demand but limiting contact with any other facilities in the room.

#### Purchases, orders and deliveries

Participants are strongly encouraged to arrive with sufficient stocks of all required material and equipment. Should there still be a need to run essential errands, the Host will be exceptionally required to support and purchase materials on behalf of the Team Delegation and/or Participants. Purchases shall be delivered to the hotel and sanitised prior to entering the Bubble.

Deliveries shall be managed on a case by case basis and in accordance with the Hotel but should be considered a risk factor for the Bubble. As such, Participants are encouraged not to request any deliveries to the Bubble, particularly food deliveries. Should this be allowed by the Host or the Hotel:

- The delivery person will be required to leave food outside the hotel;
- Hotel staff will sanitize the package wherever possible; and
- The individual shall come to entrance lobby and take delivery to the room (not in meeting/dining area).

#### Laundry

FIBA Game Officials and Representatives may be allowed to use laundry services provided by the hotel, when applicable and in conformity with local regulations.

#### Common hotel areas

When moving around the hotel, Participants must wear face masks and maintain social distancing at all times. If practical, the stairs should be used and sharing of lifts avoided.

All relevant spaces and surfaces will be thoroughly and regularly sanitised and cleaned.

#### Fitness and/or leisure facilities, etc.

The hotel gym (where existing and accessible) will be reserved in priority for Team Delegations and FIBA Referees. Dedicated slots may be put in place locally for other FIBA Game Officials subject to availability. Full sanitation of the equipment/machines shall take place after every use, after which the room shall be locked.

Where existing, access to the hotel swimming pool shall be carefully monitored to ensure social distancing.

## 6. Ground transportation

FIBA Game Officials and Representatives will have dedicated vehicles and drivers until final departure. Drivers will need to be negative to a COVID-19 PCR test from a swab collected within forty-eight (48) hours of first contact or proof of a recent positive serology and/or COVID-19 vaccination, strict maintenance of social distancing and the use of a face mask.

Vehicles will be thoroughly disinfected shortly before collecting the team and on a daily basis. Capacity shall adhere to local regulations in relation to safe distancing and it is highly recommended to assign seats.

Participants shall always wear masks on official vehicles and no external or accompanying persons are authorized on board. No other transportation method shall be used by FIBA Game Officials and Representatives (e.g. Uber, taxis, etc.).

Vehicles will not be allowed to stop along the way from venue and hotel and Participants shall not request this.

## 7. Venue and game operations

#### Venue entry and exit

Temperature and symptom checks are required at all entry points along with social distancing marking for queuing, use of face mask and hand sanitiser dispensers. Individuals with a body temperature of 37.5°C or above – or according to local host country regulations – shall not be allowed inside the venue.

Participants must go straight to their changing room or designated area. Dedicated, exclusive access ways for court entrance and exit will be prepared wherever possible.

The court shall be accessed only when the area has been cleared of any non-authorised personnel and fully sanitised.

#### Face masks and hand sanitisation

Every person in the venue shall be required to wear a face mask at all times and sanitise hands as frequently as possible.

The only exclusions to the rule above concern the following Participants:

- The Players, when competing in a game (including when sitting on the bench) or practicing;
- The Head Coach, during games and practices;
- The three (3) Referees, when officiating their game; and
- Any TV Commentators, when commenting the game from the TV Commentary Positions.

FFP3 masks as well as FFP2 masks with exhalation valve are not allowed for use in the Bubbles due to limited filtering of particles and virus transmission when exhaling.

FIBA Game Officials and Representatives are responsible for travelling with sufficient masks for the duration of the Window and for sanitising their own masks where applicable. FIBA may provide masks in certain bubbles, but these should only be in addition to the individual's own stock. Where needed, the Host will be able to support in purchasing additional masks and other Personal Protection Equipment (PPE).

#### Cleaning and sanitisation

All areas of the venue that are in use for the game will be sanitised prior to use following local public health authority guidelines and requirements. These areas may include media working areas, seating (depending on use), offices, meeting rooms and sanitary facilities. This applies also to any practice venues, facilities and equipment.

#### **Towels and water**

The Host will provide water bottles for all Participants and towels for Referees. Participants shall not swap water bottles to prevent any risk of virus transmission. Referees shall not swap towels amongst them.

#### Venue zoning and accreditation

A zoning system will be setup, implemented and overseen by the LOC Biosecurity Compliance Official. It shall be tied to a personalised accreditation system in order to prevent any uncontrolled or indirect contact with the Team Delegations and FIBA Game Officials and Representatives.

In order to ensure the safety of the Bubble and of all Participants, it is required that FIBA Game Officials and Representatives remain at all times in the following areas – the "Bubble":

- The Hotel
- Game Officials transportation vehicles
- The Zone 1 of the venue, consisting of:
  - Team entrance and Zone 1 corridors
  - Changing room
  - First Aid and Doping Control Room
  - Strength conditioning room or warm-up/practice court (where applicable)
  - o Court and team benches
  - o Participant Tribune

Zone 1 is for the exclusive access of:

- Team Delegation members;
- FIBA Game Officials and Representatives;
- Essential game operations staff (e.g. Table Officials, Statisticians, Public Announcer, etc.); and
- Required Zone 1 security personnel.

Broadcast and manned camera positions are excluded from this Zone 1.

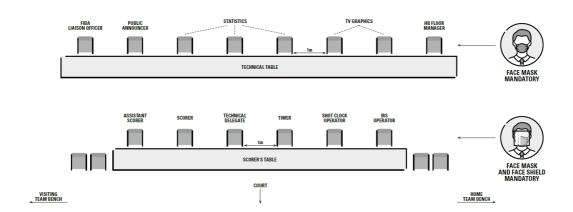
Participants will need to wear the accreditations provided by the Host at all times. The Host is responsible for overseeing the movement of Participants and is fully entitled to prevent any breaches to the safety Bubble concept.

Subject to their role, specific FIBA Game Officials and Representatives may need to access other areas of the venue. Access rights will be provided on the accreditation badge, nevertheless the concerned FIBA Game Officials and Representatives shall apply extreme precautions in all interactions with non-Bubble personnel, sanitise hands and any other equipment used while outside of Zone 1 when returning in Zone 1.

#### Scorer's and Technical Tables

The number of individuals taking place at the Scorer's Table and Technical Table shall be reduced to the lowest possible number, as per roles in the diagrams below.

All furniture and equipment shall be fully sanitised prior to the first game of the day - with the area accessible only the Zone 1 accredited individuals as of that time - and between Games in case of staff changes. During practices, access to the area shall be limited to as few individuals as possible and all furniture and equipment sanitised after use/contact.



#### Team warm-up

Team warm-up prior to the game will be limited to specific access times. Players are not free to warm up or shoot outside of these times.

In order to limit interaction and contact between Team Delegations, the following warm-up arrangements will be applied at all games:

- Pre-game: Team A and Team B warm up in front of their own bench and not on opposite bench
- >>> This allows us to limit crossing between teams for this long warm-up
- First Half: baskets are also switched compared to rules
- >>> Teams attack on basket they warmed-up on (in front of own bench)
- Half-time: warm-up on opposite basket (in front of opponent's bench) is allowed
- >>> Crossing is limited to shorter amount of time and with less staff involved
- Second Half: teams attack on basket on opposite side from their bench (same to half-time warm-up)

No modifications to the above will be accepted, even with the consensus of both teams.

#### Team introductions and pre-game line up

Players and referees must not shake hands, 'high five' or make unnecessary contact with others. The traditional "gift exchange" with the opposing team shall not take place.

Additional on-court activities in the introductions such as entertainers, mascots, dancers or musicians shall not take place.

#### Game time and half-time

Participants should liberally use hand sanitising gel prior to and entry from the court and at breaks in the game.

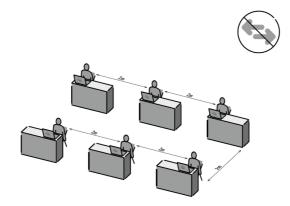
#### **Medical assistance**

On-court medical assistance by First Aid personnel shall be carried out wearing protective equipment and following best practices. Should a player or individual require to be taken to the First Aid Room, only one (1) individual may be treated in the room at one time and no other individuals may be allowed in the room excluding

the Team Doctor. Single-use paper must be used for the stretcher and examination bed and removed after treatment, followed by appropriate sanitisation.

#### Office and working areas

All working areas and offices, including those outside of Zone 1, must respect social distancing principles. Furniture and chairs shall not be moved and positions pre-assigned wherever possible. Furniture shall be sanitised frequently – as a minimum on daily basis.



## 8. Measures in case of symptoms

All Participants showing symptoms of COVID-19 upon arrival or at any time during their stay in one of the FIBA Continental Cups Qualifiers Bubbles shall declare themselves to the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer and must isolate immediately.

Key indicators of a viral infection, including COVID-19, include high fever, dry cough, tiredness, sore throat, runny or blocked nose, breathlessness or loss of sense and/or smell. A list of symptoms of COVID-19 can be found here: https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus#tab=tab 3

The below procedures shall be followed:

- 1. If symptoms are considered indicators of a possible COVID-19 infection, immediate PCR testing shall be organised by FIBA Medical Compliance Officer;
- 2. Isolation of symptomatic individual in single room;
- 3. Monitoring of any Close Contacts, e.g. other FIBA Game Officials and Representatives who have been in proximity to the positive individual, and isolation where deemed necessary by the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer.

Tested individual(s) shall remain in isolation until negative test results are returned:

- If PCR testing returns negative, they may exit isolation and return to their rooms (where applicable) and daily activities;
- If PCR testing returns positive, the individual(s) and close contacts shall undergo the procedures listed in the next section.

## 9. Measures in case of positive COVID-19 cases

The following procedures must be implemented should any Participant return a positive PCR test result at any moment throughout his/her stay.

#### Hospitalisation

Any individual who requires emergency care or hospitalisation must be relocated to a pre-designated local hospital pursuant to documented protocols for admission, as coordinated by the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer.

#### Immediate isolation

Any individual who does not need to be hospitalised and will be remaining in the hotel shall remain in or must enter isolation as soon as possible. Should the individual be at the venue when the results are known, he/she shall be placed in a room previously prepared, assessed and transferred to the hotel or the hospital with the ambulance team using protective equipment.

Accommodation in the hotel will be designated for this purpose ("Isolation Housing"). These rooms shall be located in a separate part of the hotel, e.g. a separate floor.

In the course of relocating from the person's current environment to Isolation Housing, the individual must be provided and must wear a facemask and refrain from any close contact with any other individuals.

#### PCR retesting to verify positive result

Due to the possibility of occasional false positive test results, a confirmatory retest protocol will be taken to confirm a positive test.

#### >>> If PCR tests match

An individual who returns a second positive PCR test result will be considered a confirmed positive, remain in Isolation Housing, and begin the process for monitoring, management, and resolution.

#### >>> If PCR tests do not match

If the individual returns a second PCR test result that is negative, and therefore the two PCR test results do not match, the individual will remain in Isolation Housing and retest (e.g. a third time) after twenty-four (24) hours. If an alternate assay was used for the first Retest, the individual will, if possible, take two Retests using both assays.

#### >>> Third PCR test

If the individual returns a third PCR test that is negative and is without prior or current symptoms associated with COVID-19, the person will exit isolation and return to full participation in the team's activities. If the third Retest is positive, the individual will be considered a confirmed positive, remain in Isolation Housing, and begin the process for monitoring, management, and resolution.

#### **Close Contacts**

Close Contacts – defined as per section 6 as any individuals who spent with the positive individual(s) at least fifteen (15) minutes cumulative face to face within twenty-four (24) hours or two (2) hours in the same room shall undergo PCR testing on the first day of the positive individual's quarantine and then every three (3) days until the end of participation in the Competition, or the day before each Game if earlier. Any individuals who have a recent positive serology (IgG levels) or have undergone a full COVID-19 vaccination cycle may be released from the Close Contacts group at FIBA's discretion.

Unless a positive result is returned at any time, Close Contacts shall adhere to the following measures:

- 1. All Close Contacts will be closely followed for COVID-19 symptoms:
- 2. All Close Contacts shall stay in a single room (arrangements shall be made in case of double rooms);
- 3. Close Contacts are not allowed to use any hotel common areas including the dining/meeting rooms, fitness areas or swimming pool, etc.;
- 4. Close Contacts will need to have their meals in their rooms (Room Service) and should not leave the accommodation except to go to the venue and to games, with even stricter compliance of social distancing and limiting all unnecessary movement outside of the controlled environment, namely:
  - Avoidance of all physical contact;
  - Use of designated exclusive transportation.
- 5. Prior to Games, all Close Contacts shall be assessed by medical staff in the presence of the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer for COVID-19 symptoms including high temperature.

## 10. Compliance and sanctions

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on the world with many infections and deaths. Sport, including basketball, has been significantly impacted, and the measures implemented are meant to ensure a safe return of FIBA National Team Competitions and guarantee everyone's safety.

Team Delegation members and FIBA Game Officials and Representatives and any other individuals participating in the FIBA Continental Cups Qualifiers Window 3 and accommodated in the Official Bubble Hotel will be required to acknowledge the terms of this Protocol upon arrival in the host country and their compliance to the requirements outlined here within.

It shall be noted that, in order for FIBA and the Bubble Host to ensure the safety and health of all Participants:

- The Bubble Host or hotel security have the right to take the necessary action, on behalf of FIBA, to deter anyone who tries to violate or breach the Bubble – or, where applicable, quarantine – protocol;
- Breaching the protocol (e.g. exiting the Official "Bubble" hotel or the venue) will result in an immediate dismissal from the Competition by FIBA and permanent removal from the Bubble Hotel;
- The facility security will be required to inform the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer and LOC Biosecurity Compliance Official, who in turn will report the violation to the authorities in charge.
- Under no circumstances will it be allowed to anyone who violates the Bubble-quarantine protocol without just cause to access the hotel and Competition facilities.

The Bubble Host may also be required by local government authorities to report the incident for application of local quarantine violation sanctions. In this case, local measures may be enforced by the host country authorities as per the applicable rules.

## 11. Appendix 1 – Participant Declaration

## FIBA CONTINENTAL CUPS QUALIFIERS WINDOW 3 (February 2021)

## **Participant Protocol**

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian, if applicable

Signature