

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

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## 1. Preamble

The COVID-19 was first identified in Wuhan, China during late 2019. The virus quickly spread and was declared a pandemic by the WHO in March 2020. The virus is related to the previous Corona viruses MERS and SARS which caused considered illness and death but quickly settled with public health controls. There have now been hundreds of millions of infections and millions of deaths globally. The entire planet has been affected directly by this pandemic. The impact on human activities such as travel, socialising, relationships, and education has been profound. Domestic and international sport has been shut down or severely affected by the pandemic.

COVID-19 is very infectious and can cause considerable harm to the human body, affecting multiple organs and the immune system itself. While the pandemic continues, medical science is constantly discovering new things about the virus. This means that way we manage and contain COVID-19 will evolve over time. While current prevention strategies, including vaccination, can be very effective the pandemic will continue for some time. While we wait for the pandemic to be controlled, we need effective measures to reduce the risk of infection in sport.

To minimise the COVID-19 risk in FIBA Competitions we require thorough planning and a robust set of guidelines and protocols. These will be important and demand diligent implementation, guided by expert support. To a large extent we will be relying on the cooperation, behaviour and understanding of the teams, players, officials, technical personnel, venue management, media and spectators.

FIBA expects all parties to adhere to this Protocol that covers hygiene, biosecurity, testing and medical management. They are in place to protect all participants. Non-compliance with these guidelines may have serious consequences for the staging of the competition and for participants so a compliance audit framework is proposed alongside the Protocol.

### 1.1 What is new in version 5 of the FIBA COVID-19 Protocol?

This latest version of the FIBA COVID-19 Protocol (the “Protocol”) builds on the expertise secured delivering FIBA National Team and Club Competitions during the pandemic while addressing recent developments related to COVID-19 and FIBA’s response to them.

It continues to set out the framework for the safe implementation of FIBA Competitions, and sets levels of required expertise, infection prevention, hygiene, medical response, and compliance. This protocol may be used for any basketball competition, but in this case, the organiser/entity in charge will take the role attributed to FIBA in this document.

**Throughout the document, the term “Team” incorporates any team taking part in a FIBA Competition, whether a National Team (and its respective National Federation) or a Club, and the respective Team Delegation Members.**

**Similarly, the term “Host” now includes all possible organising entities, whether Host National Federation, Local Organising Committee or Club.**

As the availability of vaccines and the number of vaccinated individuals increases globally, this greatly reduces the risks related to virus transmission as well as possible severity in symptoms, this Protocol now introduces simplified regimes for all participants who have completed a vaccination cycle prior to travelling to a FIBA Competition. There is a benefit and incentive for participants to be vaccinated. Testing requirements throughout this Protocol will therefore always consider two categories of individuals:

- **Vaccinated individuals**, who have completed a full vaccination cycle, whereby fully vaccinated in the scope of this protocol it is meant having received all vaccine doses required by the regulations of the individual’s country of residence; and
- **All other individuals**

In order to simplify this protocol and in view of recent developments, individuals with previous positive infections are no longer considered as a specific group.

Finally, and as outlined in the next section, this Protocol outlines minimum requirements that are, however, subject to review by the Host local authorities. Differences may apply between this Protocol and its final implementation in each host country, e.g., in the acceptance of a vaccine which is not approved by the local health authorities. Hosts will need to confirm any applicable differences no later than one (1) month before the Competition. FIBA and the Host will then outline and communicate any specific measures applicable for a Competition for each Team and Participant to take necessary action.

Teams are to take full responsibility for monitoring the health status of their Team Delegation Members before and throughout the competition, and the implementation of all measures required by this Protocol.

## 2. Objectives

The aim of this Protocol is to set out a medical and operational framework that Hosts, participating Teams, FIBA Game Officials and Representatives as well as any other staff or personnel involved in delivering the Competition (the “Participants”) must follow to ensure everyone’s safety at FIBA Official National Team and Club Competitions (see FIBA Internal Regulations, Book 2, as well as other Zone Competition Regulations).

Due to the constantly changing knowledge of the COVID-19 virus, this Protocol continues to evolve and may be subject to updates which will be promptly communicated to all concerned parties. **Local public health authorities may also require stricter measures than those outlined in this Protocol: Where applicable, these would take precedence in the governance of a Competition.**

Similarly, FIBA and Hosts may agree to implement, for a Competition, measures and requirements that are stricter than those applied in the host country: in this case, those measures shall take precedence and shall be applied to all categories, including participants and spectators.

The present document sets out the requirements necessary for organising Competitions during this COVID-19 pandemic and covers aspects such as game management, travel, accommodation, and venue operations. It is a requirement that all Competition hosts and all participants strictly adhere to this Protocol.

Key components are:

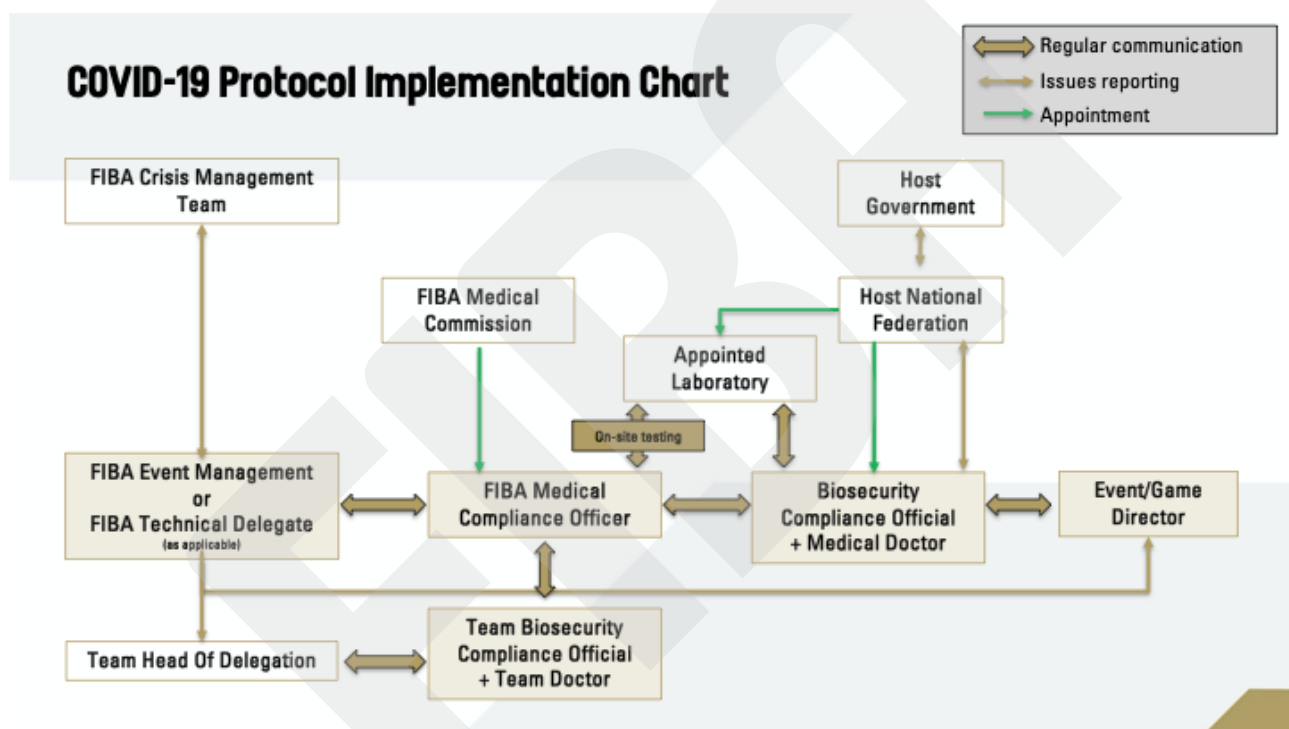
- The development of a Host COVID-19 Implementation Plan in line with the requirements contained in this Protocol and, where applicable, using the templates provided by FIBA;
- The appointment of a LOC Biosecurity Compliance Official in charge of monitoring the compliance to this Protocol and the COVID-19 Implementation Plan - and promptly reporting any deviations to FIBA;
- Personal behaviour of participants and the establishment of biosecure team environments;
- Limitation on the number of Team Delegation Members and exposure to non-team personnel;
- Pre-Competition risk assessment and quarantine oversight by Team Doctors;
- Testing and medical support; and
- Venue and game management including media and broadcast;

For the avoidance of doubt, all health and safety measures in this Protocol shall remain valid and be fully implemented by the Host until the day after the end of the Competition, with the departure of the last participants from the Official Hotels.

### 3. Implementing the Protocol

The correct implementation of this Protocol lies with FIBA, the Host and each of the participating Teams but requires the full compliance and cooperation of each participant. Appropriate structures and roles – each with specific responsibilities – as well as clear reporting processes have been defined in previous versions of this Protocol. They remain applicable and crucial for the successful implementation of the Protocol for a FIBA Competition.

#### 3.1 Organisational structure



#### 3.2 FIBA Event Management or FIBA Technical Delegates (as applicable)

A FIBA Event Manager or, where applicable, an appointed FIBA Technical Delegate or other FIBA representative will be responsible to oversee the on-site delivery.

Their responsibilities in relation to the implementation of this Protocol will include:

- Maintaining relations with all Team Heads of Delegation during the Competition;
- Supporting the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer in monitoring on-site implementation of the Protocol and addressing any violations;
- Supporting the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer in ensuring the venue set-up is carried out in accordance with FIBA requirements, particularly in relation to special measures related to COVID-19 implementation;
- Supporting the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer in ensuring that hotel and



transportation arrangements are planned and carried out in accordance with FIBA requirements, particularly in relation to special measures related to COVID-19 implementation;

- e. Ensuring the safety & security measures are respected in all official event sites.

He/she will also oversee the reporting to the FIBA Crisis Management Board – where applicable via the respective Competition or Events department – on any crisis situations, including possible suspected infections or positive COVID-19 cases reported by the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer, and coordinating all on-site crisis management procedures.

### 3.3 FIBA / FIBA Medical Compliance Officer

The **FIBA Medical Compliance Officer** will be appointed by FIBA and shall be the main contact person for all COVID-19 Protocol issues prior, during and after the Competition. The FIBA Medical Compliance Officer will be onsite in the Bubble concept, however, will be working remotely for Home and Away games.

He/she is responsible for:

- a. Communicating with the Biosecurity Compliance Official prior, during and after the event in order to ensure smooth preparations and delivery of all measures foreseen in the FIBA Protocol;
- b. Reviewing and collecting vaccination certificates and PCR test results from every Team Delegation and every Game Official registered and nominated for respective games;
- c. In coordination with the responsible FIBA Event Manager or FIBA Technical Delegate, monitoring on-site implementation of the Protocol;
- d. Advising the Biosecurity Compliance Official on any issues related to COVID-19 and the Host Medical Doctor on any medical issues;
- e. Advising the Biosecurity Compliance Official on any potential issues related to the implementation of the sanitary and hygiene measures;
- f. Checking any potential health/safety issues from teams (e.g. clinical symptoms of COVID-19, other health and safety issues during team activities, etc.) with Team Biosecurity Compliance Officials;
- g. Overseeing the management of any suspected infections or any participants exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 during the Competition by:
  - o Ensuring that the participant will not be permitted to enter the venue and deciding whether the participant shall be submitted for testing;
  - o If tested, managing PCR test results on-site and liaising with FIBA via the responsible FIBA Event Manager in case of issues; and
- h. Reporting any deviations to the responsible FIBA Event Manager.

### 3.4 Host / Event/Game Director

The **Event/Game Director** is appointed by the Host to oversee the planning and implementation of the Competition in the host country. He/she is ultimately the main authority in the Host and the counterpart for the FIBA Event Manager (or appointed Technical Delegate, as applicable). As such, he/she is responsible for planning and supervising the implementation of the respective games, including ensuring adequate budget, staffing and coordinating everyone's work.

In the context of COVID-19, he/she is responsible for acting on any unresolved protocol violations related to the Event organisation reported by FIBA or by the participating Teams and ensuring the requirements and Host obligations are met.

### 3.5 Host / Biosecurity Compliance Official

The **Biosecurity Compliance Official** shall be appointed by the Host.

He/she is responsible for:

- a. Implementing the FIBA COVID-19 Protocol (by ensuring appropriate staffing, resources and communication) in close coordination with the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer and promptly reporting any deviations to them;
- b. Collecting and reviewing the required PCR tests of the Host members (staff and volunteers) and clearing their accreditations with the FIBA and Host Accreditation Managers.
- c. Appointing an accredited laboratory or medical facility in charge of delivering all required testing around the Competition.
- d. Ensuring on-site PCR testing and antigen testing are arranged for all required participants in line with the Protocol requirements;
- e. Monitoring daily operations in close collaboration with the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer and implementing all required modifications and adjustments to ensure full compliance with the FIBA Protocol; and
- f. Taking care of and following up on any participant who is required to remain in quarantine or hospitalised after the final day of the Competition.

He/she will be the main contact to the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer prior, during and after the Competition for implementation of the Protocol. As such, it is recommended that the appointed person is not covering other roles in the organisation of the Competition.

### 3.6 Host / Medical Doctor

The **Medical Doctor** shall be appointed by the Host.

He/she must be a Doctor of Medicine, speak fluent English and is responsible for:

- a. Ensuring implementation of the medical service plan of Host;
- b. Making all necessary arrangements with local medical service providers for rapid provision of required medical services;
- c. Providing medical information fact sheet for all Participants;
- d. Confirming all medical and organisational requirements for all participants (e.g. advice on how to obtain prescriptions in the host cities, insurance requirements, instruction on payment procedure for treatment, etc.);
- e. Organising the anti-doping controls in cooperation with FIBA following the general hygiene protocols;
- f. Preparing all facilities and train personnel;
- g. Being present in the venue(s) on during games and prepared to manage any medical emergency from the moment the first participants arrive on site until the latest departure;
- h. Regularly communicating with the Biosecurity Compliance Official on the participants' health and safety issues; and
- a. Managing all medical care and anti-doping matters prior, during and after the Competition (e.g. following up on possible COVID-19 cases who are required to remain in the host country).

### 3.7 Team / Team Biosecurity Compliance Official

Each Team, including the Host team, shall appoint a **Team Biosecurity Compliance Official** amongst the accredited Team Delegation Members for the purpose of this Protocol. It is required that this individual is not the Team Doctor and that he/she sits on the bench during games in order to ensure implementation of the Protocol in the bench area and guarantee a quick response to issues. Alternatively, the Team Biosecurity Compliance Official may sit in the Participant Tribune but the Teams shall appoint a Deputy Biosecurity Compliance Official for bench/game compliance. It is a strong recommendation that the Team Biosecurity Compliance Official be vaccinated.

He/she is responsible for:

- a. Reading the Protocol carefully and making sure that all team members are fully aware of the Protocol;
- b. Ensuring that all requirements in the Protocol are fulfilled by all team members, prior, during and after the Competition;
- c. Submitting vaccination certificates of the Team Delegation Members to the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer by the given deadline.
- d. Overseeing the PCR testing and ensuring test results are available and submitted to the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer prior to travel;
- e. Carrying their own Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) medical supplies;

- f. Ensuring that their Team Doctors undertake daily symptom and temperature checks on all team members; and
- g. Regularly communicating and reporting any viral illness in the team to the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer.

### 3.8 Team / Team Doctor

A **Team Doctor** shall be appointed by the respective Teams and shall travel with the Team Delegation.

All Team Doctors shall:

- a. Practice evidence-based medicine in accordance with the highest standards of ethical behaviour as determined by their licensing authority or the FIBA Medical Commission;
- b. Follow all medical guidelines developed by the FIBA Medical Commission, which may include the management of bleeding and non-bleeding wounds, concussion, player collapse, medical evacuation and any other basketball-relevant urgent medical matters as determined by FIBA; and
- c. Ensure that only medically fit players are permitted to compete in a Competition of FIBA.

Also, in the context of COVID-19, he/she is responsible for:

- a. Undertaking daily symptom and temperature checks on all Team Delegation Members;
- b. Must be present for and supervise the daily antigen tests for non-vaccinated individuals;
- c. Isolating immediately and arranging a COVID-19 test on any team member with symptoms of a viral illness during training period;
- d. Informing the Team Biosecurity Compliance Official of any viral illness in the team during the event; and
- e. Being aware of wellbeing and mental health risks within the team.

## 4. Testing and risk prevention/ Pre-Competition

For a detailed chart outlining all pre-Competition testing requirements, please see Appendix 1.

### 4.1 Pre-competition test requirements – Home & Away

FIBA will not require pre-competition PCR tests for fully vaccinated individuals. These may be required for travel and entry in the country, but not for this Protocol.

For non-vaccinated Participants, one (1) negative PCR test result from a test carried out in the 48 hours prior to arrival in the host country or in the hotel, as applicable, is required.

In all cases of home/away games where the above timelines are not applicable, e.g. in case of a home club team, PCR tests for all non-vaccinated individuals need to be carried out within 72 hours before the game tip-off time.

### 4.2 Pre-competition test requirements – Bubble Concept

FIBA will not require PCR tests for fully vaccinated individuals. These may be required for travel and entry in the country, but not for this Protocol.

For all non-vaccinated individuals, one (1) negative PCR test result from a test carried out in the 48 hours prior to arrival in the host country or entry into the bubble, as applicable, is required.

To prevent possible issues related to mandatory testing requirements for individuals that must be called upon shortly before departure due to injuries or positive cases in the pre-travel testing, it is required that those “stand-by” individuals undergo the same Pre-Competition regime.

### 4.3 General principles

Prior to leaving for a FIBA Competition, it is recommended individuals reduce any possible risk of infection by following basic personal hygiene and risk-prevention requirements which include:

- Regularly and thoroughly washing your hands with soap and water for twenty (20) seconds;
- Augmenting this with an alcohol-based hand sanitiser;
- Maintaining at least 1.5m distance between yourself and anyone else including at training except actual Participants in the team such as players and coaches;
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth;
- Wearing a face mask when in public;

- Following good respiratory hygiene - covering the mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when coughing, or sneezing, followed by its disposal;
- Showering at accommodation before and after training and games;
- Cleaning training equipment before and after individual use; and
- Staying home if unwell (e.g. fever, cough, sore throat, or difficulty breathing) and seeking medical assistance.

## Requirements for PCR tests

For all PCR tests, only reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) tests ("PCR") from samples (nasopharyngeal or saliva) collected by a health professional and analysed by an accredited laboratory by its government or national public health authority to perform PCR testing will be recognised as a valid test. FIBA will not accept test results from self-collection samples, antigen testing or point of care testing for the entry into the Bubble.

FIBA is aware that differences exist across countries in the format used to communicate results. Although a standard letter format pdf document remains recommended, various formats will be accepted (including mobile phone screenshots where the test results were received on mobile apps) provided that the following information is clearly indicated in the required accepted languages:

- Laboratory name and location
- Date and time of testing
- Full name of tested individual
- Test result
- Any other medical information

## Assumption of costs

Costs for all PCR testing required by FIBA within this Protocol will be covered by the respective Team or FIBA, in case of FIBA Officials/Representatives.

## Test results management

### Positive Results

Any participant required to undertake PCR testing who returns a positive PCR test result in the tests pre-travel for the Competition shall not be permitted to travel and participate in the Competition.

### Negative Results

Any individual who has undergone and submitted test results to FIBA in accordance with the requirements and timelines shall be permitted to travel and participate in the Competition provided that results are in line with the requirements contained in this Protocol.



## 5. Testing and risk prevention / On-site

For a detailed chart outlining all on-site testing requirements, please see Appendix 1.

### 5.1 Teams, FIBA Officials and Representatives

Participating teams and FIBA Game Officials & Representatives		TESTING REQUIREMENTS	
		TESTING ON ARRIVAL	TESTING THROUGHOUT COMPETITION (ON NON-TRAVEL DAYS)
Bubble Concept	Vaccinated individuals	<b>Not required</b> Unless required by local authority	
	All other individuals	One (1) PCR test upon arrival	Rapid antigen testing every morning and 3 hours prior to game, on game days for Teams (without morning test)
Home & Away	Vaccinated individuals	<b>Not required</b> Unless required by local authority	
	All other individuals	Not required	Rapid antigen testing every morning and 3 hours prior to game, on game days for Teams (without morning test)

Where rapid antigen testing is required, it is a responsibility of the Host to identify an accredited laboratory or medical practitioner in charge of carrying out these tests on a daily basis.

Rapid antigen testing for teams shall be carried out by appointed experienced staff at the hotel, as applicable, while a testing station needs to be set up at the venue for all staff, volunteers and suppliers who need to undergo testing daily.

#### On-site test requirements – Home & Away

Fully vaccinated Team Delegation Members, FIBA Game Officials and Representatives (including FIBA Photographers, BOVM or any other appointed person) are not required to undergo testing upon arrival unless required by the Host Local authorities.

Non-vaccinated Team Delegation Members, FIBA Officials and Representatives (including FIBA Photographers, BOVM or any other appointed person) will be required to undergo testing during the Competition in accordance with the chart above.

Teams will need to undergo on-site testing as applicable with the accredited laboratory appointed by the Host. The Host will not be responsible for covering the costs of any PCR and antigen testing unless host country requirements mandate that vaccinated individuals require a PCR test upon arrival.

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 positive results.

### **On-site test requirements – Bubble concept**

Vaccinated individuals will not be required to undergo PCR testing upon arrival and during the Competition unless host country requirements mandate to do so.

Non-vaccinated Team Delegation Members, FIBA Officials and Representatives (including FIBA Photographers, BOVM or any other appointed person) will be required to undergo testing upon arrival and during the Competition in accordance with the chart above.

The Host will be responsible for arranging all on-site tests as per this Protocol and ensuring that testing is carried out by the local accredited laboratory and results are returned by the agreed deadline. The Host will not be responsible for covering the costs of any PCR testing unless host country requirements mandate that vaccinated individuals require a PCR test upon arrival.

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 positive results.

### **Mandatory isolation upon arrival**

All individuals who are required to undergo PCR testing upon arrival (see chart) will also be required to immediately isolate in their rooms until negative results are returned. Individuals shall not exit their room until instructed to do so by the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer and will receive their meals in the room.

If not required to undergo PCR testing as per this Protocol, vaccinated individuals are also not required to isolate in their room upon arrival.

### **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 host country**

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



- All vaccination certificates and PCR test results must be submitted to FIBA prior to travel.
- Failure to submit the certificates and tests in advance as required by FIBA shall result in sanctions and mandatory isolation for the Team Delegation 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 Representative shall not be permitted to take part in the Competition

### Testing for departure

In case the participants are required to undergo PCR testing prior to departure to return home, arrangements shall be made with the Host to get results prior to departure, at the Teams or participant's cost. The Host shall be contacted in advance for all necessary arrangements.

### Mandatory date for arrival and entrance in the Bubble – Bubble Concept

Any participant accommodated inside the Bubble for a FIBA Competition – including all Team Delegation Members, FIBA Game Officials & Representatives, Host staff and any other individual as applicable – is required to arrive and enter the Bubble on Game Day-3.

The Host shall make all necessary arrangements with the official hotels to ensure that the official Bubble hotel is fully setup, sanitised and ready for the first arrival of participants.

### Assumption of costs

Any additional costs related to accommodation and board related to COVID-19 Protocol implementation in comparison to agreed hosting requirements shall be in principle borne by the respective party, e.g. Teams, unless instructed otherwise by FIBA.

All PCR and Antigen testing required by FIBA within this protocol will be covered by the respective visiting Teams or FIBA, in case of FIBA Officials/Representatives. Additional costs related to COVID-19 testing that is mandated by the Local Governments shall be covered by the Host.

### Late arrivals

Late arrivals in the Bubble are not allowed. The entirety of a Team Delegation, including President and Secretary General where applicable, or any other participant shall arrive and enter the Bubble on the date indicated above.

Should there be motivated reasons for non-compliance in relation to a specific individual, a request shall be submitted for FIBA review well in advance and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis at FIBA discretion. The individual shall in any case undergo the pre-Competition requirements listed in this Protocol.

FIBA will consider individuals with documented completion of a full vaccination cycle as low risk compared to all others.

### Early arrivals

Subject to Host country authority approval in relation to the implementation of the Bubble concept, Teams may arrange to arrive earlier than the official Bubble start date and complete their preparation in the host country of the Competition. Should this be the case, arrangements shall be made in conjunction with the Host to provide a biosecure environment on those dates despite the official Bubble hotel not being fully operational yet. Any additional costs in this respect shall be borne by the participating Teams.

Similarly, FIBA Game Officials and Representatives may also arrive earlier due to setup and preparations.

All required testing shall nevertheless take the official Bubble start date as a reference and arrangements will need to be made to undergo the final PCR test in the host country prior to entrance in the Bubble for non-vaccinated individuals.

**Example:** Should a Team request to arrive on 18 November for a Bubble start date of 22 November, then the required test on the 19 November (72 hours before entrance, as per Protocol) will need to be organised on site at the Team's expenses.

On-site testing will be organised on site, for non-vaccinated participants, on the first day of the Bubble (in the case above, on 22 November), with all participants required to isolate in their rooms until negative PCR test results are returned (see section below).

## 5.2 Host Staff, volunteers, and suppliers – Home/away and Bubble concept

For a detailed chart outlining all testing requirements, please see Appendix 1.
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All non-vaccinated Host staff, volunteers and suppliers who are appointed to work in the Competition in vicinity of individuals who belong to "Zone 1" (e.g. participating Teams, FIBA Game Officials and Representatives shall undergo one (1) PCR test no later than 48 hours prior to first contact with Contact Group 1. Please see Appendix 1 for full details.

Furthermore, all individuals who are not vaccinated shall also undergo rapid antigen testing every day from their initial PCR test date until their duties at the Competition are concluded in order to minimise risks of COVID-19 transmission.

No testing is required for fully vaccinated individuals.

HOST STAFF CONTACT GROUP 1		ON-SITE TESTING REQUIREMENTS	
		PRE-COMPETITION TEST	OTHER TESTS
Bubble Concept	Vaccinated individuals	<b>Not required</b> Unless required by local authority	
	All other individuals	One (1) PCR test 48h before first contact with Contact Group 1.	Rapid antigen testing every day from their PCR test date until last day operating at FIBA Competition
Home & Away	Vaccinated individuals	<b>Not required</b> Unless required by local authority	
	All other individuals	One (1) PCR test 48h before first contact with Contact Group 1.	Rapid antigen testing every day from their PCR test date until last day operating at FIBA Competition

## 6. Ground transportation

The following requirements apply to both home & away and bubble concept.

### 6.1 Teams

All team transport by bus requires that the vehicles are thoroughly disinfected shortly before collecting the team. All non-vaccinated drivers are required to undergo a negative COVID-19 PCR test from a swab collected within forty-eight (48) hours of first contact and daily antigen tests while on duty.

The bus driver must wear a mask and maintain 1.5m social distancing.

Team Delegation Members shall continue to wear masks during travel regardless of vaccination status.

The Team Biosecurity Compliance Official shall notify the Host and the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer if these requirements are not complied with.

Each Team must have its own dedicated vehicle and driver until final departure.

### 6.2 FIBA Game Officials and Representatives

The Host is responsible for ensuring that FIBA Game Officials and Representatives have safe transfer and ground transportation from the moment of arrival in the host country or location of the Game.

All vehicles must be thoroughly disinfected before use and capacity shall adhere to local regulations in relation to safe distancing. All vehicle drivers are subject to the same requirements as the bus drivers above, namely, if not vaccinated, a negative COVID-19 PCR test from a swab collected within forty-eight (48) hours of first contact, daily antigen tests while on duty and the use of a face mask.

### 6.3 Vehicle sanitisation

Vehicles must be fully sanitised, and sanitisation spray put in the air conditioner channels at least once a day (ideally at the end of the day when vehicles are on stand-by and parked in the transportation company facilities).

Shortly before collecting participants, vehicles must be sanitised in the following parts: seats, door arm, window buttons, seat belts, knobs, etc.

It is the responsibility of the Host to ensure that any transport suppliers are aware of, agree to and meet the specific testing, hygiene, and cleaning protocols in order to transport Team Delegation and FIBA Game Officials and Representatives.

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## 7. Accommodation and board

### 7.1 General principles

#### Home & Away

For home and away games, hotel arrangements shall be made by the respective visiting Teams with the assistance of the Host if needed.

Arrangements must be in place to limit contact between event participants and hotel staff. Dedicated dining and meeting rooms should be provided to the event participants.

#### Bubble Concept

In the bubble concept, the Host shall identify official hotel providing safe and exclusive accommodation to Team Delegations, FIBA Game Officials and Representatives (e.g. staff) as well as any other Host staff or participant required to stay in the Bubble (the “Bubble hotels”).

Arrangements must be in place to limit contact between event participants and hotel staff. Only Team Delegations, FIBA Game Officials and Representatives and a limited number of staff holding appropriate accreditation granting access shall be allowed in the hotel. Access control measures shall be put in place in this respect. If this is not possible, arrangements must be put in place to prevent or reduce all risks of close contact between Competition participants in the Bubble hotel and other hotel guests or staff.

#### Single room policy

In both bubble concept and home and away, it is strongly recommended that all participants are accommodated in single rooms to reduce the risk of virus transmission. However, room sharing is permitted especially in case of vaccinated individuals.

In case of participants (e.g. Players) accommodated in double rooms, it shall be noted that, should a participant test positive, the respective non-vaccinated roommate will immediately be required to quarantine as a close contact.

#### Other requirements for risk prevention

Participants shall not invite other individuals – whether members of their own team or of other teams – in their room to prevent any risk of virus transmission.

Dining arrangements shall be in a private area with no public access. In principle, each team shall be provided one room of sufficient size for its exclusive use as meeting and dining room. Should this not be possible, each dining or meeting area should be for the exclusive

use of one team at a time, with full sanitisation between use by different teams and based on a schedule to be prepared daily subject to team needs.

Separate exclusive dining/meeting rooms or appropriate areas must be provided for FIBA Game Officials (the FIBA Officiating Team) and for FIBA Representatives (e.g. staff).

Participants must stay at the hotel at all times unless for training or competition purposes. Visitors are not permitted. Public areas such as a public bar are off limits while at the hotel.

Team meetings and social functions may be arranged but these are exclusively for team members and safety protocols must be maintained at all times. Where possible, these should be held in outdoor areas of the hotel.

When moving inside the hotel, event participants must wear face masks and maintain social distancing. If practical, the stairs should be used and sharing of lifts avoided.

## **7.2 Hotel requirements and services - Bubble concept only**

The Medical Compliance Officer must liaise and work with the official hotel prior to the Team Delegations' arrival, in order to ensure that health & safety measures in the hotel with regards to hygiene, catering, security are of the required standard and in line with this FIBA COVID-19 Protocol.

The following non-exhaustive list of requirements shall be included in the agreements with each official Bubble hotel:

- Facilitated check-in and check-out to limit contact;
- Full sanitisation of rooms prior to use;
- Regular sanitisation of common areas, corridors, lifts and stairs;
- Regular sanitisation of any dining and meeting areas with restricted access to essential hotel staff while in use;
- Staff wear face masks, maintain social distancing restrictions and not attend the hotel if unwell – additionally and where possible, they shall undergo periodic COVID-19 testing prior to and during the period of the Competition; and
- Security control the entry to the hotel or secure floor from access of non-participants.

### **Hotel staff**

It is crucial to limit potential exposure of tested uninfected individuals to any person, object or surface within the hotel that could constitute a COVID-19 infection risk. As a general rule, interactions between hotel staff and Teams should be minimised. All hotel staff on duty must sanitise hands frequently and wear face mask.

Hotel staff deployed must be kept to a minimum and rotation reduced (e.g. one team dedicated to catering services, one person or small cleaning team per floor).

## **Entrance and exit**

While entering the hotel for the first time upon arrival, Team Delegation Members and FIBA Game Officials/Representatives must go through temperature screening and security control.

For the duration of their stay, Team Delegation Members and FIBA Game Officials and Representatives will be required to present their accreditation at the access control while entering the hotel. Access control and visual accreditation screening shall be completed by security personnel appointed either by the Bubble Host or by the hotel.

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

Team Delegation Members and FIBA Game Officials/Representatives must stay at the hotel at all times unless for training or competition purposes. Visitors are not permitted.

## **Hotel check-in procedure**

It is recommended that one (1) Team Delegation Member will check-in the entire Team Delegation, with the other members waiting in the bus or in the hotel lobby.

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.

## **Room policies and cleaning**

All team members must be, if possible, accommodated in single rooms on the same floor or area of the hotel. All rooms should be adequately ventilated, and hand sanitiser must be provided in every room.

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.

## **Dining/Meeting room**

Each team shall in principle have its own dedicated Team Dining/Meeting room equipped with TV screen and HDMI cables.



The Team Dining/Meeting Room shall have sufficient space for twenty-five (25) people (not smaller than 80sqm) and seating to allow for physical distancing in accordance with the health and safety recommendations.

## **Catering**

Buffet food set-up is highly recommended, and food shall be served by hotel staff (behind plexiglass). While waiting to be served, queues shall comply with the minimum of 1.5m physical distancing precautions.

Clean-up should take place after all meals have been finished and the dining room has been vacated.

## **Room service and mini bar**

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**

Team Delegations and any other 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. The Team Delegation will be invoiced or required to reimburse all costs on site, subject to agreements with the Host.

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, Team Delegation Members 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 sanitise the package wherever possible; and
- The individual shall come to entrance lobby and take delivery to the room (not in team dining area).

## **Laundry**

Laundry procedures put in place by the Host and hotel shall reduce all unnecessary contact with participants and guarantee a safe collection, processing, and sanitised delivery of

laundry. It is recommended that one dedicated person from the Team Delegation collect the laundry bags and distribute them once cleaned.

### **Common hotel areas**

All guests must wear face mask in common hotel areas. All relevant spaces and surfaces must be thoroughly and regularly sanitised and cleaned. Hand sanitiser stations must be provided and placed in key locations (elevator entrance, check-in area, etc.).

All common areas should have sufficient space and seating to allow for physical distancing in accordance with the recommendations made in the FIBA COVID-19 Protocol.

### **Hotel restaurants and bars**

Existing restaurants and bars in the hotel may be open to the public only if they have independent access from the street without accessing the hotel lobby.

Should they be open, Team Delegation Members and FIBA Game Officials and Representatives shall not be allowed access.

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

The hotel fitness room or gym (where existing) shall be available only by appointment booked through the Team Liaison Officer. 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 by the Host Biosecurity Compliance Officer to ensure social distancing and sensitisation in between groups.

Access to sauna and jacuzzies may be allowed subject to approval of the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer and adequate sanitisation after each use.

### **Physiotherapy**

A room may be set aside for each team's physiotherapy needs and all precautions taken to reduce the risk of cross infection. It is a requirement or recommendation of most health authorities that primary care health practitioners be vaccinated. Physiotherapists shall take the following precautions in the treatment of players:

- Physiotherapist and player must wear masks at all times;
- The treatment bench should be thoroughly cleaned with an alcohol-based product before each individual player treatment;
- Hand hygiene undertaken by both player and physiotherapist;

- The treated player should shower immediately before and after a treatment;
- For each treatment session (multiple players) the physiotherapist should sanitise their hands before each session; and
- No unnecessary treatment is allowed, e.g. treatment of team support personnel.

## Isolation Housing

The Biosecurity Compliance Official shall work with the appointed Official Hotel and under the supervision of the COVID-19 Oversight Committee in advance to the Competition to assess the need for dedicated Isolation Housing.

Isolation Housing shall consist of a sufficient number of single rooms located on a floor or wing of the hotel separate from any other participant rooms. These rooms shall be equipped with as many amenities as possible to prevent the need for room cleaning. In case of players, any facilities that could allow players to maintain mild to moderate exercise while in isolation would be welcome.

Meals shall be delivered outside of the room by personnel wearing all necessary protective equipment.

The hotel and/or government authorities shall nevertheless dedicate well trained staff for necessary housekeeping activities, sanitation and disinfection, meal room service and any other service provided in the designated isolation areas.

The hotel must ensure strict movement control and provide 24/7 security in the area.

## 8. Medical equipment and treatment

The following requirements apply to both home & away and bubble concept.

### 8.1 Medical equipment and facilities

The Host must ensure that there are adequate medical facilities and equipment to prevent COVID-19 infections and manage any suspected infection on site. This will include, but not limited to:

- Adequate PPE, including an emergency PPE supply, face masks, gowns, face shields and gloves at the competition venue and hotel;
- Appropriate medical equipment, including pathology collection and swabs (this may be delegated to a pathology provider);
- Medical cleaning equipment;
- Medical waste and disposal; and
- Appropriate isolation and transport facilities.

The Host must ensure there is sufficient and qualified event medical personnel to manage a COVID-19 infection case. The Committee should also have hospitalisation and specialist medical support available if required.

### 8.2 Team Doctor

Team Delegations shall always include a registered medical practitioner.

It is the Team Doctor's responsibility to ensure that all team members are educated on the COVID-19 virus, infection prevention measures, personal hygiene, and undertake risk assessments on every member of the team (risk of infection and personal health risk should there be an infection), undertake cardiac screening for players with past COVID-19 infection, have access to all PCR test results and vaccination status of members of the team and work collaboratively with the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer.

### 8.3 Medical emergencies

Emergency transfers to a local hospital by ambulance will be considered "safe" and the concerned individual will be allowed to return to the Bubble.

Should a Team Delegation member or participant require examination at the local hospital or at a private medical facility, arrangements shall be made in advance, with the support of the Medical Doctor and the Biosecurity Compliance Official, in order to prevent contact and waiting as much as possible. Transfers shall be carried out using exclusive dedicated vehicles and PPE shall be worn at all times.

## 9. Venue setup and operations

In both home & away and bubble concepts, the Host is responsible to ensure that the competition venue is safe and compliant with local public health authority restrictions and the FIBA COVID-19 Protocol requirements.

### 9.1 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. Arrangements must comply with local public health authority requirements and be applied for anyone entering the venue. Non-contact temperature measurement devices shall be made available as well as a conventional thermometer to be used in case of doubtful measurements.

The arrival of Team Delegations and Game Officials must be staggered to avoid mixing and crowding in the corridors. During team arrivals, the presence of any staff along the internal arena route should be kept to a minimum, with stewards in place to temporarily stop any other transit.

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. Teams may then perform a warm-up and maintain separation during this time.

It is the responsibility of the Team and Host Biosecurity Compliance Officials to ensure that these requirements are followed.

### 9.2 Face masks

Every person in the venue in Zone 1 is required to wear a face mask at all times. It is essential that face masks are changed frequently (e.g. surgical masks) and/or washed/sanitised (e.g. textile masks), depending on the type of model used. All masks, and particularly industrially manufactured textile masks, should comply with industry standards and certifications.

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

- All Team Delegation Members, when competing in a game (including when sitting on the bench) or practicing;
- The three (3) Referees, when officiating their game (e.g. from the moment they start their own warm-up for the game and including IRS review situations).

Team Delegations and FIBA Game Officials/Representatives are responsible for travelling with sufficient masks for the duration of FIBA Competitions and for sanitising their own masks where applicable.

Wearing face masks is always highly recommended; however, local protocols are to be applied in Zones 2 and 3.

### **9.3 Hand sanitisation and dispensers**

Frequent hand sanitisation is a mandatory requirement at entrance and frequently once inside the venue.

It is a requirement that sanitiser dispensers be positioned at all access points to the venue and checked/refilled periodically subject to needs. This includes:

- All entrances to the Venue (mandatory hand sanitisation)
- Along all main access ways in Zone 1 and in other areas
- Team changing rooms
- Referee changing rooms
- Team benches
- Scorer's and Technical Table
- Behind each backstop unit (for ball-boys and volunteers as well as photographers)
- Flash Interview area entrances
- Press Conference Room entrances
- Inside offices and working areas (Host, Volunteers, Media)
- HB vehicles (Host Broadcaster responsibility)

Should spectators be allowed in the venue, they shall also undergo hand sanitisation at entrance and be able to access hand sanitiser dispensers along the public concourse corridors.

### **9.4 Cleaning and sanitisation**

All areas of the venue that are in use for the game must 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.

The Biosecurity Compliance Official must make sure that a process is in place that ensures compliance.

### **9.5 Court, team benches, Scorer's, and Technical Table**

Team benches, Scorer's and Technical Table will be in a normal configuration and won't require special distancing between seats any longer. All furniture and equipment must still be adequately sanitised between practice sessions and games, as per requirements in section 10.

The Scorer's Table no longer requires a glass barrier nor the usage of face shields, but face masks are still mandatory for all individuals operating at the scorer's and technical tables as both are in Zone 1.

### **9.6 Team and Referee changing rooms and services**

The following requirements shall be implemented in the Team and Referee changing rooms:

- Exclusive usage of one or more changing rooms shall be provided to a team where possible;
- Any saunas, ice-baths, pools or jacuzzies must be closed or drained;
- All fitness equipment must be disinfected before and after use and located either within an area of the changing room or completely separate, particularly if space is required for warmup and stretching;
- Physio equipment and massage beds must be disinfected before and after use;
- Participants must have individual drink bottles and towels; and
- Doping control facilities must align with FIBA Protocol with cleaning and restricted access to individuals who have undergone isolation and testing procedures. This includes the doping control personnel.

The changing rooms, Team and FIBA Game Officials access routes (corridors, door handles, handrails, etc.), team benches and Scorer's and Technical Tables must be thoroughly disinfected prior to the arrival of the teams and FIBA Game Officials.

Once the changing rooms have been disinfected prior to team arrivals no one may enter other than designated FIBA Representatives who are vaccinated or have undergone the same isolation and testing procedures as the Team Delegation members.

### **9.7 Venue isolation room**

A designated isolation room must be prepared in the venue to accommodate any individuals who display COVID-19 symptoms or who have returned a positive PCR test result while at the venue.

### **9.8 Media Tribune**

The Media Tribune at FIBA Competitions shall be considered as Zone 3 and must not be positioned on or near the field of play.



Media positions shall be setup following the local social distancing requirements and allocating fixed positions to each accredited media representative.

## 9.9 Venue zoning and accreditation

The implementation of the required zoning concept is vital for the successful implementation of this COVID-19 Protocol.

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

The following zones shall be identified:

- **Zone 1 – “Team Areas”** which include team entrance, access corridors, changing rooms for teams and referees, first aid room, doping control room, Scorer’s Table, Technical Table, team benches, court and court boundary lines, with a clear delimitation and access control (e.g. LED boards or signage). A participant tribune, easily accessible from the team areas and preferably not in camera view shall also be included.

Zone 1 is for the exclusive access of:

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

The total number of individuals in Zone 1 at any given moment should not exceed one hundred and fifty (150) or follow other restrictions of the local public health authorities. Broadcast and manned camera positions are excluded from this zone. Appropriate access rights shall be implemented via accreditation devices and mask usage remains mandatory in this Zone.

The Host shall ensure that all access points to Zone 1 are staffed and secured and only authorised accredited personnel are allowed to enter.

- **Zone 2 – “Operations Areas”** include the remaining field of play area around the court, any broadcast and photographer areas as well as – where required - sport presentation positions and some Host offices (Administration Areas). The “Operations Areas” shall include all manned camera positions.



- **Zone 3 – “Tribunes, Concourse and Venue Exteriors”** extends from the outer limits of Zones 1 and 2, including the media tribune and any spectator tribunes, to the outer boundary of the arena environments (fences, turnstiles, gates, etc.) as well as the broadcast compound.

All access points between zones must be clearly marked and have security control, and the Host is responsible for overseeing the movement of people between different zones.

If the FIBA accreditation system is not used, the Host is responsible for implementing an accreditation system that enables personalised accreditation as a minimum for all individuals requiring access to Zone 1 and who have been subject to testing according to the requirements of this Protocol. This must be strictly enforced with appropriate biosecurity arrangements.

The Host shall submit to FIBA for review its venue zoning as part of its COVID-19 Protocol Implementation Plan and inform well in advance on any local protocol requirements related to additional mandatory testing, for activities outside of Zone 1.

## **Accreditation distribution and management**

**Accreditations shall only be provided to individuals who comply with the testing requirements.**

In addition to setting up an Accreditation Centre at the Venue, in the case of a bubble concept, the Host shall make all necessary arrangements to provide accreditation badges directly at the Hotel for all individuals accommodated in the Bubble. Accreditation shall be provided immediately upon arrival and shall be used to identify individuals who are entitled to access the Bubble hotel.

In case positive PCR tests leading to an individual being excluded from the Competition, the information shall be escalated to the FIBA Accreditation Coordinators, where present, or the Host Accreditation Coordinators, in order to take necessary action related to the individual's accreditation (e.g. withdrawal of the accreditation).

### **9.10 Signage**

Hosts shall increase signage throughout the venue to raise awareness on precautions and measures to be taken. Signage templates may be provided by FIBA and shall be installed as required.

## 10. Game and practice operations

The following requirements apply to both home & away and bubble concept.

### 10.1 Venue entrance and exit procedures

The Bubble Host shall adequately staff and equip all entrances – including spectator entrances - to guarantee:

1. Fever screening for all individuals entering the venue (infrared hand thermometers will need to be provided together with conventional back-up thermometers). 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.
2. Mandatory hand sanitisation (security personnel or volunteers to monitor implementation).

### 10.2 Team arrival and departure

In light of the measures being implemented, Team Delegations shall review their traditional arrival time at the venue and adjust according to court availability and to limit their waiting time in the Team Areas.

After the game, it is recommended that the time spent at the venue be minimised. Showering may be permitted in line with the directives issued by the local public health authorities. It is, however, recommended that showers be taken at the hotel.

In case of doping control, sanitised vehicles will need to be provided by the Host to bring any tested players back to the hotel to prevent the entire Team Delegation from waiting at the venue.

### 10.3 Team benches, Scorer's, and Technical Tables

The Team Biosecurity Compliance Official must be in the bench area and ensure that the safety measures are complied with. Should this not be the case, a Deputy must be appointed.

Medical personnel must utilise the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and follow local authority and FIBA medical guidelines.

FIBA Game Officials and Representatives and all other personnel sitting at the Scorer's or Technical Table must have designated seating according to their accreditation which should correspond to their isolation and testing requirements and therefore zone access.

Substitute seats shall be installed as per standard setup and sanitised regularly together with other infrastructure.

#### 10.4 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.

Teams shall be provided with a dedicated Molten ball carrier and a dedicated set of previously sanitised basketballs.

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.

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

Players shall be called to the court from the bench for team presentations and not from the corridor or tunnel. Players must return to the bench following the presentation of the teams and other requirements, e.g. following national anthems.

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 unless fully compliant with vaccination or testing requirements.

#### 10.6 Game time and half-time

All Team Delegation members must retain 1.5m social distancing as far as is practical, avoid unnecessary contact with others and use only their own personal identified drink bottles and towels.

Following the half-time break, teams should again avoid congregating in the tunnel and must instead go directly to the court according to the timings indicated in the countdown to tip-off. Players and referees should liberally use hand sanitising gel prior to entry from the court and at breaks during the game.

The FIBA Technical Delegate is responsible for overseeing the sanitisation of the balls by the Host.

### **10.7 Post-game**

Players may go through the usual post game acknowledgement of opposition players and coaches but must limit physical contact, e.g. no handshaking. The swapping of uniforms or other items is discouraged.

All participants must exit the court in a timely way and not congregate unnecessarily post game.

As soon as teams and Game Officials have left the court area, the court and the team benches must immediately undergo full sanitisation using appropriate products. It is therefore required that the following time is allowed between practices and games:

- Minimum fifteen (15) minutes between end of a practice session and start of the following one;
- Minimum three (3) hours between tip-off time of games, allowing for sufficient time between end of a game and access to court for following game.

### **10.8 Participant Tribune and scouting – Bubble concept**

Teams are allowed a limited number of accreditations and encouraged to reduce attending staff to the minimum possible to reduce risks of virus transmission.

Where applicable, accredited Team Delegation members who are not sitting on the bench during the game will be able to attend the game in a dedicated Participant Tribune located in Zone 1, maintaining a distance of 1.5m and wearing face masks at all times. The Host shall plan for this space and ensure that it is not accessible to any other groups.

Any other Team guests (e.g. spectators) will not be able to access this Participant Tribune or interact with any member of the Team Delegation (Contact Group 1) at any time during the duration of the games.

## **Scouting**

A maximum of three (3) accredited coaching staff per team may attend games of other teams for scouting purposes. Unless a specific area is identified for this purpose, scouting personnel will also be required to sit in the Participant Tribune to ensure that there is no

contact with other groups. Special arrangements will need to be made by the respective Team Delegations for their transportation in case they are not travelling with the provided Team Bus.

## **Game viewing**

In order to limit the presence of individuals in the Venue and particularly in Zone 1, game viewing by Team Delegations (e.g. players and other Team Delegation members) is limited to the game of the opponent on the following game day.

Team Delegations shall inform in advance for all parties to make appropriate arrangements. The Team Delegation shall use alternate seating in the Participant Tribune and wear face masks at all times.

Exceptions to this rule may be applied where applicable and subject to sufficient seating in the venue and local authority approval.

## **FIBA Game Officials**

FIBA Game Officials may also use the Participant Tribune, in full accordance with social distancing measures.

### **10.9 Ball and equipment sanitisation**

Where possible, the following shall be planned for:

- Two (2) Molten ball carriers with twelve (12) balls each for practice sessions – alternating carrier between practice sessions and providing a sanitised set of balls and carrier at each session;
- Four (4) Molten ball carriers (if available) with minimum eight (8) balls each for the two games being played in case of bubble concept – sanitising all balls and carriers before the games and using two sets in each, one for each team.

A separate game ball and back-up game ball shall be managed and sanitised separately.

One person from the Host staff shall be responsible for the sanitisation of all balls.

Only a limited number of ball boys (max. two (2) per side, without rotation – same tested ball boys at all games) shall handle the balls, in addition to the Team Delegation players and staff. Ball boys are not required to wear gloves but shall sanitise their hands regularly (e.g. every fifteen (15) minutes) during warm-up and half-time.

Please consult FIBA at any time for recommendations on the products to be used to sanitise the official Molten basketballs.

## 10.10 Towels, water, and ice

### Towels

Teams will be informed in advance of each Competition held in a Bubble Concept on whether towels will be provided by the Host or if the Team is responsible for them, as applicable.

The Team Biosecurity Compliance Official shall ensure that towels are clearly marked for each player (and Team Delegation member if applicable) and are kept separate and not exchanged.

A Team Delegation person shall distribute and collect all towels – whether on the bench or in the changing rooms. It is recommended that he/she sanitise hands frequently and/or wear gloves when handling towels. Laundry shall be organised with the hotel with the assistance of the Team Liaison Officer.

FIBA Referees shall also not exchange their towel(s) and shall leave them in the changing room at the end of the game. Plastic bags should be provided in the changing rooms for the FIBA Referees to dispose of towels and any other items used.

### Water

The water bottles and sport bottles provided will need to be labelled with the name and/or number of the player (or Team Delegation member if applicable). Each player shall have his own supply of individually labelled water bottles to be used during play, which must not be shared.

FIBA Referees shall also label their own bottles and prevent any exchanges.

### Ice

Team Delegations shall be responsible for handling their own ice stock provided by the Host. Team Delegation personnel shall apply particular care in its use to prevent possible virus-transmission.

## 10.11 Printed statistics

The Host shall ensure that the person(s) in charge of distributing statistics printouts have adequately sanitised their hands prior to handling and distribution.

## **10.12 Medical assistance or other technical interventions in Zone 1**

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 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.

Should urgent repair/technical interventions be required (e.g. to repair equipment at the benches, Scorer's Table or in the changing rooms, or intervene on basketball equipment) immediately before or during the game or practice sessions, when Team Delegations and FIBA Game Officials/Representatives are in the area, any individuals in Contact Group 1 shall maintain their distance throughout the intervention. Any surfaces handled need to be fully sanitised once the intervention is concluded.

## **10.13 Entertainment**

Any entertainment groups may in principle only perform in Zones 2 and 3 and all sport presentation personnel shall be positioned either in Zones 2 or 3.

Nevertheless, entertainment groups and activities may be allowed in Zone 1, e.g. on the court, provided that all individuals involved are fully vaccinated or have undergone all testing requirements related to Contact Group 1 Host personnel.

Mask wearing requirements are lifted for the duration of the activity.

## **10.14 Practice requirements**

Teams shall respect indicated practice schedule timings and enter/leave the court in a timely manner. Sanitisation times between sessions shall be taken into account. Players must shower and change at the hotel after training and not at the practice facility.

The Host shall ensure that all requirements regarding sanitisation of court area, balls and any other equipment are fully complied with.

Scrimmages between participating teams are not allowed at all Competitions from the official start of the Bubble.



## **11. Media operations**

The following requirements apply to both home & away and bubble concept.

### **11.1 General principles**

The implementation of this Protocol has a range of implications on media activities, being those of the Host Broadcaster (HB) and Rights Holders (RH) or those of Non-Rights Holders (NRH). Nevertheless, FIBA strives to ensure that media are able to provide high level coverage of its Competition in the midst of this pandemic and create valuable content.

All accredited media who are not in contact with Zone 1 must comply with local COVID-19 protocols. Maintaining social distancing measures and avoiding any physical contact with Zone 1 individuals is mandatory. If there is a need to be in close contact to Zone 1 individuals, mask wearing and a distance of 1.5m must be respected. Additional requirements may be introduced by service and media providers to support the safety of their personnel.

Broadcast and media technical suppliers shall always limit their staff to the minimum necessary which will be approved and accredited for access purposes. FIBA reserves the right to restrict numbers of such accreditations.

It is the responsibility of the Biosecurity Compliance Official to ensure these requirements are in place and adhered to, in full cooperation with the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer as well as FIBA and Host Media Operations staff, as applicable.

### **11.2 Access & circulation flows**

The overall number of media accreditations available will be assessed depending on the capacity of the venue's media areas in COVID-19 set-up and possible local requirements.

Procedures and access at the Accreditation Centre shall be planned in order to avoid waiting queues.

Local protocol measures will be implanted for Media and sanitiser dispensers shall be available at all access points of the different media areas. Entrance and exit to all rooms and areas of the venue shall preferably be separate.

In addition to classic signage to guide media to the media areas, a clear circulation path must be established to avoid crossing, with arrows and additional signage.

Only a pre-defined number of media shall be able to access specific zones (e.g. Press Conference Room) at FIBA's discretion and in cooperation with the Host Media Officer.



### **11.3 Media Working Room**

Where a media working room is set up, working position in the room shall be limited and a 1.5m distance between positions must be guaranteed.

Media staff and volunteers shall wear face masks at all times and the room shall be fully sanitised on a daily basis.

No food shall be made available as buffet: only pre-packaged meal/snacks available with vouchers (times to be arranged to avoid queues to eat). Ideally, a volunteer should oversee the distribution.

### **11.4 Broadcast and broadcast positions**

The broadcast compound must be set up in a way that allows sufficient space for the movement of people without congestion e.g. vehicles appropriately spaced apart, clearly marked corridors and movement lanes.

Camera positions will only be permitted in Zone 2 unless approved by FIBA. Any approval of camera positions in Zone 1 will require separation from Team Delegation members and FIBA Game Officials, maintaining a distance of minimum 1.5m and the wearing of a face mask at all times.

Bench and time-out camera may cover the time-outs only from Zone 2 and respecting a minimum distance of 1.5m from the first Team Delegation member on the bench. In specific situations, e.g. if the boom mic operator cannot comply with the COVID-19 measures due to the arena layout/distances/zoning, alternative solutions may need to be identified, such as a microphone fixed on the floor or next to the bench area. Additional information will be provided in such cases.

A plan for all camera positions shall be approved by FIBA and the Host in relation to this COVID-19 Protocol.

### **11.5 TV Commentary Positions**

TV Commentary Positions shall be located in Zone 2, with sufficient distance from the court, team benches and team entrance and exit. Rights Holders shall nevertheless have easy access to the Flash Interview positions, limiting crossing with individuals in Zone 1.

Positions shall be set up in a way that guarantees social distancing between positions and rights-holders. Sanitiser dispensers should be made available at each access point of the Commentary Positions.

Positions shall be assigned for the entire duration of the Competition and the positions frequently sanitised.

## **11.6 Media Tribune**

The Media Tribune shall be located on an upper ring, in either Zone 2 or Zone 3, not courtside and at considerable distance from players, benches and court, e.g. in the spectator tribunes.

The setup of positions in the Media Tribune must follow local social distancing guidelines and are recommended to allow a 1.5m distance to guarantee social distancing between members of the media when sitting in the tribune.

Media representatives should have an assigned position for the entire duration of the tournament and be escorted to it by members of the media operations staff. The tribune shall be fully sanitised on a daily basis.

Sanitiser dispensers should be made available at each access point of the tribune and face masks worn at all times.

## **11.7 Photographers**

There shall be a maximum of twenty (20) accredited photographers (including FIBA Photographer and any authorised Rights-Holders ENG cameras) evenly spread out – ten (10) on each end of the court – five (5) on each side of the basket. Photographers should have a clearly marked assigned position for the Competition and not move during the game. There must be a minimum of 1.5m between each photographer positions.

Photographers responsible for sanitising their own material.

## **11.8 Interviews**

Interview opportunities with a few players will be organized for all Rights-Holders and selected Non-Rights-Holders as defined by FIBA. They shall take place on or around the court once the rest of the team have left the area or in a suitable pre-approved interview location that guarantees mandatory social distancing between participants in Zone 1 and media in Zone 2, as applicable.

A selected number of Non-Rights Holders may have interview opportunities in an appropriate zone designated as Mixed Zone and as defined by FIBA.

The following requirements shall be implemented at all times:

- Defined positions shall be assigned in accordance with available space, ensuring a distance of 1.5m is respected between interview positions and giving priority to Rights-Holder positions;

- Microphones for interviews must be on a long boom pole/stick, to avoid getting too close to the players/coaches (distance of minimum 1.5m with the journalist to be guaranteed at any time);
- All microphones must be covered with plastic or other material that can be sanitised after each interview – players and coaches may still opt to keep a mask on;
- Camera persons, media and staff must always wear masks.

Teams will be required to make a Head Coach and up to 4 players available for interviews, as per FIBA request.

All other Team Delegation Members shall leave the court area without passing through any media interview positions or having any contact with Zone 2.

Rights-Holders shall always have priority in interviews. FIBA and/or Host media operations staff shall be on site to oversee operations in the interview area.

### **11.9 Post-game press conferences**

If taking place, press conferences will be conducted in such a way that maintains social distancing and Protocol requirements.

**Only Rights-Holders and selected Non-Rights-Holders (as decided by FIBA and/or Host media operations) shall be entitled to attend post-game press conference.** Access to other media representatives should only be granted remotely (e.g. via Zoom or other communication channels).

The following requirements shall be implemented at all press conferences:

- Only Rights-Holders and selected Non-Rights-Holders will be allowed to access the room (SADs if necessary);
- As the press conferences will be conducted in an enclosed room, the number of participants should be limited to max 1 per 4 sqm;
- Ideally, there shall be dedicated entry and exit points for Team Delegations and Media with mandatory hand sanitation prior to entrance;
- Media personnel must wear face masks and maintain a distance of at least 2m from the Team Delegation Members at all times;
- The moderator, as well as players and coaches accessing the room, must wear a mask to reach their seat. They can remove their mask during the press conference;
- On the stage, the distance between moderator, player and coach must be minimum 1.5m. The moderator should preferably not be located on the podium;
- The translator (where required) should not take place at the table but remain on the side or in the first row of seats, using a dedicated mobile microphone and respecting security distance of 1.5m with the other persons (and wearing a mask);

- Recording devices (dictaphones, mobile phones, etc) must not be placed on the press conference table;
- All microphones must be covered with plastic or other material that can be cleaned on after each press conference; and
- Media staff, suppliers and volunteers shall wear face masks at all times.

#### **11.10 Media access to practice sessions**

Subject to FIBA confirmation for the respective Competition, Rights Holders and a limited number of Non-Rights Holders will have the possibility of accessing teams for coverage and interviews at practice sessions, according to specific timings, e.g. the last five (5) minutes of the practice session until ten (10) minutes after its end.

Access shall be subject to arrangements with the local BOVM or Media Operations Manager and shall comply with all Protocol requirements previously outlined in this section.

## 12. Presence of spectators

The presence of both local and international spectators at a Game shall in principle be determined by the local public health authorities and the restrictions that exist around public gatherings in the host country. FIBA reserves the right at any time, however, to review the proposed maximum capacity in relation to current host country COVID-19 prevalence, vaccination rates and other local aspects and issue a decision for the safety and well-being of the participants.

Whenever spectators are allowed, there should be double barriers wherever spectators are in close proximity with Zones 1 and 2 to ensure a minimum distance of 5 m between the first spectators and any outer boundary of Zones 1 and 2.

Access, movement, and seating arrangements will be impacted and require careful planning according to local requirements.

There will be a number of aspects to venue and game management that will need to be implemented that will add a significant complexity to ensuring a safe environment.

### **13. Measures in case of symptoms or positive cases**

Anyone involved in a FIBA Competition who develops symptoms indicative of a potential viral infection, which must be honestly declared, must immediately isolate, and contact the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer for guidance and testing.

Symptomatic individuals will not be permitted to enter the Venue or circulate in the Bubble hotel and will be immediately reported to the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer, who will decide whether the individual shall undergo testing. If required to undergo testing, the participant shall self-isolate in their hotel room until the results of the test are known. Testing results shall be handled in accordance with the below.

Should participants (e.g. players) be accommodated in double rooms, it shall be noted that the respective non-vaccinated roommate will be also immediately required to isolate, although in another separate room.

It is a responsibility of each Team Doctor to check for potential viral infection and COVID-19 symptoms on all Team Delegation Members on a daily basis. The Team Doctor shall report findings to the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer.

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 of taste and/or smell.

A list of symptoms of COVID-19 can be found here:

[https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus#tab=tab\\_3](https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus#tab=tab_3)

In the case of FIBA Game Officials and Representatives and other non-Team Delegation Members, individuals should contact the designated FIBA Medical Compliance Officer or Host Medical Doctor. The Host Medical Doctor should attend the game and be available to support teams and FIBA Game Officials and Representatives.

The Host must ensure that the venue and, in the case of a Bubble Concept, that the hotel both have the appropriate isolation facilities to manage such a situation as per sections 7 and 9.

#### **13.1 Procedures in case of COVID-19 symptoms – Home & Away**

In case of symptoms or positive cases in case of Home and Away Games the local authorities are to be contacted and local protocols are to be followed.

### 13.2 Procedures in case of COVID-19 symptoms - Bubble concept

All individuals in Contact Group 1 – e.g. members of a Team Delegation or FIBA Game Officials and Representatives – showing symptoms of any viral infections including COVID-19 upon arrival or at any time during a FIBA Competition shall declare themselves and must be isolated immediately.

Regardless of a full vaccination cycle being completed, individuals showing symptoms shall be assessed carefully by FIBA Medical Compliance Officer and the below procedures shall be followed:

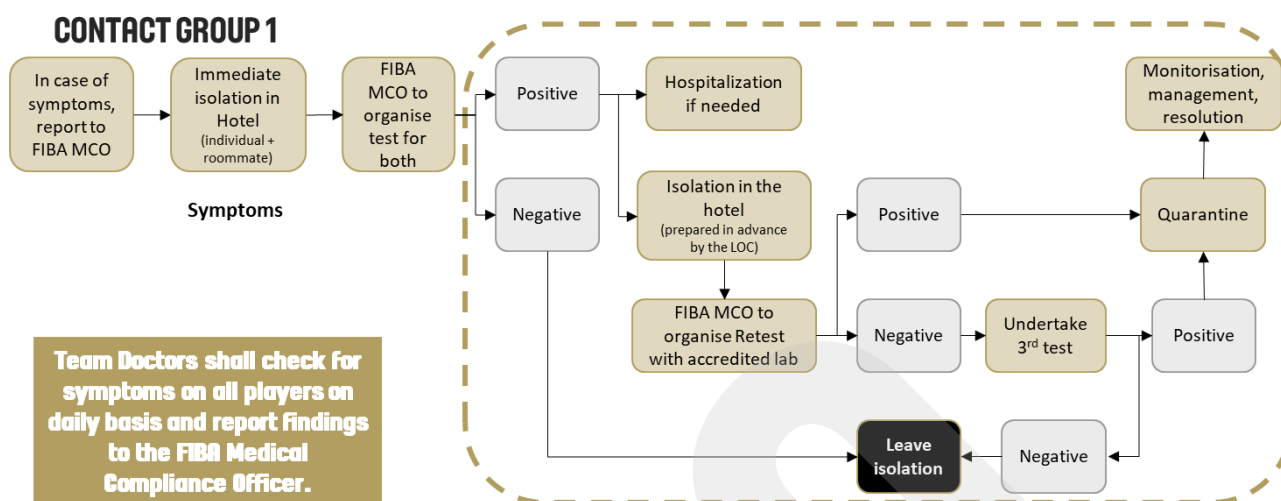
1. Individual to contact the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer – directly or via Team Doctor – and report symptoms;
2. If symptoms are considered indicators of a possible COVID-19 infection, immediate PCR testing shall be organised of the following persons by the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer via the accredited laboratory:
  - Symptomatic individual;
  - Roommate, in case the individual is sharing a room with another Team Delegation member and this individual has not received a full cycle of COVID-19 vaccination;
3. Isolation of symptomatic individual and roommate (if applicable), in separate hotel rooms, as per “Isolation Housing” policies; and
4. Increased precautions and social distancing by all close contacts while waiting for the PCR test results of the individuals listed above. Team Delegations, including close contacts, may still take part in training and games.

For the avoidance of doubt, where applicable a non-vaccinated roommate shall be considered as the individual with symptoms and will not be allowed to exit isolation until the individual confirms a negative result.

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

- If PCR test returns a negative result, they may exit isolation and return to their rooms (where applicable) and daily activities.
- If PCR test returns a positive result, the individual(s) and close contacts shall undergo the procedures listed in section 13.3 below.





### 13.3 Procedures in case of positive PCR or antigen test(s) within Contact Group 1 – Bubble concept

The following procedures must be implemented should any Team Delegation member or FIBA Game Official/Representative (Contact Group 1) return a positive PCR or antigen test result at any moment throughout his/her stay.

The FIBA Medical Compliance Officer shall work together with the responsible FIBA Event Manager or Technical Delegate on site to report to the FIBA Competition management and, where applicable, to the FIBA Crisis Management Team.

#### Hospitalization/Isolation

##### Hospitalization

Any individual who requires emergency care or hospitalization must be relocated to a pre-designated local hospital pursuant to documented protocols for admission, as coordinated by the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer and, for a player or Team Delegation member, in consultation with the respective Team Biosecurity Compliance Official and Team Doctor.

##### 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.

The Host shall designate accommodation in the hotel, in the case of a Bubble Concept, for this purpose (“Isolation Housing” – see Section. 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 PCR or antigen test result (standard protocol)**

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

In the case of a positive antigen test, a second antigen test shall be undertaken immediately after. For the second test, the individual implementing the test must change their PPE gear and take extra caution whilst taking the sample to minimise the risk of contamination to the sample. In case where the second antigen test is required for the Team Delegation Members, the Respective Team doctor should supervise the process.

In cases of positive PCR test or confirmed (second) positive antigen test, the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer will work with the Host accredited laboratory to administer a PCR test (the “Retest”) as soon as possible. The processing lab will also be asked to re-run the test using the same sample to validate the test result. If feasible, the Retest will use an alternate assay to verify the initial test result.

#### **>>> 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.

Should one or more individuals need to remain in isolation in the host country after the end of the Competition and departure of the other participants, it is a responsibility of the Host to support the individual and its Team and make all necessary arrangements with the official

Bubble Hotel and/or other arrangements as needed, e.g. organising transportation for final departure once the individual is out of isolation.

### Close contacts

Close Contacts – defined 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 the following requirements:

1. PCR test on the first day of the positive individual's quarantine;
2. Rapid antigen test before every game;
3. Additional PCR test 7 days after PCR above, if Competition has not been completed by then

**Any individuals who have undergone a full COVID-19 vaccination cycle will be released from the Close Contacts group at FIBA's discretion.**

Close Contacts shall adhere to the following measures:

1. All Close Contacts will be closely followed for COVID-19 symptoms;
2. Close Contacts are not allowed to use any hotel common areas including the Team dining/meeting room, fitness areas or swimming pool, etc.;
3. Close Contacts should have their meals in their rooms (Room Service) and should not leave their accommodation except to training and games, with strict maintenance of social distance and limiting all unnecessary movement outside of the controlled environment. Should a room be available in the hotel with a sufficient size to ensure safe distancing between participants for meals and meetings, Close Contacts may be allowed to use it after a first cycle of PCR tests returns negative results.
4. Close Contacts are allowed to participate in the team's group training and games with even increased attention to or introduction of the following precautions:
  - Avoidance of physical contact as much as possible;
  - Use of designated changing rooms and showers/toilets;
  - Use of designated transportation;
  - Use of personal training equipment, towels, and water bottles.
5. On the day of the game, all Close Contacts shall:
  - Have been antigen tested one day before or on the same day of the game;
  - Be assessed by medical staff in the presence of the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer for COVID-19 symptoms including high temperature.

## Summary of Close Contact Policy

SYMPTOMS/ POSITIVE CASE STATUS	STATUS OF CLOSE CONTACT INDIVIDUALS	Vaccinated individuals	All other individuals
Vaccinated individuals	Not Close Contacts subject to FIBA decision		1. Close Contact mode & PCR test 2. Rapid antigen testing before every game 3. Additional PCR test 7 days after 1st test (if Competition not completed)
All other individuals	Not Close Contacts subject to FIBA decision		

### 13.4 Responsibilities in case of positive results and quarantine measures

Being COVID-19 and its variants ongoing threats, the insurance market is currently reluctant to offer coverage against possible infections.

Each Team is responsible for covering possible medical costs for its Team Delegation Members as well as – where applicable - possible accommodation and service costs in Isolation Housing.

It shall be noted that the insurance policy that FIBA provides for players competing in its Competitions only covers injuries due to accident and excluding illness. Therefore, it will not be possible to grant a salary protection insurance should any player test positive to COVID-19.

The Host must continue to provide assistance to any visiting Team Delegation member or FIBA Game Official/Representative who is required to remain in quarantine or hospitalised in the host country after the last day of the Competition. A release protocol of infected individuals must be prepared by the Oversight Committee and submitted to FIBA in advance.

## 14. Compliance and sanctions

It is essential that all levels of this Protocol have oversight and compliance processes. In particular, event Hosts must have access to appropriate medical experts for guidance and appropriate governance arrangements to ensure successful implementation.

FIBA requires that all Hosts, teams, and participants follow this Protocol. If there are practicality issues for which a common-sense approach is not obvious, FIBA should be consulted. Any non-compliance must be reported to the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer.

In order to take part in the Competition, Team Delegation Members, FIBA Game Officials and Representatives and any other individuals participating in a FIBA Competitions and/or accommodated in the Official Bubble Hotel will be required to acknowledge the terms of this Protocol upon arrival in the host country and confirm their compliance to the rules and regulations being implemented for COVID-19 prevention, provide consent to treatment of testing data and acknowledge that sanctions may be implemented in case of non-compliance.

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 “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 Host 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.

In case of Home and Away games, FIBA and the respective Teams will ensure the participating teams:

- Fully respect the Protocol requirements related to the accommodation, local transportation, and competition venue.

- Submit all required medical information and perform required PCR and antigen tests fully in line with the Protocol and in line with local regulations.

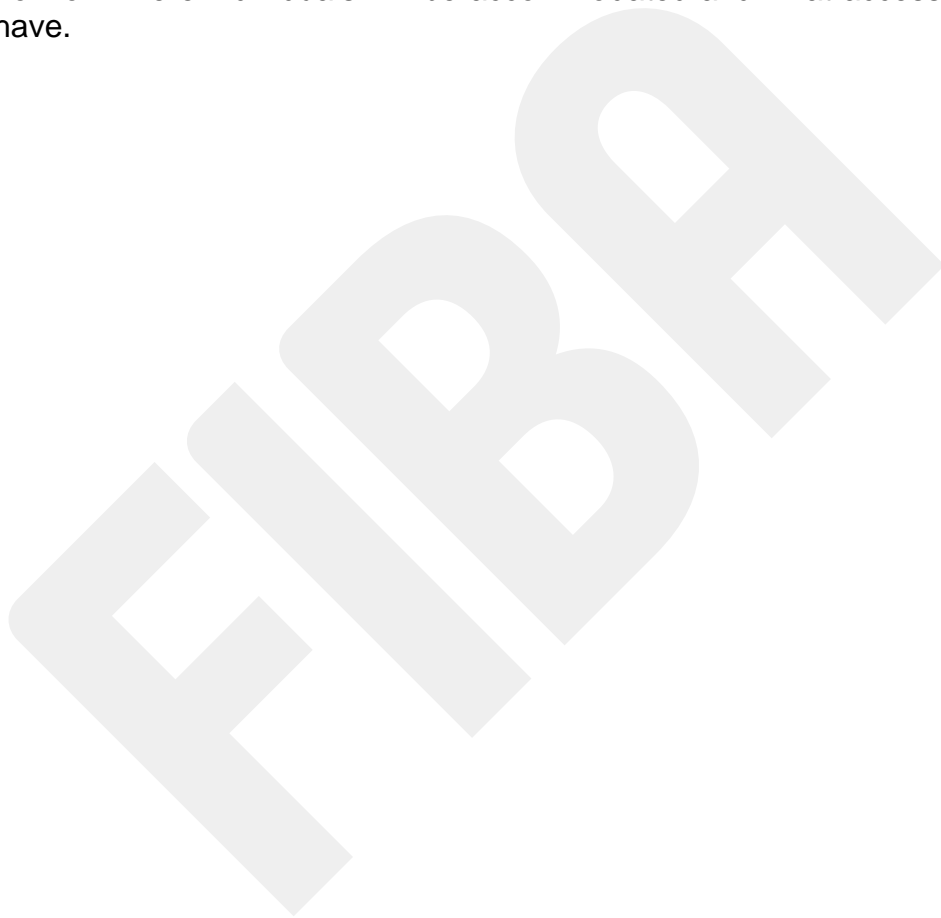
Anyone who violates the Protocol will not be allowed to access the competition venue or participate in the respective Teams' activities. At the same time, the violation will be reported to the local authorities who will then apply local rules and corresponding measures.

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## 15. Appendix 1. Summary of testing requirements

As outlined in this Protocol, FIBA has defined testing requirements for different groups in order to allow them to take part in FIBA Competitions. Requirements are clearly listed in this Protocol and summarised below. Individuals who are operating in the Zones 2 & 3 are subject to host country regulations and/or Host decision.

For the Bubble mode Host staff & volunteers as well as suppliers, assumptions are made in the chart below on where individuals will be accommodated and what access they will be required to have.





## 15.1 Testing requirements chart - Bubble Concept

Stakeholder Group	Pre-Competition (PCR test)*	Onsite
<b>Teams – inside the Bubble</b>		
Vaccinated individuals	Not Required	Not Required
All other individuals	PCR max 48h before arrival in the host country or entrance in the Bubble, as applicable	1. PCR upon arrival + isolation 2. Rapid antigen testing every morning and 3 hours prior to game on game days for Teams (without morning test)
<b>Teams – outside the Bubble</b>		
VIPs/Guests	According to host country regulations	n.a.
<b>FIBA – inside the Bubble</b>		
Vaccinated individuals	Not Required	Not Required
All other individuals	PCR max 48h before arrival in the host country or entrance in the Bubble, as applicable	1. PCR upon arrival + isolation 2. Antigen every day
<b>FIBA – outside the Bubble</b>		
FIBA VIPs	According to host country regulations	n.a.
<b>Bubble Host – inside the Bubble</b>		
Vaccinated individuals	Not Required	Not Required
All other individuals	PCR max 48h before entrance in the Bubble	1. PCR upon entrance in the Bubble + isolation 2. Antigen every day
<b>Bubble Host – outside the Bubble, but in the Zone 1</b>		
Vaccinated individuals	Not Required	Not Required
All other individuals	PCR max 48h before first contact with the Contact Group 1	Rapid antigen testing every day from their PCR test date until last day operating at FIBA Competition
<b>Bubble Host – Zones 2 &amp; 3</b>		
Bubble Host – Contact Group 3	According to host country regulations	n.a.
<b>Media &amp; Broadcast – Zone 1</b>		
Vaccinated individuals	Not Required	Not Required
All other individuals	PCR max 48h before first contact with the Contact Group 1	Rapid antigen testing every day from their PCR test date until last day operating at FIBA Competition
<b>Media &amp; Broadcast – Zones 2 &amp; 3</b>		
Media & Broadcast Group B	According to host country regulations	According to host country regulations
<b>Suppliers / Security A – Zone 1</b>		
Vaccinated individuals	Not Required	Not Required
All other individuals	PCR max 48h before first contact with the Contact Group 1	Rapid antigen testing every day from their PCR test date until last day operating at FIBA Competition
<b>Suppliers / Security B – Zones 2 &amp; 3</b>		
All individuals	According to host country regulations	According to host country regulations

## 15.2 Testing requirements chart - Home & Away

Stakeholder Group	Pre-travel (PCR test)*	Onsite
<b>Teams, FIBA Game Officials &amp; Representatives – Zone 1</b>		
Vaccinated individuals	Not Required	Not Required
All other individuals	PCR maximum 48h prior to arrival in host country or at hotel, or 72h prior to game tip-off as applicable	Rapid antigen testing every morning and 3 hours prior to game on game days for Teams (without morning test)
<b>Teams – Zone 3</b>		
VIPs/Guests	According to host country regulations	According to host country regulations
<b>FIBA – Zones 2 &amp; 3</b>		
FIBA VIPs	According to host country regulations	According to host country regulations
<b>Host – Zone 1</b>		
Vaccinated individuals	Not Required	Not Required
All other individuals	PCR maximum 48h prior to first contact with Contact Group 1 (Teams and FIBA Game Officials & Representatives)	Rapid antigen testing every day from their PCR test date until last day operating at FIBA Competition
<b>Host – Zones 2 &amp; 3</b>		
Bubble Host – Contact Group 3	According to host country regulations	According to host country regulations
<b>Media &amp; Broadcast – Zones 2 &amp; 3</b>		
HB/ RH/ NRH	According to host country regulations	According to host country regulations
<b>Suppliers/ Security – Zone 1</b>		
Vaccinated individuals	Not Required	Not Required
All other individuals	One (1) PCR test 48h before entering the Competition Venue or before first contact with Contact Group 1.	Rapid antigen testing every day from their PCR test date until last day operating at FIBA Competition
<b>Suppliers/ Security – Zones 2 &amp; 3</b>		
All individuals	According to host country regulations	According to host country regulations

## 16. Appendix 2. Participant Declaration

### FIBA COVID-19 Protocol for National Teams and Club Competitions v5 (October 2021) Participant Declaration

I affirm that I have read and understood the FIBA COVID-19 Participant Protocol for FIBA Official National Team and Club Competitions v5 and understand my obligations as a Participant in the Competition.

I acknowledge the risks related to the COVID-19 pandemic and that even with the protocols implemented by FIBA, the Bubble Host and/or the Local Authorities, there is still a risk. I confirm my understanding that my participation in the Competition is at my own risk.

I expressly agree that neither the Fédération Internationale de Basketball (FIBA) nor the Host shall have any liability whatsoever in the event that I contract COVID-19 during the Competition.

I acknowledge and agree, as a member of my National /Club Team, that testing and daily health monitoring for COVID-19, including, but not limited to screening for body temperature, shall be performed on site and that any and all results or other related health data including pathology and specialist reports, in consultation with medical experts and Team Doctors, may be collected by FIBA or medical personnel engaged by FIBA ("Personal Data") before the Competition and/or at the Event sites (Hotel or Venue), where needed, and such information may be shared with my Team and FIBA.

I understand that the use of my Personal Data will be in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and all relevant Swiss legislation. I am aware that FIBA's legal basis for holding and processing my Personal Data is FIBA's legitimate interest and the protection of my health. I am also aware that my Personal Data shall not be shared with any other third parties except the medical expert engaged by FIBA and the related local authority and will be destroyed by FIBA following the conclusion of the Competition, as defined in the FIBA Regulations

I have been advised that for more information about FIBA's data use policies, to refer to FIBA's Data Protection Notice published under [www.fiba.basketball/privacy](http://www.fiba.basketball/privacy).

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