

# **FIBA RETURN TO BASKETBALL**

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

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## 1. Preamble

This document sets out the framework for the safe return to competition in FIBA basketball. The Protocol sets levels of required expertise, infection prevention, hygiene, medical response and compliance for FIBA Official National Team and Club Competitions.

The COVID-19 virus is new, 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 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 many millions of infections and hundreds of thousands of deaths globally. Virtually the entire planet has been affected directly by this pandemic. The impact of human activities such as travel, socialising, relationships and education has also been profound. Domestic and international sport has been shut down 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 discovering new things about the virus. This means that way we manage and contain COVID-19 will evolve over time. While current prevention strategies can be very effective, until we have an effective vaccine or treatment, the pandemic will continue. While we wait for a 'cure' we need effective measures to reduce the risk of infection in sport.

To minimise the COVID-19 risk in FIBA Competitions we need thorough planning and a robust set of guidelines or protocols. These will be important and require 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 largely adhere to this Protocol that cover 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.

## 2. Objectives

The aim of this document is to set out a medical and operational framework that hosts, teams and participants shall follow to ensure everyone's safety at FIBA Official National Team and Club Competitions (see FIBA Internal Regulations, Book 2).

Due to the constantly changing knowledge of the COVID-19 virus, this Protocol will evolve and be regularly updated. Local public health authorities may require stricter measures than those outlined in these guidelines and would therefore take precedence. Similarly, FIBA and the Oversight Committee may agree to implement for the 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 spectators.

The present document sets out the procedures necessary for organising FIBA Official National Team and Club Competitions and covers aspects such as game management, travel, accommodation and venue operations. It is a requirement that all event hosts, teams and participants follow this Protocol.

Key components are:

- The appointment by the Host/LOC of a COVID-19 Oversight Committee;
- The development of a Host/LOC 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 Biosecurity Compliance Official who will monitor compliance to this Protocol and the COVID-19 Implementation Plan - and promptly report any deviations to the COVID-19 Oversight Committee and FIBA;
- Personal hygiene of participants and the establishment of biosecure team environments;
- Limitation on the number of team participants and exposure to non-team personnel;
- Pre-competition risk assessment and quarantine by team doctors;
- Testing and medical support; and
- Venue and game management including media and broadcast;

Players and support personnel will need to operate in a controlled environment which limits the risk of COVID-19 entry and spread. This will include an assessment of all participants and their risk of infection. It means a medical control environment that manages illness and potential COVID-19 infection. It means a process that manages the management of COVID-19 cases and close contacts.

### **3. COVID-19 Oversight Committee**

A FIBA Official National Team and Club Competition ("FIBA Competition") requires the formation of a COVID-19 Oversight Committee by the Host (or "LOC") to govern and ensure a safe environment for all participants. The COVID-19 Oversight Committee requires senior management representation to ensure delegation of resources and implementation of the organisation's plan. It will also need infectious diseases expertise, sports medicine, compliance and project management capability.

The COVID-19 Oversight Committee shall review this FIBA COVID-19 Protocol and interpret its regulations for the unique aspects of their own event.

The COVID-19 Oversight Committee will need to liaise with local government and public health authorities. Government and public health authorities will have their own restrictions and controls that must be adhered to or navigated around with their consent.

The FIBA Restart Guidelines and FIBA Risk Assessment Checklist, available on the FIBA website, are useful resources that will assist planning (refer to Appendix 1 and 2).

The COVID-19 Oversight Committee shall appoint a LOC Biosecurity Compliance Official whose role is to ensure compliance to the COVID-19 plan, protocols and restrictions and report any deviations to the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer.

<p><b>For a full definition of the roles and responsibilities of the COVID-19 Oversight Committee, please see Appendix 4.</b></p>
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## 4. Pre-competition behaviour for risk prevention

### 4.1 Participating Team Delegations

Prior to leaving for a FIBA Competition, all members of a Team Delegation are required to have a 10-day relative isolation and undergo a testing regime of two (2) PCR tests (refer to section 5. COVID-19 testing requirements: pre-travel period). This relative isolation can mean living in normal residences with social contact restrictions or the team living in a biosecure hotel.

Teams may compete in official competition and train during this period. Teams must facilitate and oversee the relative isolation procedures including a limitation of contact from non-team members, limiting the number of participants to those that have essential team roles and compliance oversight.

During this time all participants must undergo awareness and education regarding this FIBA Protocol. This should include:

- Roles of various officials including a biosecurity official which may be a dual role;
- Daily health screening and personal hygiene requirements;
- Transport and accommodation arrangements; and
- PCR testing.

Basic personal hygiene and risk-prevention requirements include:

- Regularly and thoroughly washing your hands with soap and water for twenty seconds;
- Augmenting this with an alcohol-based hand sanitiser;
- Maintaining at least 2m 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;
- Staying home if unwell (e.g. fever, cough, sore throat or difficulty breathing) and call for medical advice; and
- Avoiding public places and transport.

All teams, including the Host National Team where applicable, are expected to enrol and travel with a Team Doctor and a Team Biosecurity Compliance Official. The Team Biosecurity Compliance Official's role is to ensure compliance to FIBA Competition and team requirements and restrictions. He/she must attend all training sessions, oversee entry restrictions (limited to team personnel who have no symptoms), that all team members have daily health checks and there is a record of attendees with times of entry and exit.

During this time the Team Doctor must assess all Team Delegation members for infection and potential COVID-19 harm risk if infected. Any player who has had a prior COVID-19 infection should be cardiac screened. During this assessment all risks of COVID-19 infection and control requirements must be explained and the individual consent to participation knowing the requirements and risks. This medical intervention must be fully documented by the Team Doctor.

**For a full definition of the roles and responsibilities of the Team Doctor and the Team Biosecurity Compliance Official, please see Appendix 4.**



### **Requirements and recommendations for training**

The training facility shall be appropriately cleaned and sanitised prior to every use and then secured.

Players should shower and change at their accommodation or at the hotel immediately prior and after training. Players should have their own individual towels and drink bottles. Support personnel should also respect social distancing and wear a face mask.

Weight room training is permitted but the number of players and officials limited to the local distancing requirements (e.g. 1 person per 4sqm limitation) and management of sanitisation of equipment prior to and on competition of use. There will need to be a process for sanitising basketballs and other shared equipment (also see Appendix 25).

### **4.2 FIBA Game Officials**

Prior to leaving for a FIBA Competition, FIBA referees, staff and any other representatives ("FIBA Game Officials") are required to restrict social contacts for a 2-week period. If the individual undertakes high risk employment (e.g. healthcare worker) this shall be declared to FIBA. This is to limit the risk of COVID-19 infection.

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

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

- Regularly and thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water for twenty (20) seconds;
- Augment this with an alcohol-based hand sanitiser;
- Maintain at least 2m distance between yourself and anyone else including at training;
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth;
- Wear a face mask when in public;
- Follow good respiratory hygiene - covering the mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when coughing, or sneezing, followed by its disposal;
- Stay home if unwell (e.g. fever, cough, sore throat or difficulty breathing) and call for medical advice;
- Avoid public places and transport.

### **4.3 Host/LOC Staff, volunteers and suppliers**

All Host/LOC staff, volunteers and suppliers who are appointed to work in the Competition, particularly where in vicinity of individuals who belong to "Contact Group 1" (e.g. participating Team Delegations, FIBA Officials), are required to restrict social contacts as much as possible for the 2-week period preceding their work in the Competition. If the individual undertakes high risk employment (e.g. healthcare worker) this shall be declared to FIBA.

The following personal hygiene and risk-prevention measures shall be applied:

- Regularly and thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds;
- Augment this with an alcohol-based hand sanitiser;
- Maintain at least 2m distance between yourself and anyone else including at training;
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth;
- Wear a face mask when in public;
- Follow good respiratory hygiene - covering the mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when coughing, or sneezing, followed by its disposal;
- Stay home if unwell (e.g. fever, cough, sore throat or difficulty breathing) and call for medical advice; and
- Avoid public places and transport.

Diagram 1. Transmission risks

Risk Level		
Low	Moderate	High

Low Density			High Density		
Well ventilated exterior	Well ventilated interior	Poorly ventilated	Well ventilated exterior	Well ventilated interior	Poorly ventilated

Short contact <u>with</u> mask						
Keeping silent						
Talking						
Shouting						

Short contact <u>without</u> mask						
Keeping silent						
Talking						
Shouting						

Long contact <u>with</u> mask						
Keeping silent						
Talking						
Shouting						

Long contact <u>without</u> mask						
Keeping silent						
Talking						
Shouting						

## 5. COVID-19 testing requirements

For a detailed chart outlining all PCR testing requirements for the FIBA Continental Cups Qualifiers, please see Appendix 5.

### 5.1 Participating Team Delegations

#### Pre-travel

FIBA requires COVID-19 testing of all members of a Team Delegation, including any participants who are located in the country of the Host (or Game). This includes all players and support personnel or any other individual that has contact with the team and should be funded by the respective National Federation.

Only reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) tests ("PCR") from a laboratory accredited by its government or national public health authority to perform PCR testing will be recognised as a valid test. A minimum of two (2) tests are required as follows:

- One (1) PCR test taken no later than 72h prior to departure (or in case of individuals located in the country of the Host or Game, arrival at the Game location), or earlier if required by the host country authorities in order to enter the host country; and
- One (1) PCR test taken preferably five (5) days before the test above.

#### Example:

- Test 1: 16 November 2020
- Test 2: 21 November 2020
- Travel: 23 November 2020

Participants shall obtain at least two (2) copies of the results of these two (2) tests, which shall be in principle in the English language (or alternatively in French or Spanish, subject to prior FIBA approval) and must be negative in order to travel to the FIBA Competition.

In case a member of the Team Delegation has previously tested positive for COVID-19 and has undergone full recovery since the infection, antibody testing may be accepted to determine whether the individual has developed antibodies against the virus. A request in this respect shall be sent to FIBA in advance and pathology findings shall be submitted for review no later than seven (7) days before travel. Where implemented, the individual will be required in any case to undergo on-site testing together with the rest of the Team Delegation. Antibody testing is not recommended until at least fourteen (14) days after the onset of symptoms. Proof of negative PCR testing will be required in this case.

Any participants who have a positive test results from these tests shall isolate immediately and shall not travel.

At other times, at least weekly PCR testing, in addition to the above requirements, is strongly recommended.

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.

#### Travel and arrival

##### *Arrival in country of the Host*

- Border officials may randomly select travellers to undergo screening at the airport.

- All participants shall be prepared to present results of the PCR test to border officials or to the local medical staff at the airport, if requested.

*Arrival at the hotel*

- If not already submitted in advance to travel, all participants will be required to present the results of the two (2) mandatory PCR tests to the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer, upon arrival at the dedicated hotel.
- Participants who fail to present these results to the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer shall not be permitted to participate and will not be able to access the hotel and the venue.

**On-site testing**

After arrival, participants may be requested to undergo additional PCR tests by FIBA at any time upon arrival or during the Competition.

The Host will be responsible for arranging such tests upon FIBA's request and ensuring twenty-four (24) hours of testing turnaround time at a local accredited laboratory.

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

## **5.2 FIBA Game Officials**

**Pre-travel**

Game Officials travelling to the Competition on behalf of FIBA shall undergo COVID-19 testing prior to departure.

Only reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) tests ("PCR") from an accredited laboratory will be recognised as a valid test. A minimum of one (1) test is required as follows:

- One (1) PCR test taken no later than 72h prior to departure (or in case of individuals located in the country of the Host or Game, arrival at the Game location), or earlier if required by the host country authorities in order to enter the host country.

**Travel and arrival**

*Arrival in country of the Host*

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

*Arrival at the hotel*

- All participants shall be prepared to present the results of the mandatory PCR test to the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer, upon arrival at the dedicated hotel.
- Participants who fail to present these results to the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer shall not be permitted to participate and will not be able to access the venue and/or hotel.

**On-site testing**

After arrival, FIBA Game Officials may be requested to undergo additional PCR tests by FIBA at any time upon arrival or during the Competition.

The Host will be responsible for arranging such tests upon FIBA's request and ensuring twenty-four (24) hours of testing turnaround time at a local accredited laboratory.

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

### **5.3 Host/LOC Staff, volunteers and suppliers**

Staff, volunteers and suppliers as well as media who will require access to Zone 1 (see section 11) and/or who may find themselves in a situation of close contact with teams, FIBA Game Officials or other participants who belong to "Contact Group 1" may be required by FIBA to undergo PCR testing prior to the Competition.

These individuals will be required to show proof of negative test in order to receive an accreditation with the required access rights. Social distancing and relative isolation will need to be maintained throughout the period of the Competition to minimize risks and virus transmission.

Requirements for all other personnel, including media and spectators, are subject to the decision and recommendations of local authorities of the Host Country.

## 6. Test results management

**For additional information regarding measures to be taken in case of symptoms or positive cases during the FIBA Continental Cups Qualifiers, please see Appendix 6.**

### Negative Results

Any individual required to show proof of PCR testing and returning negative results to the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer as per section 5 shall be permitted to travel and participate in the Competition. This shall likewise apply to participants that have displayed symptoms and have undergone testing in the host country in accordance with the above and have been cleared.

### Positive Results

A participant returning any positive tests in the host country prior to travel shall either:

- Not be permitted to travel and participate in the Competition and shall be immediately hospitalised unless this individual does not need to be hospitalised; or
- Not be permitted to travel and participate in the Competition and designated rooms will be made available at the hotel for a participant to be isolated.

In the event of a positive COVID-19 detection at the Competition, the authority in charge at the respective Competition shall:

- Notify the individual, immediately isolate him/her and arrange a second PCR test;
- Assess for any “Close Contacts” (defined as any individuals who spent with the positive individuals at least fifteen (15) minutes cumulative face to face within twenty-four (24) hours or two (2) hours in the same room), arrange testing and isolation;
- If needed, test any casual contacts may be tested in consultation with other authorities;
- Obtain expert infectious diseases input in order to interpret the results and determine the required responses subject to the medical circumstances;
- Follow local public health management protocols.

## 7. International travel procedures

For additional information on travel services for the FIBA Continental Cups Qualifiers, please see Appendix 7.

### 7.1 Participating Team Delegations

Teams are encouraged to travel by chartered flights. If this is not possible then procedures should be in place to reduce the risk of infection during travel on commercial flights.

The respective National Federations should liaise with the airport authorities at both departure, transfer and arrival airports to determine whether special arrangements can be made to minimise contact with the general public, such as the use of a fast-track or VIP customs and transfer service.

Teams must also be prepared to comply with any COVID-19 testing by airlines but FIBA requires that all team members have a negative COVID-19 PCR test from a sample collected not greater than 72h prior to the travel time so that team members can travel with a verifiable negative test (see section 5).

If the flight is on a commercial aircraft, empty seats on either side should be sought. If an entire team is travelling, book the group together with the above distancing and book an empty row of seats on either side of the group. Team members should wear face masks and wipe down their seat and its surrounds prior to use. Shops, food outlets and all other areas in the airport where crowding occurs should be avoided.

With a chartered flight, the plane should be thoroughly cleaned before boarding and entry should be separated, away from public exposure.

All participants need to have a health check before they leave for the airport and no individual should travel with the team if unwell. It is the responsibility of the Team Biosecurity Compliance Official to ensure these measures are adhered to.

The host National Federation or LOC must make every effort to facilitate the arrival and transfer of the visiting team, including the direct collection in a private bus at the aircraft and private passage through the airport to avoid public spaces.

### 7.2 FIBA Game Officials

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

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

## 8. Accommodation and board

**For additional information on accommodation and dining requirements and operations for the FIBA Continental Cups Qualifiers, please see Appendix 7.**

Ideally, one (1) hotel must be reserved for the sole and exclusive use of teams and FIBA Game Officials and arrangements must be in place to limit contact between event participants and hotel staff. Only Team Delegations, FIBA Game Officials and a limited number of persons 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, team(s) and FIBA Game Officials must have arrangements that prevent or reduce the risk of close contact between other hotel guests and staff.

It is strongly recommended that participants are accommodated in single rooms to reduce the risk of virus transmission. In case of participants (e.g. players) accommodated in double rooms, it shall be noted that, should a participant be tested positive, the respective roommate will be also immediately required to quarantine.

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.

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 arrangements should 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 teammate a time, with full sanitisation between use by different teams.

A separate exclusive room must be provided as FIBA Game Officials dining and meeting area.

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

The Host must have an agreement with the hotel that delivers the above requirements as well as ensure:

- 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;
- Security control the entry to the hotel or secure floor from access of non-participants; and
- Quality food service which is freshly cooked.



## 9. Ground transportation

For detailed information on transportation requirements and operations for the FIBA Continental Cups Qualifiers, please see Appendix 7.

### 9.1 Participating Team Delegations

All team transport by bus requires that the vehicles are thoroughly disinfected shortly before collecting the team. Capacity shall adhere to local regulations in relation to safe distancing. The bus driver shall be negative to a COVID-19 PCR test from a swab collected within 48 hours of contact with the team.

The bus driver must wear a mask and maintain 2m social distancing even if there is a separate cabin or isolation by glass partition.

If possible, Team Delegation members shall enter and leave the bus by a middle door.

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

### 9.2 FIBA Game Officials

The local Host is responsible for ensuring that FIBA Game Officials 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. The driver of the vehicle has the same requirements as for bus drivers, namely, a negative COVID-19 PCR test from a swab collected within forty-eight (48) hours of first contact, strict maintenance of social distancing and the use of a face mask.

## **10. Medical equipment and personnel**

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

## 11. Venue setup and operations

**For detailed information on venue requirements and operations for the FIBA Continental Cups Qualifiers, please see Appendices 8 and 9.**

The LOC Covid-19 Oversight Committee is responsible to ensure the training and competition venues are safe and compliant with local public health authority restrictions and this FIBA COVID-19 Protocol requirements.

All basketball venues (or arenas) should have a risk assessment for teams, FIBA Game Officials, media, broadcast and spectators. The FIBA Risk Assessment checklist will assist with this assessment (refer to Appendix 2).

### 11.1 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.

The arrival of Team Delegations and the 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-authorized personnel and fully sanitised. Teams may then perform a court inspection and warm-up should maintain separation during this time.

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

### 11.2 Face masks and hand sanitisation

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

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

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

For the sake of clarity, all other Team Delegation members sitting on the bench during games shall wear a face mask.

Sanitizer dispensers must be positioned at all access points to the venue and checked/refilled periodically subject to needs.

### 11.3 Cleaning and sanitisation

In general, 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.

For additional requirements specific to Zone 1 (court, benches, changing rooms, etc.) please also see section 12.

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

### 11.4 Venue zoning and accreditation

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

As a minimum, the following zones shall be identified – this replaces and corrects the previous zoning included in the Protocol and Handbook:

**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 small participant tribune (preferably not in camera view) shall also be included.

Zone 1 is for the exclusive access of:

- Team Delegation members;
- FIBA Game Officials;
- 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 should not exceed one hundred (100) or 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.

**Zone 2 – “Operations Areas”** include the remaining field of play area around the court, any broadcast and photographer areas as well as sport presentation positions and LOC 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.

The Host/LOC 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 PCR testing or have had to show proof of negative PCR for this purpose. This must be strictly enforced with appropriate biosecurity arrangements.

The Host is responsible for overseeing the movement of people between different zones.

### **11.5 Team and Referee facilities and services**

Changing rooms for the teams and referees must optimise social distancing and air circulation. Depending on the actual size of the changing room, additional nearby rooms or spaces may be required. Ideally, a room or area should be set aside for the team's support and medical personnel and lockers should be spaced in a way to enhance social distancing.

The following requirements shall be implemented:

- 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;
- 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 same principles apply to the referee changing room and warm-up area (where applicable).

The changing rooms, team and FIBA Game Officials access routes (corridors, door handles, handrails, etc.), team benches and Scorer's and Technical Tables (including any additional seating used to maintain social distancing) 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 Game Officials who have undergone the same isolation and testing procedures as the Team Delegation members. It is recommended that the host puts in place a "seal" or signage system indicating that a room has been fully sanitised.

### **11.6 Venue isolation room**

Similarly to the measures being implemented in the hotel, 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.

## 12. Game operations

For additional information on game operations for the FIBA Continental Cups Qualifiers, please see Appendices 8 and 9.

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

Substitutes, coaching and other support or technical Team Delegation personnel must remain at least 1m apart when seated on the bench during the game. Additional space for the bench seating will therefore be required. During a time-out, closer contact between participants will be accepted.

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

There must be no individuals in the bench area who do not have an active role in the game (e.g. players who are not suited up).

The Team Biosecurity Compliance Official must be in the bench area and ensure that the safety measures are complied with.

FIBA Game Officials 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.

The Host is not required to install a plexiglas screen in front of the Scorer's Table. However, Table Officials, FIBA Technical Delegate (where applicable) and other personnel working at the Scorer's Table are in this case required to wear a face shield in addition to a face mask. The Host shall provide these face shields in sufficient quantities.

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

### 12.2 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 always warm up on the same side of their bench and shall be provided with a dedicated Molten ball carrier and a dedicated set of previously sanitised basketballs.

Gloves are not required for ball-boys, however they shall sanitise their hands every thirty (30) minutes, Basketballs should not be touched by other people and the smallest possible number of ball-boys should be carrying out this duty.

### 12.3 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. On introduction, players must line up with 1m spacing and 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.

#### **12.4 Game time and half-time**

All Team Delegation members must retain 1m 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 and entry from the court and at breaks in the game.

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

#### **12.5 Post-game**

Players may go through the usual post game acknowledgement of opposition players and coaches but must not 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.

## **13. Broadcast, media and technical suppliers**

### **13.1 General principles**

All broadcast, media and technical personnel present in Zone 2 must comply at least with the local public health and FIBA requirements including the wearing of masks (except when commentating), maintaining at least 2m social distancing with others, avoiding any unnecessary physical contacts (e.g. handshakes, hugging or kissing as a greeting) and gathering restrictions. However, there is no reason why additional requirements may not be introduced by service and media providers to support the safety of their personnel. Specific risk mitigation measures for medical operations shall be referred to Appendix 3 in this Protocol.

It is the responsibility of the LOC Biosecurity Compliance Official to ensure these requirements are in place and adhered to. Any non-compliance should be reported to the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer who will investigate the matter.

### **13.2 Staffing, facilities and broadcast positions**

Broadcast, media and technical supplier organisations must only appoint the minimum number of participants which will be approved and accredited for access purposes. FIBA reserves the right to restrict numbers of such accreditations.

### **13.3 Post-game interviews**

Post-game interviews may be organized on/around the court for Rights-Holders once the teams have left the area or in a suitable pre-approved location. The allocated area must allow for 4sqm per person. The reporter and camera crew must stay at least 2m from the player or coach. All such arrangements require prior approval of the team, local Host and FIBA.

### **13.4 Post-game press conference**

If taking place, press conferences will be conducted in such a way that maintains social distancing and FIBA requirements. There will need to be dedicated entry and exit points for Team Delegations and Media with mandatory hand sanitation prior to entrance.

During a post-game press conference media personnel must wear face masks and maintain 3m separation from the team personnel. Players and coaches should also be advised to wear a face mask.

As the press conferences will be conducted in an enclosed room, the number of participants will be limited to max 1 per 4 sqm.

Recording devices (dictaphones, mobile phones, etc) must not be placed on the press conference table.

Access to post-game press conferences by non-rights holders should only be granted remotely (e.g. via WhatsApp groups or other communication channels).

### **13.5 Broadcast**

The television compound and truck must be arranged 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 the team participants and FIBA Game Officials and maintain social distancing of 2m. Any interviews of participants in Zone 1 must have FIBA approval, maintain social distancing and be subject to conditions.

Bench and time-out camera will not be permitted.

A plan for all camera positions must be approved by the event Hosts and FIBA.

### **13.6 Photographers**

Game photographers are limited to a maximum of twelve (12), six (6) on each end of the court – three (3) on each side. The photographer locations must be clearly marked, on a bench behind the basket. There must be a minimum of 2m between each photographer positions and maintenance of 1 person per 4sqm.

### **13.7 Media**

The Media Tribune must be at considerable distance from the court and in an elevated area (e.g. spectator tribunes). The distribution of media in the Media Tribune must allow a 2m spacing. Media personnel must wear face masks except commentators during the course of the game only.

Access for media personnel including photographers will be controlled by a designated Press officer with oversight by the LOC Biosecurity Compliance Official.

The LOC Biosecurity Compliance Official and – where applicable – the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer, or other FIBA staff on site, will oversee compliance to Competition and COVID-19 prevention requirements regarding media, broadcast, photographer activities, including social distancing, mask and gathering restrictions.

## 14. Games with spectators

The presence of spectators at a Game shall be determined by the local public health authorities and the restrictions that exist around public gatherings. 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 managing a safe environment.

There should be double barriers wherever spectators are in close proximity with Zones 1 and 2 to ensure a 2m separation.

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

## 15. Development of symptoms

Anyone involved in a FIBA Competition who develops any symptoms indicative of a potential viral infection, including COVID-19, must immediately isolate at the hotel and contact the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer for guidance and testing.

Each Team Doctor shall check any potential viral infection and COVID-19 symptoms on all players on a daily basis. The Team Doctor shall report findings to the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer.

Any participant exhibiting symptoms of viral infection or COVID-19, which must be honestly declared, will not be permitted to enter the Venue and will be immediately reported to the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer, who will decide whether the Participant shall be submitted for 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 roommate will be also immediately required to isolate, although in another separate room.

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 other non-team members, individuals should contact the designated FIBA Medical Compliance Officer or LOC Medical Doctor. The LOC Medical Doctor should attend the game and be available to support teams and FIBA Game Officials.

The Host/LOC must ensure that the venue and the hotel have the appropriate isolation facilities to manage such a situation.

## 16. Compliance and sanctions

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on the world with many infections and deaths. Sport, including basketball, has been significantly impacted. The successful delivery of a basketball competition will require significant planning and resourcing.

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 event 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, participants may be required by FIBA to 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.

## 17. Appendix 1. FIBA Restart Guidelines

<https://www.fiba.basketball/documents/restart-guidelines-for-national-federations-en> (English)  
<https://www.fiba.basketball/documents/restart-guidelines-for-national-federations-fr> (French)  
<https://www.fiba.basketball/documents/restart-guidelines-for-national-federations-esp> (Spanish)

## 18. Appendix 2. FIBA Risk Assessment template

<http://fiba.basketball/documents/risk-assessment-mitigation-checklist>

## 19. Appendix 3. Specific risk mitigation measures for media operations

### SPECIFIC MEDIA AREAS RESTRICTIONS

#### 19.1 Media Tribune/Commentary Tribune

- Should be located on an upper ring, not courtside and at considerable distance from players, benches and court;
- Keep one (1) out of three (3) positions or at least 2m between seats, to guarantee social distancing between members of the media when sitting in the tribune;
- Sanitizer dispensers should be made available at each access point of 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 staff;
- Staff/volunteers must also wear masks.

#### 19.2 Photographers Positions/Benches

- Maximum twelve (12) accredited photographers (including FIBA Photographer) evenly spread out – six (6) on each end of the court – three (3) on each side;
- A distance of 2m between photographers must be respected on the photo benches;
- Photographers should have an assigned position for the tournament and not move during the game;
- Photographers are strongly recommended to undergo PCR testing no later than 48 hours prior to the first game, shall wear their mask at all times and are responsible for sanitising their own material;
- Staff/volunteers must also wear masks.

#### 19.3 Flash Interview Positions / Mixed Zone

- Microphones for interviews must be on a long boom pole/stick, to avoid getting too close to the players (distance of 2m minimum to be guaranteed);
- All microphones must be covered with plastic or other material that can be sanitised after each interview unless use of a mask is mandatory;
- Double set of barriers to make sure the 2m distance with players is physically respected in the mixed zone;
- In the Mixed zone, assign positions in the mixed zone to make sure distance of 2m is respected between media outlets;
- Camera persons, media and staff must always wear masks.

#### 19.4 Press Conference Room

- Only rights-holders will be allowed to access the room (SADs if necessary) and not more than one (1) person per four (4) sqm (ideally a large room will be required);
- Limit seats in the room (remove chairs) and max-out distances between media (2m minimum): two (2) out of three (3) positions should be empty to guarantee social distancing between members of the media while sitting;
- 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 2m;
- The media must be 3m from the players and coaches;
- If applicable: the translator should not take place at the table but remain on the side, respecting security distance of 2m with the other persons (and wearing a mask);

- Media and staff/volunteers must also wear masks;
- All microphones must be covered with plastic or other material that can be cleaned on after each press conference;
- Ideally there should be separate entrance and exit points for media and game participants.

### **19.5 Media Working Room**

- Limit seats in the room (remove chairs) and max-out distances between media (2m minimum): 2 out of 3 positions should be empty to guarantee social distancing between members of the media while sitting and not more than 1 person per 4 sqm (a large room required);
- Media and staff must always wear masks;
- No food or drinks 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.

### **19.6 Media Accreditation Limitations**

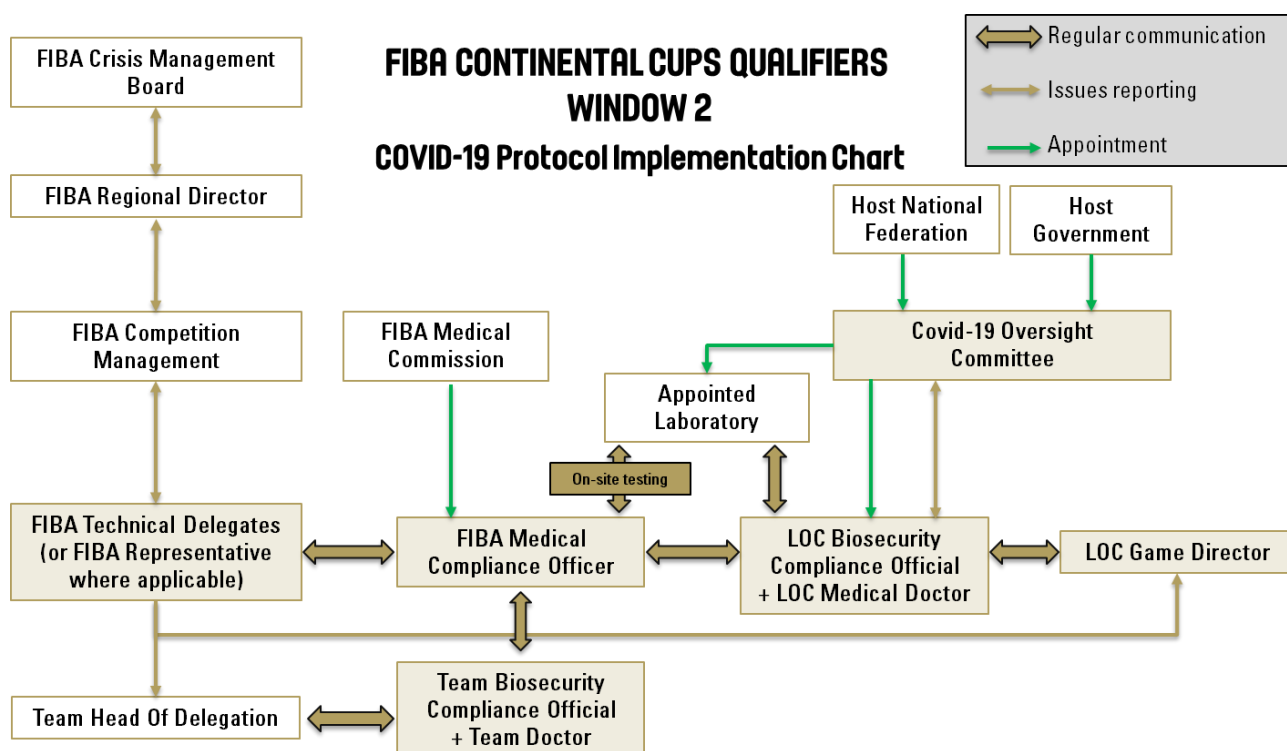
- A limited number of overall accreditations (including allocation for each team or club) should be distributed, depending on the capacity of the venue's media areas in COVID-19 set-up;
- Only a small number of media should be able to access specific zones (for ex. Mixed Zone; Press Conference) through the form of special access devices (SADs);
- Specifically and until further notice, Non-Rights Holders media will not have access to Press Conference and Mixed Zone areas, during events organised by FIBA and for the respective FIBA Competition.
- Accreditation Centre: must be organized to avoid waiting queues.

### **19.7 Circulation & Flows in the Competition Venue**

- 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 signals;
- Entrance and exit separated to all rooms and areas of the venue;
- Temperature taken at venue media entrance;
- Sanitizer dispensers available at all access points of the different media areas.

## 20. Appendix 4. FIBA Continental Cups Qualifiers / COVID-19 Protocol implementation - Roles and Responsibilities

### 20.1 Organisational structure



### 20.2 FIBA / FIBA Technical Delegates

Two (2) **FIBA Technical Delegates** will be appointed by FIBA to oversee the delivery of the competition in accordance to the FIBA Continental Cups 2021 Qualifiers Handbook and the COVID-19 Protocol.

One (1) Technical Delegate will be responsible for supervising all matters related to the Competition ("Competition Technical Delegate") while the other will oversee all aspects related to Event Operations ("Operations Technical Delegate").

Responsibilities between the FIBA Technical Delegates will be allocated as follows:

#### a. Competition Technical Delegate

- Maintaining relations with all National Team Heads of Delegation on all competition aspects, in the lead-up to and during the Window;
- Conducting the Technical Meetings and all related procedures;
- In coordination with the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer, monitoring on-site implementation of the Protocol in Zone 1, specifically in the court area, and in the Hotel, and reporting any violations;
- Ensuring the Game run-down is respected and the Game starts on time;



- v. Sitting at the Scorer's Table during the game and liaising with Table Officials and Statisticians, intervening as needed during the Game;
- vi. Reporting to the FIBA Competition Management on his/her areas of responsibility.

**b. Operations Technical Delegate**

- i. Maintaining relations with the LOC Game Director in the lead-up to and during the Window;
- ii. Ensuring the Venue set-up is carried out in accordance with FIBA requirements, particularly in relation to special measures related to COVID-19 implementation;
- iii. 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;
- iv. Ensuring the safety & security measures are respected in all official event sites;
- v. In coordination with the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer, monitoring on-site implementation of the Protocol in all other areas of the Venue that are not Zone 1 and reporting any violations;
- vi. Supporting FIBA Staff involved on media, marketing and broadcast matters in carrying out their tasks;
- vii. Reporting to the FIBA Competition Management on his/her areas of responsibility.

Furthermore, one Technical Delegate will be appointed in each "Bubble" by FIBA to report to the FIBA Competition Management on crisis situations, including possible suspected infections or positive COVID-19 cases reported by the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer, and lead on-site crisis management.

### 20.3 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 event.

He/she is responsible for:

- a. Communicating with LOC 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. In coordination with the LOC Compliance Official, reviewing and collecting the PCR test results from every team delegation member and every game official registered and nominated for the event;
- c. In coordination with the responsible FIBA Technical Delegate, monitoring on-site implementation of the Protocol;
- d. Advising the LOC Biosecurity Compliance Official on any medical issues including matters related to COVID-19;
- e. Advising the LOC 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. Advising the LOC Biosecurity Compliance Official on any urgent issues that may arise related to the Protocol;
- h. Managing any suspected infections or any participants exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 during the Qualifiers 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 HQ through the responsible FIBA Technical Delegate in case of issues; and
- i. Reporting any deviations to the responsible FIBA Technical Delegate.

## 20.4 LOC / COVID-19 Oversight Committee

A **COVID-19 Oversight Committee** shall be formed by the Host and shall include infectious diseases expertise, sports medicine and project management capability.

The Committee is responsible for:

- a. Reviewing and having a full understanding of the FIBA COVID-19 Protocol;
- b. Governing and ensuring a safe environment for all participants;
- c. Liaising with local government and public health authorities for any necessary collaboration on health and safety of all participants for the Qualifiers;
- d. Ensuring that there are adequate medical facilities and equipment to prevent COVID-19 infections and to manage any suspected infection;
- e. Ensuring that there are event medical personnel sufficient and qualified to manage a COVID-19 infection case;
- f. Ensuring the training and competition areas are safe and compliant with local public health authority restrictions and FIBA protocol;
- g. Arranging team and officials transport that reduces the risk of infection;
- h. Ensuring that the government and public health authorities' own restrictions and controls are adhered to or navigated around with their consent; and
- i. Appointing a LOC Biosecurity official.

## 20.5 LOC / LOC Biosecurity Compliance Official

The **LOC Biosecurity Compliance Official** shall be appointed by the COVID-19 Oversight Committee.

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 the COVID-19 Oversight Committee and promptly reporting any deviations to them;
- b. Assisting the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer with collecting and reviewing the PCR tests of the arriving event participants;
- c. Collecting and reviewing the required PCR tests of the LOC members (staff and volunteers) and clearing their accreditations with the LOC Accreditation manager.
- d. Ensuring on-site PCR testing is arranged for all participating team delegations and the 1<sup>st</sup> Tier participants (FIBA Technical Delegates, Referees, Medical Compliance Officer, FIBA Staffs including TV operations personnel) with 24-hours turnaround time;
- e. Monitoring daily operations in close collaboration with the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer and implementing all required modifications and adjustments in order to ensure full compliance with the FIBA Protocol.

He/she will be the main contact to the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer prior, during and after the event 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.

## 20.6 LOC / LOC Game Director

The **LOC Game Director** is appointed by the Host National Federation to oversee the planning and implementation of the "Bubble" in the Host Country. He/she is ultimately the main authority in the Local Organising Committee on behalf of the Host National Federation and the counterpart for the FIBA Technical Delegates. As such, he/she is responsible for planning and supervising the implementation of the event, 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 the FIBA Technical Delegate or by the participating National Federations and ensuring the requirements and Host obligations are met.

## 20.7 LOC / LOC Medical Doctor

The **LOC Medical Doctor** shall be appointed by the COVID-19 Oversight Committee.

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

- a. Ensuring implementation of the medical service plan of LOC;
- b. Making all necessary arrangements with local medical service providers for rapid provision of required medical services;
- c. Providing medical information fact sheet for FIBA, FIBA Officials and Team Delegations;
- d. Confirming all medical and organisational requirements for FIBA, FIBA Officials and Team Delegations (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 at least when teams/ FIBA staffs/ FIBA officials arrive until their departure;
- h. Regularly communicating with LOC Biosecurity Compliance Official on participants' health and safety issues; and
- i. Managing all medical care and anti-doping matters prior and during the competition

## 20.8 NFs / 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 strongly recommended that this individual is also not the Team Doctor.

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 Qualifiers;
- c. Overseeing the PCR testing and ensuring test results are available prior to travel;
- d. Carrying their own Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) medical supplies;
- e. Ensuring that their team doctors undertake daily symptom and temperature checks on all team members; and
- f. Regularly communicating and reporting any viral illness in the team to the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer

## 20.9 NFs / Team Doctor

A **Team Doctor** shall be appointed by the respective National Federation 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 members;
- b. Isolating immediately and arranging a COVID-19 test on any team member with symptoms of a viral illness during training period;
- c. Informing the Team Biosecurity Compliance Official of any viral illness in the team during the event; and
- d. Being aware of wellbeing and mental health risks within the team.

## 21. Appendix 5. FIBA Continental Cups Qualifiers / COVID-19 Protocol implementation - Testing requirements

Participants in Window 2 of the FIBA Continental Cups Qualifiers, scheduled in November 2020, are required to undergo PCR testing according to the chart in the following page, according to the respective category or role in the implementation of the Competition.

On-site testing will be implemented for all individuals residing in the Official Hotel (Contact Group 1) as outlined in the chart. For other categories in close contact with Contact Group 1, proof of negative PCR testing will need to be provided as per requirements. Relative isolation requirements and social distancing remain mandatory for all those groups as per section 4 of this Protocol.

All negative results from tests not organised on-site shall be provided to the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer as follows:

- Team Delegation: preferably uploaded prior to travel on a dedicated online directory which will be provided to each National Federation. Alternatively, immediately upon arrival in the host country and hotel. Should Team Delegation members arrive separately on multiple dates, tests shall be provided in accordance with the timelines indicated.
- FIBA Game Officials: uploaded prior to travel on a dedicated online directory which will be provided. Alternatively, immediately upon arrival in the host country and hotel.
- Host/LOC Staff, volunteers and suppliers (as per requirements in the chart): directly on site, via the LOC Biosecurity Compliance Official, prior to any possible access of those individuals to Zone 1 and/or contact with participating Team Delegation members and FIBA Game Officials.

Accreditations with access to Zone 1 should only be provided to individuals who have submitted proof of negative PCR testing as per testing requirements.

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 of testing
- Full name of tested individual
- Test result
- Any other medical information

To prevent possible issues related to mandatory testing requirements for individuals that must be called upon shortly before departure due to positive cases in the pre-travel testing, it is recommended that those individuals are also tested in advance by their National Federation and remain on stand-by. Should a National Federation require to call upon an individual that has not been tested according to this chart, the individual will need to test immediately and FIBA will decide on a case-by-case basis if the individual will be allowed to enter the hotel and venue with only one negative test result and prior to the on-site testing.

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Stakeholder Group	Contact Group			Max. number (if applicable)	PCR Testing Requirements	
	Contact Group 1 "bubble"	Contact Group 2	Contact Group 3		PCR before window/game	PCR on-site
Teams						
Team Delegation / Players	x			12	1. max 72 h before departure + 2. 5 days before test 1	Yes, Tue 24/11 or upon arrival
Team Delegation / Team Delegation members	x			13	1. max 72 h before departure + 2. 5 days before test 1	Yes, Tue 24/11 or upon arrival
VIPs/Guests			x	n.a.	according to country/travel regulations	n.a.
FIBA						
FIBA Technical Delegates	x			2	max 72 h before departure	Yes, Tue 24/11 or upon arrival
FIBA Referees	x			8	max 72 h before departure	Yes, Tue 24/11 or upon arrival
FIBA Medical Compliance Officer	x			1	max 72 h before departure	Yes, Tue 24/11 or upon arrival
FIBA Media BOVM	x			1	max 72 h before departure	Yes, Tue 24/11 or upon arrival
FIBA Comms/Media Ops freelancer	x			1	max 72 h before departure	Yes, Tue 24/11 or upon arrival
FIBA Photographer	x			1 or 2	max 72 h before departure	Yes, Tue 24/11 or upon arrival
FIBA RO Staff	x			3	max 72 h before departure	Yes, Tue 24/11 or upon arrival
FIBA Representatives and/or VIPs			x		according to country regulations	n.a.
Bubble Host						
Game Director		x		1	max 48h before first contact with contact group 1	n.a.
FIBA Liaison		x		1	max 48h before first contact with contact group 1	
Host NF Staff / Zone 1 & Court		x		as few as possible	max 48h before first contact with contact group 1	n.a.
Host NF Staff / Other			x	n.a.	according to country regulations	n.a.
COVID-19 Biosecurity Compliance Official	x			1	max 48h before first contact with contact group 1	Yes, Tue 24/11 or upon arrival
Medical Doctor		x		1	max 48h before first contact with contact group 1	n.a.
Table Officials		x		4	max 48h before first game	n.a.
Statisticians		x		3	max 48h before first game	n.a.
IRS local operator		x		1	max 48h before first game	n.a.
Public Announcer		x		1	max 48h before first contact with contact group 1	n.a.
DJ (Recommended not on court area, same as Public Announcer otherwise)			x	1	according to country regulations	n.a.
MC (Recommended not on court area)			x	1	according to country regulations	n.a.
Sport Presentation staff (Recommended not on court area)			x	n.a.	according to country regulations	n.a.
Venue personnel						
Venue personnel			x	n.a.	according to country regulations	n.a.
Cleaning staff			x	n.a.	according to country regulations	n.a.
Volunteers						
Ball boys and bench volunteers		x		~6	max 48h before first contact with contact group 1	n.a.
Anti-doping chaperons		x		~4	max 48h before first contact with contact group 1	n.a.
Team liaisons/attachés	x			3 or 4	max 48h before first contact with contact group 1	Yes, Tue 24/11 or upon arrival
Other Volunteers			x	n.a.	according to country regulations	n.a.
Media volunteers			x	n.a.	according to country regulations	n.a.
Media & Broadcast						
Host Broadcaster / Floor manager		x		1	max 72h before first contact with contact group 1	n.a.
Host Broadcaster / TV Graphics operators		x		1	max 72h before first contact with contact group 1	n.a.
Host Broadcaster / Content crews		x		~5	max 48h before first contact with contact group 1	n.a.
Host Broadcaster / staff			x	n.a.	according to country regulations	n.a.
IRS technicians (if applicable)		x		1	max 48h before first contact with contact group 1	n.a.
Accredited rights holders		x		n.a.	max 48h before first contact with contact group 1	n.a.
Accredited non-rights holders			x	n.a.	according to country regulations	n.a.
Photographers			x	12	according to country regulations	n.a.
Suppliers						
First Aid personnel		x		~12	max 48h before first contact with contact group 1	n.a.
Doping Control agency personnel		x		2	max 48h before first game	n.a.
Sanitation staff			x	n.a.	according to country regulations	n.a.
LED board operator			x	2	according to country regulations	n.a.
Drivers		x		~12	max 48h before first contact with contact group 1	n.a.
Security						
Security staff / Zone 1 & Court		x		~12	max 48h before first contact with contact group 1	n.a.
Security staff / Other			x	n.a.	according to country regulations	n.a.
Police			x	n.a.	according to country regulations	n.a.

Note: chart figures based on 1 "bubble" with 4 participating teams

## 22. Appendix 6. FIBA Continental Cups Qualifiers / COVID-19 Protocol implementation - Measures in case of symptoms or positive cases

The following information and procedures integrate the content of sections 6 and 15 of this Protocol.

### 22.1 Procedures in case of COVID-19 symptoms

#### Contact Group 1

All individuals in Contact Group 1 – e.g. members of a Team Delegation or FIBA Game Officials - showing symptoms of COVID-19 upon arrival or at any time during their stay in one of the FIBA Continental Cups Qualifiers Bubbles shall declare themselves and must be isolated immediately.

Key indicators of a viral infection, including COVID-19, include high fever, dry cough, tiredness, sore throat, runny or blocked nose, breathlessness or loss of sense and/or smell.

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 by FIBA Medical Compliance Officer via the accredited laboratory, of the following persons:
  - Symptomatic individual,
  - Roommate, in case the individual is sharing a room with another Team Delegation member;
3. Isolation of symptomatic individual and roommate, in separate hotel rooms, as per “Isolation Housing” policies;
4. Increased precautions and social distancing by all remaining Team Delegation members, particularly any close contacts, while waiting for the PCR test results of the individuals listed above. However, Team Delegations, including close contacts, may still take part in training and games.

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

- If PCR testing returns negative, they may exit isolation and return to their rooms (where applicable) and daily activities;
- If PCR testing returns positive, the individual(s) and close contacts shall undergo the procedures listed in section 22.2 below.

#### Other contact groups

Any individual developing symptoms of viral infection or COVID-19 during his/her involvement in the Competition shall immediately declare his/her condition to one of the following responsible persons and isolate:

- LOC staff, volunteers, suppliers and any other LOC personnel: LOC Biosecurity Compliance Official or LOC Medical Doctor;
- Host Broadcaster: FIBA Broadcast Venue Operations Manager;
- Accredited media: FIBA Media Operations Manager (where applicable) or LOC Media Officer.

The informed party shall transfer the information to the FIBA Medical Compliance Doctor who will decide on the appropriate course of action.



## 22.2 Procedures in case of positive PCR test(s) / Contact Group 1

The following procedures must be implemented should any player, Team Delegation member or FIBA Game Official (Contact Group 1) return a positive PCR test result at any moment throughout his/her stay. The FIBA Medical Compliance Officer shall work together with the responsible FIBA Technical Delegate on site to report to the FIBA Competition management and, where applicable, to the FIBA Crisis Management Board (see Appendix 4).

### Positive individual(s)

- **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 hospitalized 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 LOC shall designate accommodation in the hotel for this purpose ("Isolation Housing" – see Appendix 7). These rooms shall be located in a separate part of the hotel, e.g. a separate floor.

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

- **PCR retesting to verify positive result**

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

For a retest, the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer will work with the LOC accredited laboratory to administer a second 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.



### Close contacts

Close Contacts – defined as per section 6 as any individuals who spent with the positive individual(s) at least fifteen (15) minutes cumulative face to face within twenty-four (24) hours or two (2) hours in the same room - shall undergo PCR testing on the first day of the positive individual's quarantine and then every three (3) days until the end of participation in the Competition.

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

1. All Close Contacts will be closely followed for COVID-19 symptoms;
2. All Close Contacts shall stay in a single room (arrangements shall be made in case of double rooms);
3. Close Contacts are not allowed to use any hotel common areas including the Team dining/meeting room, fitness areas or swimming pool, etc.;
4. Close Contacts should have their meals in their rooms (Room Service) and should not leave the accommodation except to training and games, with strict maintenance of social distance and limiting all unnecessary movement outside of the controlled environment.
5. 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.
6. On the day of the game, all Close Contacts should:
  - Have been 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.

## 22.3 Procedures in case of positive PCR test(s) / Other contact groups

The FIBA Medical Compliance Officer shall be immediately informed of any positive PCR testing results which may be reported amongst any of participants in the Competition. The positive individual shall immediately quarantine away from the venue and/or hotel. 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 his/her quarantine location or the hospital with the ambulance team using protective equipment.

The FIBA Medical Compliance Officer shall consult with the relevant parties to decide on the appropriate course of action.

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

Being Covid-19 an ongoing threat, the insurance market is currently reluctant to offer coverage against possible infections.

Each National Federation 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 (see art. 3.3.1 of FIBA Continental Qualifiers National Member Federation Handbook).

## 23. Appendix 7. FIBA Continental Cups Qualifiers / COVID-19 Protocol implementation - Hotel and transportation requirements

The following information and procedures integrate the content of sections 7, 8 and 9 of this Protocol.

### 23.1 International travel

#### Airport arrivals and departures

The Bubble Host must make every effort to facilitate the arrival and transfer of each Team Delegation and FIBA Game Officials.

The Bubble Host should liaise with the airport authorities at both departure and arrival airports to determine whether special arrangements can be made to minimize contact with the general public. The following measures could be considered:

- Use of dedicated arrival and departure terminals (e.g. business or first class, V/VIP) or equivalent;
- Use of dedicated arrival and departure lounges (e.g. business or first class, V/VIP);
- Drop-off/pick-up of teams directly at/from the aircraft;
- Priority boarding/group boarding;
- Dedicated or crew/first-class/business-class screening channels;
- Dedicated fast-track channel through immigration, customs or security screening.

The Bubble Host should acknowledge that in numerous cases Team Delegations will not arrive on one flight / in one group, but rather on separate flights, directly from their club countries. FIBA recommends that travel and thus the number of flights to be taken be reduced to the smallest possible number. The required facilitation measures above remain applicable also to all individual arrivals and departures. It is a responsibility of visiting National Federations and FIBA to provide detailed travel schedules with sufficient advance.

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

The Bubble Host should be aware of the procedures that will be implemented and is required to communicate them in advance to the visiting National Federations and FIBA.

Individuals travelling independently not as part of the Team Delegation or FIBA Game Officials group are required to follow best practices for hand and respiratory hygiene and reduce interactions to guarantee safe travel.

## 23.2 Ground transportation

### General principles

- **Drivers testing**

The Team Delegation bus driver and all other vehicles drivers (Contact Group 1) should have a negative result from a COVID-19 PCR test from a swab collected within forty-eight (48) hours before contact with the team and/or FIBA Game Officials.

All vehicles drivers must wear a mask and maintain 1.5m social distancing (if applicable) even if there is a separate cabin or isolation by glass partition (highly recommended).

The total number of drivers deployed should be kept to a minimum. It is strongly recommended to assign drivers to specific groups to guarantee that the same dedicated driver will be in contact with only one group. For the duration of the Window, drivers should minimise their exposure to potential sources of infection when not on duty.

- **Vehicles maximum capacity**

Type of vehicles and standard capacity	Maximum passengers*
Car (5 seats)	2 to 3
Minivan (7 seats)	3
Van (12 seats)	6
Minibus (24 seats)	12
Bus (50 seats)	25

*\*excluding the driver*

Capacity requirements above may be reduced further by local authorities. Additional vehicles shall therefore be provided – passengers should in principle use the vehicle throughout the day.

- **Vehicles sanitation**

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).

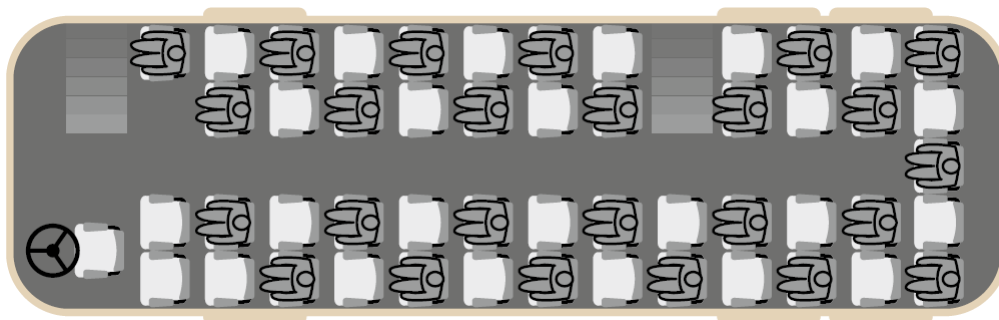
Shortly before collecting participants, vehicles must be sanitised in the following parts: seats, door arm, window buttons, seat belts, knobs, etc.

### Requirements for Team Delegation

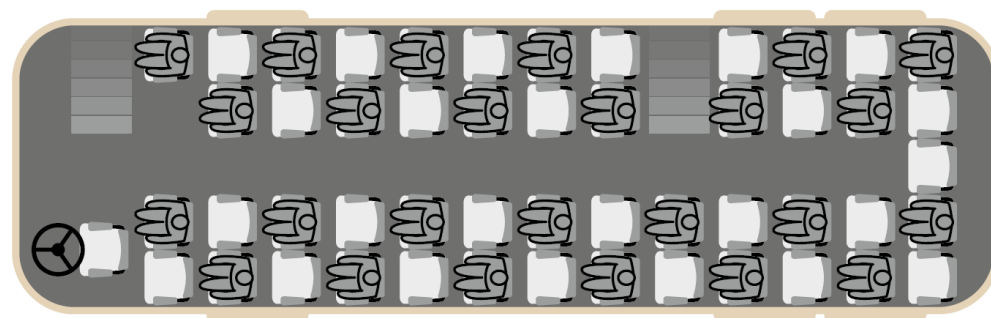
Each Team must have its own dedicated vehicle and driver until final departure. In the Team bus, it is highly recommended to assign seats. Team Delegation members will be asked to wear masks throughout the entire period on transport vehicles.

In all Teams buses the row behind the driver's seat must always be kept empty if no screen is installed. Aside from the bus driver, no external or accompanying persons are authorized to travel in the Team bus.

If no safety screen is installed behind the driver:



If there is a safety screen installed behind the driver



Whenever possible, team members shall enter and leave the bus by the middle door to avoid contact with driver.

It is the responsibility of the Local Organizing Committee 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.

### 23.3 Hotel

The LOC 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.

#### Hotel staff requirements

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 minimized. All hotel staff on duty must sanitize 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 must go through temperature screening and security control.

For the duration of the Window, Team Delegation members and FIBA Game Officials 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 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 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.

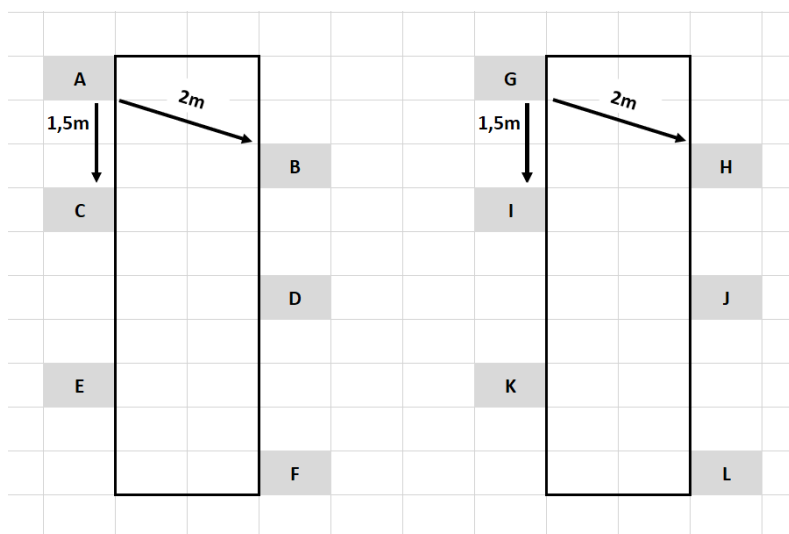
It is strongly recommended that participants keep their own room clean and make their own bed to reduce maid service requirements to the minimum. Room cleaning should be on demand and shall take place when the participant is out of his/her room. Clean towels may be left outside the room daily in sealed 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 have its own dedicated Dining/Meeting room equipped with TV screen and HDMI cables.

The Team Dining/Meeting Room should have sufficient space for twenty-five (25) people (not smaller than 60-80sqm) and seating to allow for physical distancing in accordance with the health and safety recommendations.

The Team Dining/Meeting Room set-up shall avoid round tables and encourage cafeteria set-up as shown in the diagram below. Tables and chairs will be placed to maximize social distancing (minimum 1.5m), therefore Teams must not make any space arrangements that will cause to move around tables and chairs.



### 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 services 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.

### Laundry

There may be additional interactions which typically involve hotel staff. In those cases, for laundry services, one dedicated person from the Team Delegation shall 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 sanitized and cleaned. Hand sanitizer 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.

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

The hotel 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 LOC Biosecurity Compliance Officer to ensure social distancing. It is recommended that access slots are created for each team throughout the day and a capacity of 1 person for 4sqm and social distancing are respected.

Where existing, wellness facilities such as hammams and jacuzzies shall be closed or emptied. Access to sauna may be allowed subject to approval of the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer and adequate sanitisation after each use.

### **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 shall not be allowed access.

### **Isolation Housing**

The LOC 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 prepare 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.

## **24. Appendix 8. FIBA Continental Cups Qualifiers / COVID-19 Protocol implementation - Venue setup**

The following information and procedures integrate the content of sections 10, 11, 12 and 13 of this Protocol.

### **24.1 Accreditation Zoning**

The implementation of the required zoning concept is vital for the successful implementation of this COVID-19 Protocol. The Bubble Host shall ensure that all access points to Zone 1 are staffed and secured and only authorised accredited personnel is allowed to enter.

As entertainment is not allowed in Zones 1 and 2, with the exclusion of the Public Announcer, any entertainment groups (if applicable) may only perform on the tribunes (Zone 3), provided that social distancing is respected and face masks worn. For the avoidance of doubt, it is also required that all sport presentation personnel be positioned either in Zone 2 or Zone 3.

The Bubble Host shall submit to FIBA for review its venue zoning as part of its COVID-19 Protocol Implementation Plan.

### **24.2 Hand sanitiser dispensers**

It is a requirement that sanitizer 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 and Mixed Zone entrances
- Press Conference Room entrances
- Inside offices and working areas (LOC, 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.

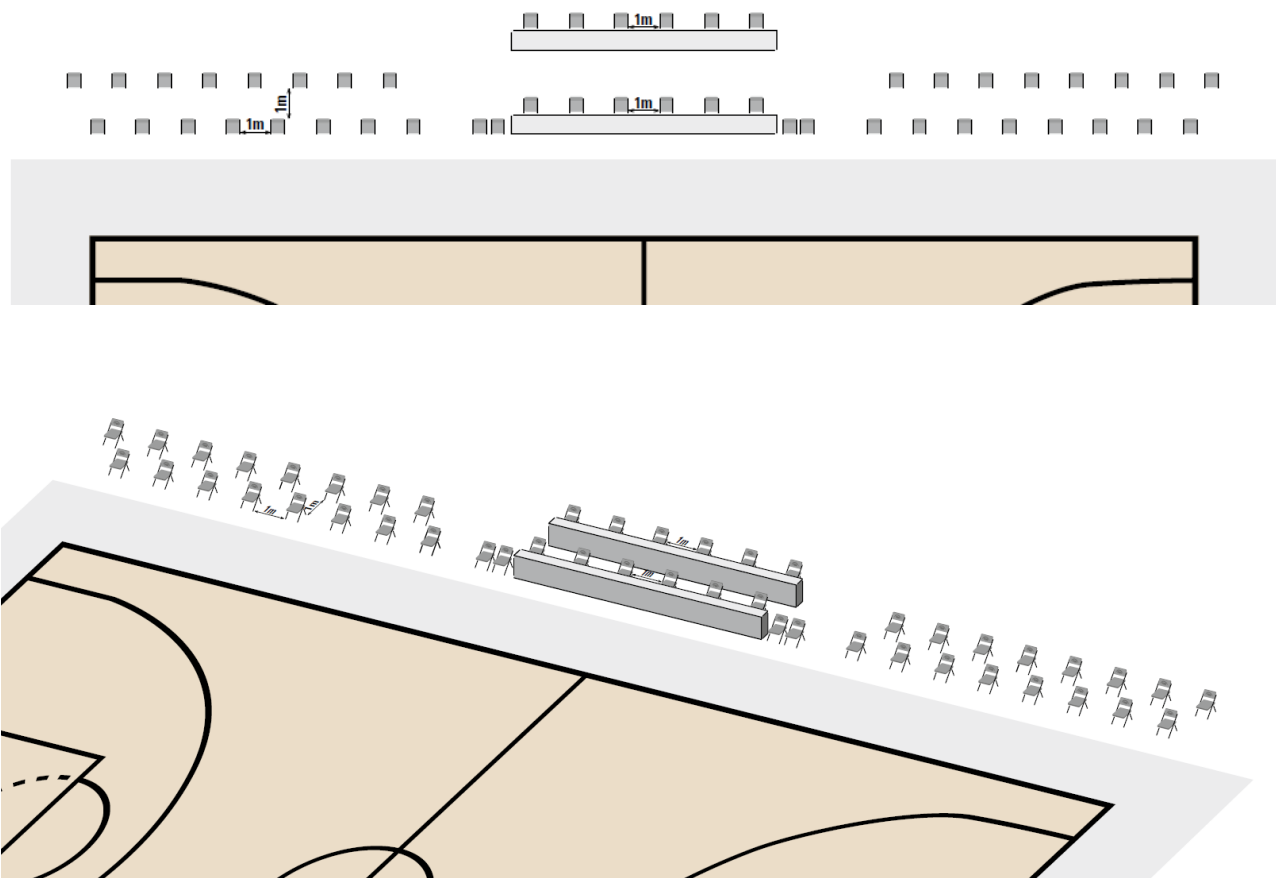
### **24.3 Signage**

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

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

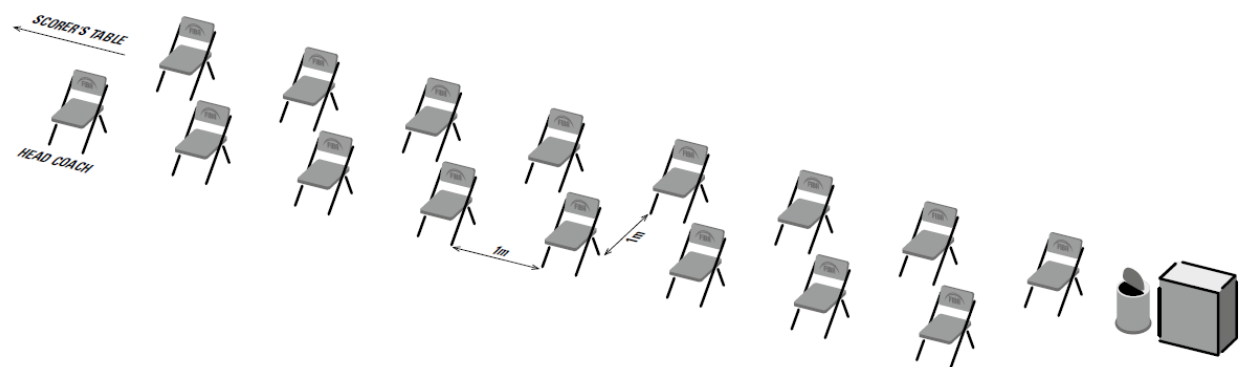
The following set up of team benches, Scorer's and Technical Table must be implemented by the Host. All furniture and equipment must be adequately sanitised between practice sessions and games, as per requirements in section 12. Should a separate practice venue be set up, the same principles apply.

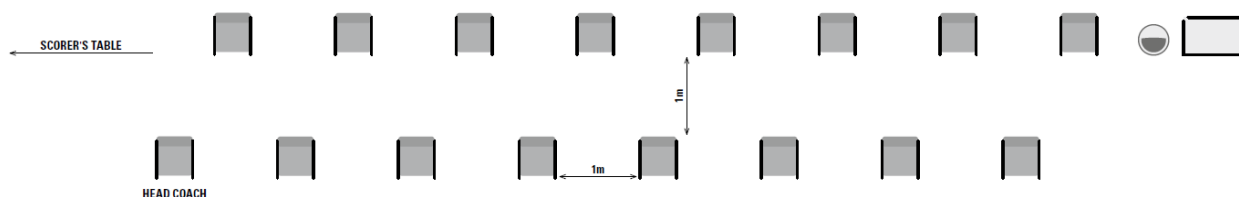




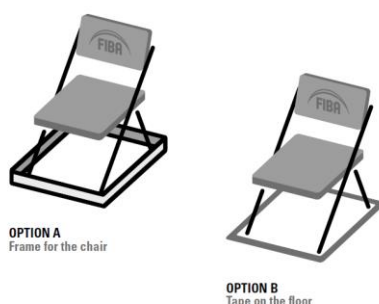
**Team bench layout**

The sixteen (16) seats in the team benches shall be positioned on two rows, with each seat 1m apart, as per the diagrams below.





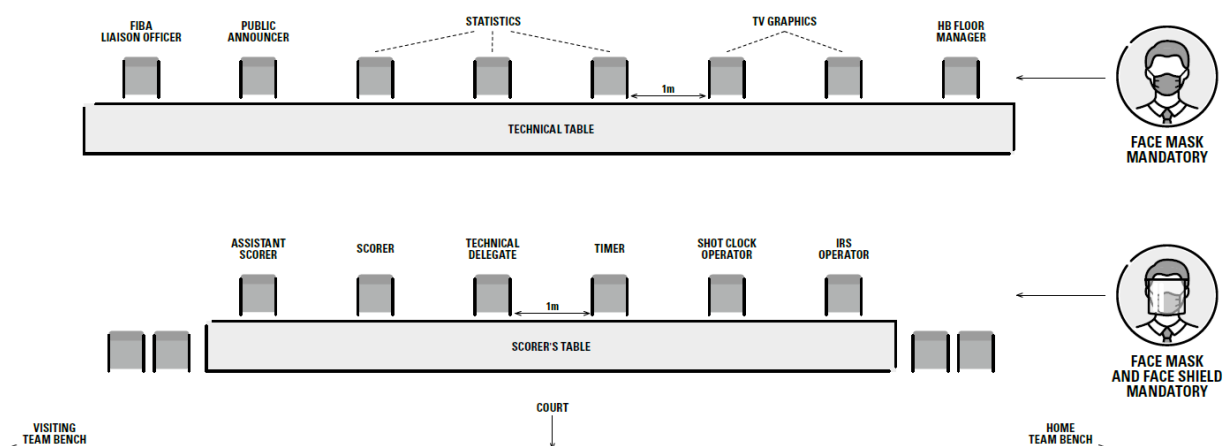
Team Delegation members shall not move the seats. To prevent this, it is recommended that the Host build some simple seat frames to be attached to the floor (using double adhesive tape). Should this not be possible, the Host shall as a minimum clearly mark the position of each seat on the floor using adhesive tape.

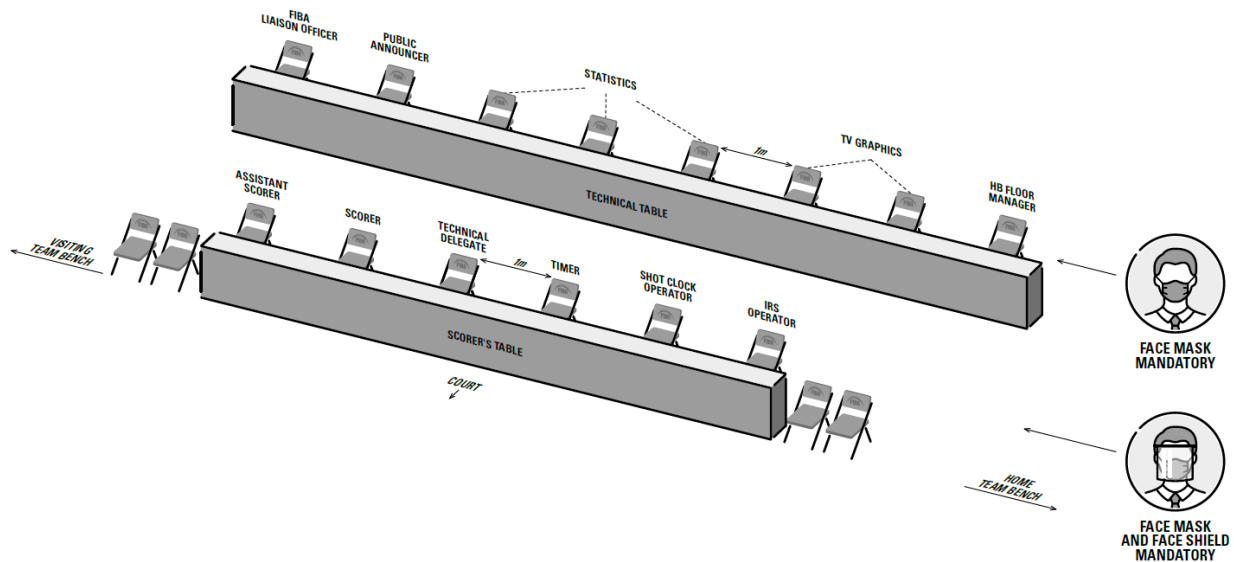


### Scorer's and Technical Tables

The number of individuals taking place at the Scorer's Table and Technical Table shall be reduced to the lowest possible number, as per roles in the diagrams below. Additional seats on the Technical Table may be added to accommodate one (1) additional statistician and/or the FIBA Liaison Officer (recommended).

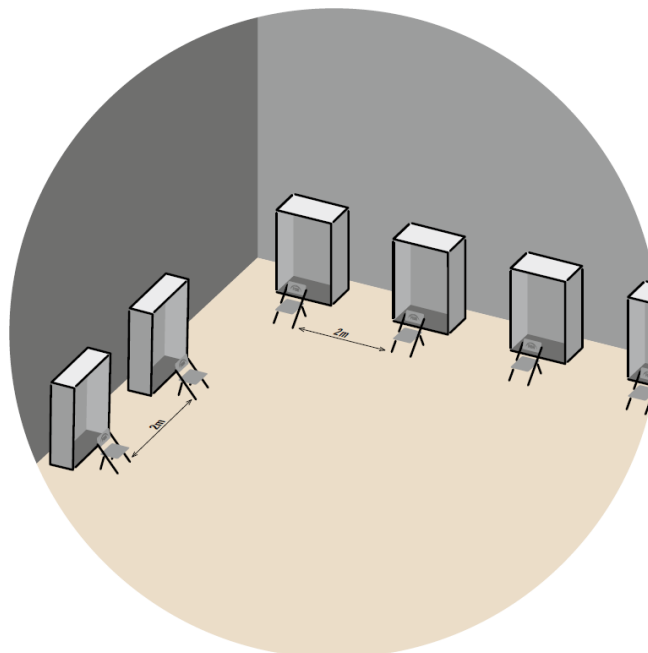
All furniture and equipment shall be fully sanitised prior to the first game of the day - with the area accessible only the Zone 1 accredited individuals as of that time - and between Games in case of staff changes. During practices, access to the area shall be limited to as few individuals as possible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





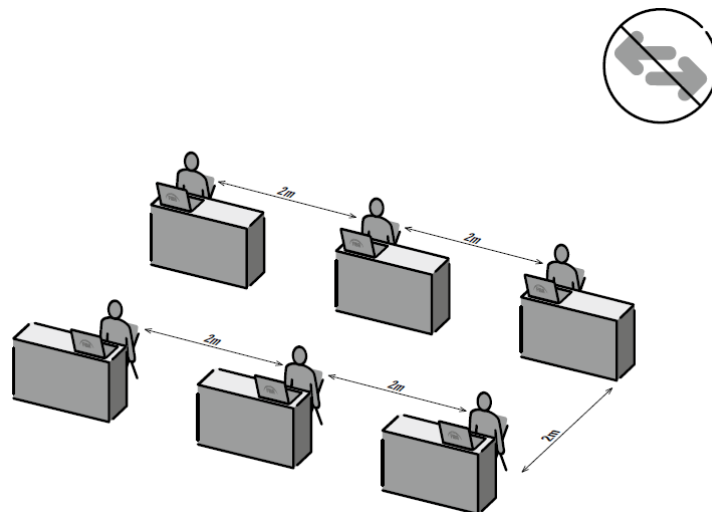
## 24.5 Changing rooms

It is recommended that changing room layout allows for adequate distancing between players and Team Delegation members as per diagram below. Where possible, the Host shall remove and/or reposition existing lockers and furniture.



## 24.6 Office and working areas

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



## 24.7 Media Tribune

As stated in section 13 and in Appendix 3, the Media Tribune at the FIBA Continental Cups Qualifiers Window 2 shall be considered as Zone 3 and must not be positioned on the field of play. Media positions shall be setup allowing for a space of 2m between accredited media (e.g. leaving 2 positions out of 3 empty) and allocating fixed positions to each accredited media representative.

## 25. Appendix 9. FIBA Continental Cups Qualifiers / COVID-19 Protocol implementation - Venue & Game Operations

The following information and procedures integrate the content of sections 10, 11, 12 and 13 of this Protocol.

### 25.1 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). 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).

### 25.2 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 LOC to bring any tested players back to the hotel to prevent the entire Team Delegation from waiting at the venue.

### 25.3 Participant Tribune and scouting

National Federations are allowed a maximum of twenty-five (25) accreditations and encouraged to reduce attending staff to the minimum possible to reduce risks of virus transmission.

The four (4) 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 2m 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 National Federation guests (e.g. using the allocation of tickets provided to the visiting National Federation) 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 bubble.

#### Scouting

A maximum of two (2) accredited coaching staff per team may attend games of other teams for scouting purposes. 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 for their transportation in case they are not travelling with the provided Team Bus.

## 25.4 Ball and equipment sanitisation

In a Bubble of four (4) teams, the Host shall in principle prepare the following:

- 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 six (6) balls each for the two games being played – 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 Bubble Host 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 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.

## 25.5 Towels, water and ice

### Towels

Each Participating National Federation is responsible for its own towels for games and practice session. This, to prevent any possible risks related to the handling of towels. National Federations may use their own branded towels or make arrangements with the hotel to receive white unbranded hotel towels.

The LOC 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 provided by the Bubble Host will need to be labelled with the name or number of the player (and 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. In the current COVID-19 context, it is recommended that single-use bottle be used instead of multiple-use sports bottles.

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.

## **25.6 Printed statistics**

Statistics will be distributed at the venue. The Bubble Host shall ensure that the person(s) in charge of the printouts have adequately sanitised their hands prior to handling and distribution.

## **25.7 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 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.

## 26. Appendix 10. FIBA Continental Cups Qualifiers / COVID-19 Protocol implementation - Sanctions

Team Delegation members and FIBA Game Officials and any other individuals participating in the FIBA Continental Cups Qualifiers Window 2 and accommodated in the Official Bubble Hotel will be required to acknowledge the terms of this Protocol upon arrival in the host country and their compliance to the requirements outlined here within.

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

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

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