



COVID19 – General Safety Protocol

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PREMISES

This Protocol contains the provisions provided by all three International Federations of CIPS and by the National Federation organizing the Championship for the protection of Delegates', Athletes', Captains', Guests' and the Staff's health who in various ways will be present at the Championship. It is to be applied on each Championship organized on behalf of CIPS/FIPS in 2021.

This Protocol extends the existing version of International Federation Competition Rules and Rule Modifications and is to be applied as a minimum or as an extension to the existing national/local or regional safety rules of the host country which shall take precedence.

Basic definitions

Social distance - safety distance of **2 metres**

Face covering - a surgical mask or FFP2/N95 mask (a textile covers such as scarf, buff is not acceptable)

PPE – personal protective equipment

Basic requirements

- Permission from the Government or other official body of the host Nation for the International Organiser/Committee to hold the Championship.
- Permission to travel to and from the host country for participating teams. Some countries may still have a travel ban in place.
- Generation of risk self-assessments and an anti COVID-19 strategy which is approved by all concerned parties. This would be circulated well before the Championship.
- Evaluation of the feasibility of holding the Championship. Number of participating teams and championship budget including costs associated with the anti COVID-19 strategy.
- Provision of suitably trained anti COVID-19 medical support throughout the course of the Championship. Contingency planning in the event of an outbreak of COVID-19 during the Championship including immediate termination of the competition and a containment strategy which may include significant medical intervention.
- Acceptance by all participants that quarantine restrictions may be imposed by the host country on entry and in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak.
- Ensure that participants understood to be in higher risk groups (e.g., with underlying medical conditions and 65+ years) are aware of the increased risk of severe disease. Data information rules may apply. Vaccination of participants useful in the mitigation of severe disease (particularly relevant to at-risk participants of Masters, Veterans and Disabled Championships).
- Host federation must provide details all national, regional and local safety rules for all participants.
- Acceptance by all participants of the national, regional, local and FIPS safety rules.
- All teams to have their own face coverings (including spare ones), hand disinfectants and to form a "safety bubble" for entire event.

- All used face coverings, other PPE and disinfecting materials must be disposed of in a secure and safe manner.

1. REGISTRATION

Registration must be carried out in a dedicated registration room. The organizer must provide disinfectants (e.g. hand sanitizer fluid) at the entrance to the room. The wearing of face covering is mandatory during the registration process. **Only 1 dedicated person** per team (ideally captain/manager) can register the team. All participants (competitors and officials) must provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 test (level determined by national/local or regional safety policy) within 72 hours of registration at the hotel (organizers to provide advice on rules). Prior to registration teams are obliged to send to the organizers:

- set of the photos of each team member (for ID badges, if required by Organizer);
- application forms (by the deadline provided);
- signed **Covid-19 Self-declaration** form (attached to the application and published on the websites of CIPS and FIPS) of each participant. It will be acquired by the Representative of International Federation present and 14 days after the championship, in compliance with the privacy regulation, it will be responsibility of International Federation to dispose them;
- correct names of team members + official reserve;
- all official documents regarding COVID-19 tests and vaccinations (if required by the organizer).

2. COVID MANAGER

The organizing Committee of National Federations hosting the event must appoint a COVID Manager who is responsible and accountable for:

- coordination of preventive measures and prompt medical intervention;
- controlling and implementation the provisions of this Protocol;
- verification of compliance of the provisions implemented in the protocol and the supplementary ones, referring to the venue within which the competition takes place;
- allocation of a dedicated place/room for isolation of positive cases.

He/she is acting as a single point of contact with the local/regional medical authority. Contact on the COVID Manager shall be provided early in advance by the organizer respectively published on the website of the Championship.

3. CONTINGENCY PLAN

All participants should be tested for COVID-19 (level determined by national/local or regional safety policy), preferably under medical supervision before Registration. Latest the 5th day of the Championship there will be carried out an obliged COVID-19 Rapid test (up an agreement, costs for test kits may be borne by International Federation). Any positive cases to be immediately isolated and excluded from further participation. In the event of any team member/official testing positive then all contacts of that individual would have to self-isolate for 7+ days. If a positive case is detected within a team during the championship, then the team bubble is immediately put into a quarantine (this effectively disqualifies the entire team from competition). In addition, all team members must be PCR tested and a contact tracing procedure is to be applied. As a preventive measure related symptoms (the body temperature above 37,5 Celsius, cough, cold, sore throat, difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, fatigue and muscle pain, abdominal pain, diarrhoea, loss of taste and/or smell) are to be immediately reported to Covid Manager, the effected person/s will be isolated and an appropriate medical intervention will be provided.

Within 14 days after returning home from the event, if any event participant shows COVID symptoms, and/or receives a positive test result he/she should immediately notify the event Organising Committee and along with details of his/her close contacts retrospectively during the event in order the contact trace procedure can be applied.

The costs related to the extension of the stay due to quarantine measures as well as any costs for health care are entirely borne by the persons involved.

4. HOTEL

The organizer/hotel must provide all necessary disinfecting materials in the hotel. The wearing of face covering is mandatory during the entire stay in common areas and restaurants except for the consumption of food and drink. Communal meals and drinks must be served and consumed at the table (**no** self-service buffet). Each team must have its own dedicated table for the entire duration of the event. Full compliance with the safety rules provided for restaurants, bars and hotels must be strictly followed. Team members must stay at the table for duration of meal in the restaurant. Packed lunches for competition days are to be provided. Only one dedicated person (ideally captain/manager) will come to collect the packed lunches in boxes for his/her whole team. After any excursion, each participant's temperature will be tested with an infrared non-contact thermometer before entering the hotel. **No** socializing among team residents in the hotel is allowed.

5. CAPTAINS' MEETINGS

A large room, with chairs placed at a social distance from other must be provided. The use of handheld / mobile microphones is not permitted. The distances between persons on the president's table should be at least 2 meters. To reduce the meeting time, the captains of each team must have previously checked and signed the list of their competitors' data and have declared their reserve. Only 1 captain per team is allowed to participate in the meeting (except if he needs his own translator). The protective face covering is compulsory for all present and it is also compulsory to disinfect hands when entering the room, provided fluid shall be used. The results of the draw and the rankings will be made available to participants only via internet (to avoid excessive concentration of people, there will be no information board available). To minimize movement within a room, the organizer will perform the manual draw (if necessary) instead of the captains. A virtual captains' meeting is an option that may be considered by the national organizer and the FIPS delegates.

6. CEREMONIES

The use of handheld / mobile microphones is not allowed. Only static / fixed microphones are permitted and must be thoroughly disinfected before their use by individual speakers. During the ceremonies, whether they take place outdoors or indoors, it will be mandatory to wear a face covering and maintain a social distance between all participants. Ceremonies should be as short as possible.

For the **Opening Ceremony** a formal declaration of opening of the championship by FIPS delegates (and reading of the Olympic oath, if necessary) is required as a minimum.

For the **Closing Ceremony** medals and the trophies will be placed on a table near the podium and each competitor, called, will take his/her medal and trophy before going to the podium. The disinfection of hands and exposed surfaces beforehand is strongly recommended.

7. SPECTATORS

All spectators must comply with host country/region COVID-19 regulations.



COVID19 – Specific Safety Protocol

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RULES FOR SHORE ANGLING

While distributing bait, members of the organization and captains must maintain a distance of at least one and a half meters from each other. Only 1 person per team (captain or vice-captain) will come to collect the bait. The use of a mask is compulsory. The organization will provide hand disinfection gel.

Outside his fishing area (peg) the competitor must wear a mask.

The competitor must go directly to his fishing area without coming into contact with other competitors. He may have recourse to the help of the captain for preparation before the start of the competition.

Only the captain, vice-captain or reserve can approach the angler up to a distance of one and a half meters. In the angler's area the use of the mask during the competition is optional.

Controllers must be equipped with a protective visor (or FFP2 mask) and gloves to control the fish, either by measurement or by weighing (in the case of float fishing). The registration sheet will be presented to the angler for confirmation and signature, which will be done with a disinfected pen provided by the organization otherwise the competitor must use gloves.

The competitor who does not respect these safety rules will be, after a first warning, disqualified for the round.

RULES FOR BOAT ANGLING

While distributing bait, members of the organization and captains must always maintain a distance of at least one and a half meters from each other. The use of a mask is compulsory. The organization will provide hand disinfection gel.

Before entering the boat, the competitor must wear the mask and stand 1.5 meters away from others to prepare his equipment. Only after the boat has anchored and the drawing of lots, he is allowed to go to his angling place. Boats must be large enough (number of competitors per boat small enough) to allow the application of safety measures.

The use of the mask during competition is optional.

The change of position on the boat, at the end of each period, must be done with care to avoid contact.

The stewards, equipped with a protective visor (or FFP2 mask) and gloves, will control and count the fish. The score sheet will be presented to the angler for confirmation and signature, which will be done with a disinfected pen provided by the organization otherwise the competitor must use gloves.

The competitor who does not respect these safety rules will be, after a first warning, disqualified for the round.

RULES FOR THE BIG GAME

The teams must position themselves in the boat keeping a safe distance.

Each competitor, steward or skipper must wear a mask on occasions when it is not possible to respect a minimum safety distance.

Each competitor, steward or skipper must wear gloves when using objects that can also be used by others.

To ensure compliance with health measures, everyone on the boat must have spare masks and gloves.

Only the team captain will present the film to the jury to view the validity and release of the fish. In the room, the use of masks and gloves and the minimum safety distance must be respected. The boat steward will have to wait outside the room to help resolve any issues.

The team which does not respect these safety rules will, after a first warning, be disqualified for the round.

RULES FOR LONG CASTING OF SEA WEIGHTS

Tents (shelters) for teams should be pitched at an appropriate safety distance. Teams must not mingle with each other without a mask.

During the gathering of competitors, each participant must wear a mask. The cast can be done without a mask.

When rewinding the lines, all persons present on the casting field must wear a mask.

Only the captain will have access to the results panel (wearing a mask)

The competitor who does not respect these safety rules will be, after a first warning, disqualified for this cast.