



**FIBA**

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# **PARTICIPANT PROTOCOL**

**FIBA 3X3 Official Competitions 2022**



## Introduction

This Participant Protocol (the “Protocol”) builds on the expertise secured delivering FIBA 3x3 Official Competitions during the pandemic while addressing recent developments related to COVID-19 and FIBA’s response to them.

This Protocol continues to set out the framework for the safe implementation of FIBA 3x3 Official Competitions, and sets levels of required expertise, infection prevention, hygiene, medical response, and compliance.

As the availability of vaccines and the number of vaccinated individuals increases globally, this greatly reduces the risks related to virus transmission as well as possible severity in symptoms, this Protocol now introduces **a strong recommendation that all Participants in FIBA competitions should be fully vaccinated**, which includes the booster vaccination when applicable.

Finally, this Protocol outlines minimum requirements but are subject to review by the Host local authorities. Differences may apply between this Protocol and its final implementation in each host country, e.g. the acceptance of a vaccine by the local health authorities. **Local public health authorities may also require stricter measures than those outlined in this Protocol. Where applicable, these would take precedence in the governance of a Competition.**

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

In order to minimise the risk of transmission of COVID-19 during the FIBA 3x3 Official Competitions, Participants, as defined below, shall cooperate with FIBA and adhere to the requirements in this Participant Protocol. Participants must understand their individual and collective responsibility to ensure that themselves and other Participants are kept safe during the Competition.

**Participants shall read this document very carefully.** Any questions shall be directed to Robert Rieblinger, FIBA 3x3 Development Manager ([robert.rieblinger@fiba.basketball](mailto:robert.rieblinger@fiba.basketball)).

## Scope of application

This Protocol is binding on all Officials (e.g. referees), Players and accredited delegates registered for, competing in or otherwise participating in the Competition (“Participants”).

Throughout the document, the term “Team” incorporates any team taking part in a FIBA 3x3 Official Competition, whether a National Team (and its respective National Federation) or a 3x3 Women’s Series or 3x3 World Tour Team, and the respective Team Delegation Members.

The term “Host” includes all possible organising entities, whether Host National Federation or Local Organising Committee or Promoter.

## Medical

### Medical Compliance Officer

The FIBA Medical Compliance Officer will be appointed by FIBA and shall be responsible for:

- Reviewing and collecting the PCR test results from every registered team delegation member and every Officials registered and nominated for the event;



- Monitoring on-site implementation of the medical aspects of this protocol;
- Checking any potential health/safety issues from teams (e.g. clinical symptoms of COVID-19, other health and safety issues during team activities, etc.) in collaboration with the Host;
- Managing any suspected infections or any participants exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 during the Event; and
- Advising FIBA in any health and safety related decision.

The FIBA Medical Compliance Officer shall have undergone a full vaccination cycle.

### Pre-competition behaviour for risk prevention

Irrespective of the immunisation status of Participants, basic personal hygiene and risk-prevention recommendations 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 1.5m distance between yourself and anyone else including at training except actual participants in the team such as players and coaches;
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth;
- Wearing a face mask when in public;
- Following good respiratory hygiene - covering the mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when coughing, or sneezing, followed by its disposal;
- Showering at accommodation before and after training and games;
- Cleaning training equipment before and after individual use;
- Staying home if unwell (e.g. fever, cough, sore throat or difficulty breathing) and call for medical advice and
- Avoiding public places and transport.

### Sanitation

FIBA and the Host shall ensure that all areas occasioned by Participants – including venues and transport - are regularly sanitised. It is recommended that Participants sanitise hands regularly, either through hand washing or the use of hand sanitiser and avoid touching their face. Hand sanitiser shall be available to Participants upon arrival at the venue.

### Social distancing

Except for Players competing, it is recommended that Participants practice social distancing and maintain a distance of at least **1.5m** from others.

### Face masks

While being recommended by FIBA ultimately the use of face masks is mandated **insofar determined by the local public health authorities.**

### Testing

#### Pre-arrival

All Participants, regardless of immunisation status, are obligated to undertake one (1) reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) test ("PCR") from a sample (nasopharyngeal or saliva) collected by a



health professionals and analysed by a laboratory accredited by its government or national public health authority **3 days prior to the first competition day.**

The conditions for the test to be received and accepted by FIBA are the following:

- The result of the test shall be in English and from a nationally recognised laboratory
- The test shall be a PCR nasal-swap test performed by competent medical staff
- The original PDF shall be uploaded by the registered team delegate(s) (in national team competitions) or the appointed team manager (in Women's Series and World Tour) exclusively using a dedicated link shared by FIBA.

Participant producing a positive PCR test may not travel to and participate in the competition. Further no Participant shall travel or participate in the competition without having produced a negative PCR test.

If a team is not able to provide to FIBA negative results of the pre-travel PCR test taken from at least four (4) registered players, by the required deadline, this team's participation to the Competition may be cancelled.

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

Participants shall obtain at least two (2) hard copies of the PCR test result, which shall be in English, must be negative and carried in hand luggage.

#### **On-site test Results Management**

There is no obligation for onsite Rapid Antigen or PCR testing upon arrival and in between games as long as individuals remain asymptomatic unless directed otherwise by the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer.

If additional testing is mandated, the FIBA Medical Compliance Officer shall be entitled to receive the test results directly from the testing agency.

If additional testing or isolation is mandated by the regulations of the local public health authorities for all Participants, all costs for any such tests as well as any costs related to the isolation shall be borne by the respective Host.

If additional testing or isolation is mandated by the regulations of the local public health authorities for only unvaccinated Participants, all costs for any such tests as well as any costs related to the isolation of unvaccinated Participants shall be borne by the respective Team.

#### *Negative Results*

If on-site tests (whether PCR or Rapid Antigen Tests) are performed Participants returning negative results shall be permitted to participate in the Competition.

#### *Positive Results*

If on-site tests (whether PCR or Rapid Antigen Tests) are performed Participants returning positive test results shall be allocated in a single room and shall remain isolated. For the avoidance of doubt, all meals shall be consumed in the hotel room during this period. The further proceedings shall follow the rules of the local public health authorities.

#### *Roommate & Travel Companions*

Contact tracing and isolation rules for contact persons shall follow the rules of the local public health authorities.



## Symptoms

Any Participants with a temperature of 37.5 degrees or above, or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, which must be honestly declared, will not be permitted to enter the venue and will be immediately reported to the Medical Compliance Officer, who shall advise FIBA whether the Participant shall be submitted for further testing. If tested, 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 above.

## Operational

### Participant activity

It is recommended that Participants practice social distancing throughout the entirety of their stay at the competition and avoid crowded areas whenever possible.

### Transport

#### *International travel*

It is recommended that participants shall wear face masks at all times during international travel, including at the relevant airport, and shall practice social distancing. At a minimum, Participants shall adhere to the guidelines issued by the relevant airline at all times.

#### *Local travel*

Shuttle busses between the hotel and the airport shall be provided. It is recommended that Participants do take public transport or arrange their own transportation to and from the airport.

### Practice and Games

#### *Practice*

A practice schedule shall be established by FIBA. No other or unofficial practice sessions shall be permitted. Players (and Officials) are not permitted to use the hotel gym, steam room, swimming pool or sauna.

#### *Games*

Players and referees must not shake hands, 'high five' or make unnecessary contact with others.

A designated area at the venue may be available for a limited number of Players to watch games. Whilst watching games, the use of face masks is recommended. Players shall also adhere to the social distancing measures put in place in the bleachers. FIBA reserves the right to restrict the number of Players able to watch a game at any one time.

### Media

There shall be no post-game interviews. Selected Players shall be required to give a reaction after the game.

Sit-down interviews may be required at the hotel. Such interviews shall adhere to the principles in this Protocol (e.g. social distancing, face masks).

### Equipment

Participants shall bring their own face masks. Players shall bring their own playing shoes, water bottles and towels for use during games and practices. Laundry services should be available at the hotel.



### Eliminated Teams

Once a team is eliminated from the Competition, the health and safety guidelines established by FIBA or the local authorities shall continue to be followed.

## DISCIPLINARY

In accordance with article 2-19 of the FIBA Internal Regulations, FIBA is competent to take any decision, including imposing sanctions whenever an issue arises that could jeopardise the reputation of FIBA or the health, safety and/or security of the Participants.

The provisions of the Official 3x3 Basketball Rules and of the FIBA Internal Regulations and the FIBA 3x3 National team Handbook shall apply in full to the Competition.

The failure to adhere to any of the obligations contained in this Participant Protocol may result in the **disqualification** of the Player from the Competition, respectively in the expulsion of the Participants (if it is not a Player) as a matter of urgency. In the event of disqualification or expulsion, the Participant shall immediately leave the hotel, shall not be permitted to access the venue and shall not be permitted to interact with other Participants. In addition, the Participant shall not be permitted to practice and have meals at the hotel.

In the event that multiple disqualifications or positive tests after the competition has started prevent a team from presenting at least three (3) Players at the start of a game, that team shall lose the game by forfeit.

At its discretion, FIBA shall open disciplinary proceedings against the Player or Players, which may result in **the suspension of the Participant or the team from the rest of the Season**, depending on the circumstances of the violation(s).