



# Information to all Tokyo 2020 stakeholders On Covid 2019

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## Framework for Managing 2019-nCoV Case



# Latest: International Olympic Committee (IOC)

## IOC EXECUTIVE BOARD STATEMENT ON THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES TOKYO 2020, 3 March:

- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) Executive Board (EB) today expressed its full commitment to the success of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, taking place from 24 July to 9 August 2020.
- The IOC EB heard a report on all the measures taken so far to address the coronavirus situation, which was followed by a comprehensive discussion.
- A joint task force had already been created in mid-February, involving the IOC, Tokyo 2020, the host city of Tokyo, the government of Japan and the World Health Organization (WHO). The IOC EB appreciates and supports the measures being taken, which constitute an important part of Tokyo's plans to host safe and secure Games.
- The IOC will continue to follow the advice of WHO, as the leading United Nations agency on this topic. The IOC EB expressed its thanks to WHO for its continued valuable advice and cooperation.
- It also praised the great unity and solidarity of the athletes, National Olympic Committees, International Federations and governments. It welcomed their close collaboration and flexibility with regard to the preparations for the Games, and particularly the qualification events. All stakeholders continue to work closely together to address the challenges of the coronavirus.
- The IOC EB encourages all athletes to continue to prepare for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. The IOC will keep supporting the athletes by providing the latest information and developments, which are accessible for athletes worldwide on the [Athlete365 website](#).

# Latest: International Paralympic Committee (IPC)

## IPC Statement:

- "Preparations by the IPC and Tokyo 2020 for this summer's Paralympic Games continue as planned. We are of course, keeping a very close eye on the impact of coronavirus and are in regular dialogue with the World Health Organisation, the IOC and our health experts on this matter.
- "Countermeasures against infectious diseases constitute an important part of Tokyo 2020's plans to host a safe and secure Games. Tokyo 2020 will continue to collaborate with all relevant organisations which carefully monitor any incidence of infectious diseases and will review any countermeasures that may be necessary with all relevant organisations.
- "We have full confidence that the relevant authorities will take all the necessary measures to address the situation, including the ongoing containment measures."

# Latest: The Government of Japan

Prime Minister Abe at the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Novel Coronavirus Response Headquarters, 26 February:

- “[Now is truly the critical moment to contain the outbreak swiftly](#). Based on this recognition, [the Government yesterday decided basic policies for our countermeasures](#) (Basic Policies for Prevention and Control of the Novel Coronavirus).
- “Among these policies, the Government has asked local communities and companies to review the necessity to hold events and other gatherings from the perspective of the prevention of outbreak, taking into consideration the status of outbreak and circumstances of respective venues; this is not meant as a uniform request to refrain from holding such occasions nationwide at this stage.
- “In addition, given that the next one-to-two weeks will be of critical importance for preventing further outbreaks, and in view of the risk of large-scale infections associated with national-level major events such as sports and culture events that draw large number of people, we have decided to request organizers to take such responses as cancellation, postponement or downsizing.
- “In order to fully prepare to prevent further infections, the Government will continue to exert every possible effort, while paying due attention to trends in the outbreaks.”

(Source: [Prime Minister of Japan and His Cabinet](#).)

Prevention Measures and Guide of Consultation by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare:

- “It is important to wash your hands frequently and to cover your mouth and nose with a tissue, or with the crook of your arm if a tissue is unavailable, when coughing or sneezing to protect yourself and others from the virus, just as you do for the common cold or the flu. We strongly recommend everyday preventive actions to help keep the virus from spreading.”

(Source: [Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare](#).)

# Latest: Tokyo Metropolitan Government

Announcement by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, 21 February:

Regarding the handling of events organised by the TMG,

- “In principle, **as for indoor events, large-scale\* events and events that provide meals will be postponed or canceled.** (\*large scale = more than 500p)
- “However, **even for large-scale indoors events which must be held within this period, if there is difficulty to change the date of the event, necessary measures should be taken against infection risk.** E.g. University entrance examination, graduation ceremonies, qualification examination, etc.
- “In principle, **as for outdoor events, those that provide meals will be postponed or canceled.**
- “**For other indoor events and outdoor events, risk assessment should be conducted and made judgment. In case of holding events. If implemented, sufficient measures must be taken to control the risk of infection, and in case measures cannot be implemented, the event should be postponed or canceled.**”

# Latest: Tokyo Metropolitan Government (Cont.)

Announcement by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, 26 February:

The TMG will:

- Take intensive and specific measures in a short period of time in keeping with changing circumstances,
- Undertake initiatives to prevent a further spread of the infection in the coming three weeks or so (until March 15), a period set aside for taking intensive measures, and,
- Implement intensive initiatives from three perspectives: upgrading medical systems, preventing a further spread of the infection, and conducting public relations / information activities in a strict and thorough manner.
  - I. Upgrading medical systems:  
Strengthen consulting and testing systems, improve systems to provide medical services, leverage SNS and other media, etc.
  - II. Preventing a further spread of the infection:
    1. Postpone or cancel TMG-organized events in principle, and enforce appropriate measures at facilities used by Tokyo residents
    2. Promote flexible commuting hours and telework in the public and private sectors
    3. Strengthen countermeasures at schools and other institutions
  - III. Conducting public relations / information activities in a strict and thorough manner:  
Establish a special public relations / information team tasked with responding to the novel Coronavirus infection, launch a dedicated website on measures against the novel Coronavirus infection, leverage SNS and other media, etc.

# Latest: Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee

CEO Muto in his Tokyo 2020 presentation to the IOC Executive Board, 4 March:

- “The Organising Committee is collaborating with the Government of Japan and the Tokyo Metropolitan Government on the response to this issue, with [the establishment of a special task force under CEO](#).
- “In accordance with national government policy announced by Prime Minister Abe last week, the Organising Committee has released its own policy\* regarding public events. As our policy states, [we will review the necessity of each Tokyo 2020-related event and then make a decision on whether or not to proceed with an original plan](#).
- [When events are to be held, Tokyo 2020 will follow government recommendations to prevent the spread of infectious diseases](#), including following hand-washing and cough etiquette, providing disinfectant at the venue, requesting all participants wear masks, and requesting individuals refrain from participation in the event of symptoms such as fever, coughs, or sneezes. We will review this policy as we continue to monitor the status of the disease.”

\*Tokyo 2020 Policy Governing Upcoming Events – See page 9

February 26, 2020

Novel Coronavirus Countermeasures Task Force

At this stage, the Japanese government has not requested that organisers of public events cancel them. However, it has emphasized the importance of reviewing the necessity of such events with a view to preventing the spread of infection, taking into account among other things the environment at individual venues. Considering the potential risk of infection, the government has requested that organisers of public events across the country that are expected to attract large numbers of people to consider reducing their scale, postponing them, or cancelling them altogether.

In light of the above considerations, the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee will therefore consider the necessity of holding each Tokyo 2020-related event and decide whether or not to proceed with it.

We will ensure the following measures are implemented at the venues of all events organised by Tokyo 2020:

- Attendees will be asked to ensure they thoroughly wash their hands and observe safe coughing etiquette
- Disinfectants and hand washing facilities will be installed at a variety of locations including venue entrances
- Attendees will be encouraged to wear their own face masks
- Attendees will be asked to refrain from attending if they have symptoms such as fever, coughing or sneezing
- Attendees will be asked to return home if they feel unwell when at a venue (e.g. if they develop a fever)
- Support staff will be asked to report to their manager and return home if they similarly feel unwell

*Where an individual's symptoms change suddenly, we will coordinate with public health authorities to determine the location of temporary facilities and the best method of transportation to local medical institutions.*

We will continue to monitor the situation regarding novel coronavirus infections and will review this policy as appropriate.

# Measures on Tokyo 2020 Test Events

CEO Muto in his Tokyo 2020 presentation to the IOC Executive Board, 4 March:

- “There are crucial tests that must be conducted, regardless of concerns related to the novel coronavirus. Therefore, in accordance with the Tokyo 2020’s general policy, we will take appropriate countermeasures by reexamining events as necessary. Further steps may include downsizing events. Tests deemed necessary to the Organising Committee may be conducted in a form without spectators, allowing us to continue verifying operational plans and learning from test events.
- “We will stay in close collaboration with the IOC, IFs and NFs to make absolutely sure of safe and secure operations.”

Note:

- There will be a meeting soon to discuss overall strategy for test events taking place in April and May.

[Sport-by-Sport Status]

Boccia:

- **Downscaled** to a two-day (29 Feb - 1 March) event with no spectators, no athletes and a minimum number of staff, NF staff and IF staff members.
- BISF President Hadfield: “The real purpose of the test event was to check that the systems worked, and to familiarise key sports officials with a new venue, rather than to test whether the athletes can play boccia. During the test event we identified a small number of important changes that will ensure the boccia competition will provide an exciting sporting spectacle during the Paralympic Games. We are very grateful to the Tokyo 2020 staff who gave up their weekend to help us make the test event a success.”

# Measures on Tokyo 2020 Test Events (Cont.)

## Sport Climbing:

- Scheduled on 6-7 March as a non-spectator event.
- **Tests to go ahead with originally scheduled date.** Modified with appropriate measures including: 1) replacing teenage athletes by non-competitive athletes, 2) reducing the number of volunteers, and 3) changing volunteer training formats (large-group training to smaller ones).

## Wheelchair Rugby:

- The host organiser Japan Para-Sports Association announced on 3 March a cancellation of the Japan Para Wheelchair Rugby Champs, originally scheduled on 12-15 March.
- **Tokyo 2020 nevertheless will carry out the wheelchair rugby test event in some form in April**, after ensuring a safe and secure environment, and will consult with the International Paralympic Committee, International Wheelchair Rugby Federation, and other relevant organisations to determine the new schedule and the content of such tests by the end of March.

## Rugby:

- The host organiser Japan Rugby Football Union announced on 4 March a cancellation of the the Asia Sevens Invitational 2020, originally scheduled on 25-26 April.
- **Tokyo 2020 nevertheless will carry out the tests in some form in the same window at the same venue** and will consult with the International Olympic Committee, World Rugby and other relevant organisations to determine the content of such tests.

# Test Event Calendar

No	Sport	Event	Olympic/ Paralympic	Host	Spectators	Athletes	Dates
1	Boccia		Paralympic	Tokyo 2020	None	Japanese & International	2/29~3/1
2	Sports Climbing		Olympic	Tokyo 2020	None	Japanese	3/6~8 (reserved day: 3/8)
3	Wheelchair Rugby		Paralympic	NF	Yes	Japanese & International	3/12~15
4	Gymnastics	Artistic	Olympic	IF/NF	Yes	Japanese & International	4/4~5
5	Gymnastics	Rhythmic	Olympic	Tokyo 2020	None	Japanese	4/6
6	Cycling	BMX freestyle	Olympic	Tokyo 2020	None	Japanese & International	4/11~12
7	Cycling	Track	Olympic	Tokyo 2020	None	Japanese & International	4/11~12
8	Aquatics	Waterpolo	Olympic	NF	Yes	Japanese & International	4/11~12
9	Aquatics	Swimming	Olympic	Tokyo 2020	None	Japanese	4/14~15
10	Para Swimming		Paralympic	Tokyo 2020	None	Japanese	4/16

## Test Event Calendar (Cont.)

No	Sport	Event	Olympic/ Paralympic	Host	Spectators	Athletes	Dates
11	Shooting		Olympic	Tokyo 2020	None	Japanese & International	4/18~25
12	Aquatics	Diving	Olympic	IF	Yes	Japanese & International	4/21~26
13	Volleyball	Volleyball	Olympic	NF	Yes	Japanese & International	4/21~26
14	Skateboard		Olympic	Tokyo 2020	None	Japanese	4/22
15	Rugby		Olympic	NF	Yes	Japanese & International	4/25~26
16	Aquatics	Artistic Swimming	Olympic	IF	Yes	Japanese & International	4/30~5/3
17	Basketball	3x3 Basketball	Olympic	Tokyo 2020	None	Japanese	5/2~4
18	Para Athletics		Paralympic	NF	Yes	Japanese & International	5/2~3
19	Athletics		Olympic	NF	Yes	TBD	5/5~6

# Measures on Olympic Torch Relay

CEO Muto in his Tokyo 2020 presentation to the IOC Executive Board, 4 March:

- “We will take all necessary and appropriate measures to prevent infection among runners, spectators, and operational staff.
- “In addition to the general policy\* mentioned earlier, Tokyo 2020 has adopted a dedicated policy\*\* for the Torch Relay. We will thoroughly monitor the health of runners and staff, including conducting temperature measurements and health checks.
- “As situations including status of infection may differ from region to region during the period of the Torch Relay, we will take appropriate measures adapted to each area’s individual circumstances.
- “The relay specifics for each prefecture will be decided no later than one week in advance of the Torch Relay’s arrival in that prefecture, accordingly.
- “These may include, if the situation requires, limiting the number of entrants to celebration venues or requesting the cooperation of spectators lining the route in taking precautions against the spread of infection.
- “We will continue to review this response in accordance with ongoing developments to the situation.”

\*Tokyo 2020 Policy Governing Upcoming Events – See page 9.

\*\*Basic Approach to Novel Coronavirus Countermeasures During Tokyo 2020 Olympic Torch Relay – See page 15.

As of February 26, the Government of Japan has requested that all organisers of sports and cultural events involving large numbers of participants to be held within the following two weeks consider downsizing, postponing, or cancelling these events in light of the risk of spreading infection. This follows the Government's general policy as announced on February 25. The Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee, in accordance with the above policy, has compiled the following basic approach to the upcoming Tokyo 2020 Olympic Torch Relay beginning on March 20. Going forward, the Organising Committee will review this response as appropriate in accordance with overall government policy on preventing infection.

## 1. Basic Policy

The Organising Committee will take all necessary and appropriate measures to prevent the spread of infection among runners, spectators, and operational staff as the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Relay takes place. Specifically, runners and spectators feeling unwell will be requested to refrain from participation, and all participants will be regularly reminded to follow handwashing and cough etiquette. Alcoholic disinfectant will be provided at celebration venues. Furthermore, the Organising Committee will thoroughly monitor the health of runners and staff, including conducting temperature measurements and health checks.

## 2. Policy on Individual Events

The details of the Relay will be reviewed based on the status of infection in each individual prefecture. Specifically, following consultation with the Prefectural Task Force and partner companies, measures such as limiting the number of entrants to celebration venues and requesting the cooperation of spectators lining the Relay route may be taken as necessary. Relay specifics will be determined no later than one week in advance of the Relay's arrival in that prefecture. The Organising Committee will rely on the cooperation of the Prefectural Task Force to ensure the smooth dissemination of information within the prefecture.

## Additional Information to NOCs/NPCs:

- There are no plans to cancel planned NOC/NPC visits between now and 31 March 2020.
- In hosting these NOC/NPC visits, Tokyo 2020 will follow government recommendations to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, including following hand-washing and cough etiquette and providing disinfectant at the venue.
- For those NOCs/NPCs missing the opportunity to sit together with Tokyo 2020 due to cancellation of their visits, Tokyo 2020 will make further information available at the Tokyo 2020 Connect (Extranet). This includes updating visual images of venues and other reference documents so that NOCs and NPCs can prepare for the Games as planned.
- For those NOCs/NPCs which have cancelled their visits this month, Tokyo 2020 is ready to extend the period for their site-inspection visits to the Olympic and Paralympic Village into April. No requests on competition venue inspections and FA meetings can be received.
- Operational updates will be provided to NOCs/NPCs as and when information is available.
- If you have any questions, please reach out to Tokyo 2020 NOC/NPC Relations counterparts.

### Useful External Resource:

- [IATA Latest Travel Document News \(JAPAN - published 27.02.2020\)](#)

## Additional Information to IFs:

- There are no plans to cancel IF visits as scheduled. Each IF and respective Tokyo 2020 competition management team will discuss and decide the postponement and cancellation of their IF visits. In hosting these IF visits, Tokyo 2020 will follow the Japanese Government recommendations to prevent the spreading of infectious diseases, including following hand-washing, cough etiquette and providing disinfectant at the venue.
- Regarding the status of hosting test events, based on the “Tokyo 2020 Policy Governing Upcoming Events” as of 26th February (please see page 9), we will ensure that all IFs are fully aware of and follow the procedures. Tokyo 2020 will keep IFs updated once we have latest information.
- It is confirmed that there is no particular delay of procurement for sport equipment at the current stage. Tokyo 2020 will keep IFs updated on the progress and contact them if necessary.
- Please feel free to reach out to Tokyo 2020 IF Services team, if you have any questions.

# Position Statement and QAs

## Tokyo 2020 General Statement:

- “Countermeasures against infectious diseases constitute an important part of our plans to host a safe and secure Games. To address the novel coronavirus issue, the Government of Japan has established the Novel Coronavirus Response Headquarters, led by the Prime Minister, and intends to pay full attention to the virus's impacts and thoroughly respond to them. The Tokyo Metropolitan Government has also established an internal task force. Meanwhile, as of February 4th Tokyo 2020 has established a Novel Coronavirus Countermeasures Task Force under the leadership of CEO Toshiro Muto. We have created a framework for periodic updates between Tokyo 2020 and the IOC and will continue to stay in close collaboration. Tokyo 2020 will continue to collaborate with all relevant organisations which carefully monitor any incidence of infectious diseases and we will review any countermeasures that may be necessary with all relevant organisations.”

## Q) What is the framework for periodic updates with the IOC?

- “It is a platform for periodic sharing of information also used for weather countermeasures and other matters. We will stay in close collaboration with the IOC as we continue preparations to deliver a safe and secure Tokyo 2020 Games.”

## Q) How will you approach the participation of Chinese athletes in test events? Do the athletes they will be facing have concerns?

- “Details regarding athlete participation have not yet been confirmed. As with the Games, safe and secure operations for athletes and spectators alike are our first priority, and we plan to stay in collaboration with all relevant organisations to ensure this. There are no plans to cancel the events.”

## Position Statement and QAs (Cont.)

Q) Is Tokyo 2020 currently considering cancelling the Tokyo Games due to the coronavirus?

- “We have never discussed cancelling the Games. Preparations for the Games are continuing as planned.”

Q) Some of suppliers in China may suffer delay because of the disruption in production caused by the coronavirus. Are you concerned? Can it be an issue for delivering the Games?

- “No suppliers have informed Tokyo 2020 of any delays or issues. Preparations for the Games are continuing as planned. We will continue to carefully monitor the situation and also stay in close collaboration with all relevant organisations.”

Q) Is there any impact on the schedule of test events?

- “Regarding test events organised by international federations or national federations, we respect their decision. Regarding test events organised by Tokyo 2020, we will continue to stay in close collaboration with the IOC, IF and all relevant organisations as we prepare to deliver safe and secure events. We do not have any plans for cancellation.”