

FINA COVID-19 REGULATIONS



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1. INTRODUCTION

FINA acknowledges the extraordinary nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing difficulties for the organization of safe sporting events.

The aim of these FINA COVID-19 Regulations is to ensure that all steps are taken to mitigate the risk of infection for those involved in competition, understanding the risk cannot be completely eliminated. These Regulations provide a minimum standard for the health and safety of all athletes, staff and officials, with latitude for adaptation to individual circumstances.

The FINA COVID-19 Regulations shall apply to all competitions organized or sanctioned by FINA. FINA recognizes that government COVID-19 regulations and recommendations vary from country to country. Where these are more rigorous, they must supersede the FINA COVID-19 Regulations.

All participants at FINA Events (competitions and non-competitions) must respect these Regulations.

For all FINA-discipline, a discipline-specific document will also be made available.

2. BASIC PRINCIPLE

2.1. General Measures

Each participant is required to comply with the following infection prevention measures. As Participants, you must:



Wash/sanitize your hands frequently



Cough and sneeze into a tissue or the crook of your arm



Wearing a mask is optional (except in few situations described in these Regulations and sport-specific documents)



Avoid shaking hands, hugging, kissing



Keep physical distancing wherever possible

- Immediately notify the LOC COVID-19 Officer and your team/delegation CLO (COVID-19 Liaison Officer Medical Coordinator) or FINA CLO if experiencing any symptoms (The CLO- will decide if these symptoms may be COVID-19 related).
- The athlete is strongly requested to leave the country where the event is being held, 48 hours after the end of their final competition, especially if this country has high numbers of infections.

2.2. Vaccination

FINA is committed to the welfare of all participating athletes and event-related personnel. We also respect our obligation to minimizing the risk of infection for residents of the host country. Therefore we **strongly recommend** COVID-19 vaccination for all attendees, using a vaccine proven effective in reducing infection and transmission of COVID-19 ([see WHO list of approved vaccines](#)).

2.3. Conditions of participation

FINA and the Local Organizing Committee may modify the conditions of participation as necessary taking into account the current/future situation of the COVID-19 pandemic.

2.4. Registration

Each participating team must comply with the maximum number of athletes and accompanying officials allowed per country, to be registered for the Event. Individuals or teams who fail to comply with infection prevention measures and rules of conduct outlined in these Regulations will not be permitted to participate in FINA Events.

2.5. Definitions

The following are definitions of terms used in this document:

Participant: a person who has been accredited for the Event.

COVID-19 Liaison Officer (CLO): a delegation/team member responsible for; monitoring the implementation of COVID-19 countermeasures; acting as liaison to the organizers and FINA; supervising screening tests; and serving as a point of contact in case of suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases.

Physical distancing: refers to a distance of at least 1.5-metre between individuals.

Face coverings (masks): NOTE: medical masks (FFP2, N95, KN95 or equivalent) are preferable but surgical masks are also acceptable.

Fully vaccinated: a person who is considered fully vaccinated by her/his national health authority. NOTE: Full vaccination refers to the completed dose regime specific to the vaccine administered, and will vary accordingly. Attendees are recommended to carry official evidence of their vaccination status including dates of administration.

Recognized Vaccines: all vaccines recognized by the WHO.

Sanitizers: a range of disinfectants in liquid or gel form, that satisfying standards of infection control, preferably dispensed via touchless dispensers.

Personal protective equipment (PPE): clothing (gowns, gloves, face shields etc.) worn by individuals to avoid risks of infection.

Body temperature measuring device: A non-contact thermometer used to take body temperature.

COVID-19 PCR testing: polymerase chain reaction test for COVID-19, considered the “gold standard” for detection of COVID-19.

COVID-19 rapid test: an antigen test from a nasal swab producing a result in about 20 mins but with less accuracy than the PCR Test.

COVID-19 symptoms: The most common symptoms include sore throat, cough (usually dry), shortness of breath, chest pain, high temperature, sudden loss of smell and/or taste sensation, headache, general weakness and aching muscles. Gastrointestinal symptoms of nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or stomach ache may also occur.

Close contact: A close contact is defined as the roommate, or anyone who, within the previous 24 hours, has spent more than 15 minutes within a distance of 1.5 m from any person confirmed as COVID-positive, without undertaking appropriate infection prevention measures. Each case of suspected “close contact” will be investigated comprehensively, taking into account factors including surrounding environment and circumstances of contact, before making any decisions regarding isolation.

3. COVID-19 COUNTERMEASURES AND RESPONSES

All accredited Participants may be subject to COVID-19 screening tests before and during FINA Events. Everyone must adhere to all COVID-19 countermeasure and responses described within these Regulations in addition to testing requirements. Individual details will be found in the specific event bulletin.

3.1. Entry to the organizing country (= Day 1)

3.1.1. Fully vaccinated participant (at least two doses of an WHO approved vaccination, last dose not later than 9 month)

- 1 PCR or antigen test before arrival (< 72 hrs., at own cost)
- Proof of vaccination
- the organization can decide to do a rapid antigen test on all teams at arrival

3.1.2. Non-vaccinated participant

- 1 PCR or antigen test before arrival (< 72 hrs., at own cost) country requirement!
- 1 mandatory antigen on arrival
- Approval to join the rest of the Event's participant only on the official approval of the event CLO.
- the organization can decide to do a rapid antigen test on all teams at arrival

3.2. COVID-19 screening tests

The FINA World under 16 Women and Men Water Polo Championships 2022 are 7 days' tournaments.

Here is the proposed testing plan

3.2.1. Fully vaccinated participant

- ⇒ No additional test during the Tournament

If a PCR test before departure is required, the participant shall contact the LOC for assistance.

The costs will be covered by the participant.

3.2.2. Non-vaccinated participant

- Day 4/5 rapid antigen test

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3.3. If you are confirmed positive

3.3.1 For positive people with a complete vaccination schedule

Isolation is now for a period of 5 days (full) after the date of the onset of signs or the date of the collection of the positive test.

After 5 days, the positive person can leave isolation on two conditions:

- if a rapid antigen test is negative
- You should continue to wear a [well-fitting mask](#) around others at home and in public for 5 additional days (day 6 through day 10) after the end of your 5-day isolation period.

If you continue to have fever or your other symptoms have not improved after 5 days of isolation, you should wait to end your isolation until you are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and your other symptoms have improved. Continue to wear a [well-fitting mask](#) through day 10. Contact your healthcare provider if you have questions.

If you test positive for COVID-19 and never develop [symptoms](#), isolate for at least 5 days. Day 0 is the day of your positive viral test (based on the date you were tested) and day 1 is the first full day after the specimen was collected for your positive test. You can leave isolation after 5 full days.

3.3.2 For non-vaccinated positive people

The isolation is 10 days (full) after the date of the onset of signs or the date of the collection of the positive test.

However, after 7 days, the positive person can leave isolation on two conditions:

- They perform an antigen or PCR test and it is negative
- They have had no clinical signs of infection for 48 hours
 - If the tournament has finished at the required isolation period, the athlete can travel home (isolation is currently NOT required by the Greek authorities)

3.4. Athletes who have recovered from COVID-19 prior to the Competition

It is recognized that those who have recovered from COVID-19 may still be at risk of returning a positive PCR test, despite no risk of contagion or symptoms.

To be permitted to take part in subsequent competition any athlete who has recovered from COVID-19 must submit medical documentation to FINA which confirms full recovery from COVID-19. This information will be reviewed confidentially by a delegation of at least two appointed FINA physicians who will decide the Athlete's eligibility/safety to participate.

3.5 Consequence of multiple positive cases within a water polo team

If three (3) or more positive cases are declared within a delegation, a full review of the circumstances will be performed to assess the situation.

⇒ One of the consequences might be the exclusion of the team from the Tournament.

4. Reserve players Policy

Two (2) reserve players could be on the team list as substitutes in the case of infected players but it is not an obligation.