OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES BEIJING 2022

COMPETITION CONTINGENCY REGULATIONS

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The Competition Contingency Regulations intend to guide decision-making and set basic thresholds to adapt competition formats and schedules in the event of a COVID-19 positive case or Close Contact during the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022.

The implementation is subject to the individual circumstances of each situation and, in particular, the timing at which the COVID-19 positive cases or Close Contacts are confirmed relative to the start of the respective competition impacted, as well as the applicable International Federation's (IF) rules and regulations.

The Competition Contingency Regulations will be activated in the event of a confirmed COVID-19 positive case or Close Contact that is unable to compete, thus limiting the impact on the athlete’s experience or delay the competition.

1. Principles

The following main principles were adopted to provide consistency across sports where possible:

- No athlete or team should be designated as “disqualified” for COVID-19 reasons; instead “Did Not Start (DNS)” or an equivalent sport-specific designation will be used where the athletes or team cannot take part in the competition.
- The minimum result of the athlete/team will be protected, considering the phase of competition at which they could not compete.
- Where possible, the place of an athlete or team unable to compete will be filled by the next most eligible athlete or team, allowing events to go ahead where possible and medals to be competed for on the field of play.
The **key areas** will be considered when implementing the Competition Contingency Regulation:

- **Timing Threshold** - Determines the period when a specific action can occur.
- **Sports Requirements** – The minimum participation requirements per event for each IF to provide a platform for fair and equitable competition (e.g. minimum number of athletes, team officials or ITO/NTOs).
- **Competition Progression** – The rules and regulations in place per IF on how to proceed with the competition in case of a confirmed COVID-19 positive test result while ensuring the progression of athletes and teams to avoid impacting the sports competition.
- **Decision Making** – The IF will be responsible for identifying the relevant decision-making person/s who are authorised to apply the IF rules and regulations to ensure the continuity of competition.

The priority is to guarantee the start and end of all competition sessions according to the confirmed competition schedule.

2. Key Considerations

   **A. IF Rules and Regulations**

   The requirements are to be determined by the IF rules while ensuring the implementation of the IOC (International Olympic Committee) Principles. If the IF does not have any rules determining the sport requirements, the IF, in consultation with the IOC, can mandate what the minimum sport requirements are for the specific event.

   **B. Competition Progression**

   In principle, the competition time shall not be changed or cancelled in the event of a COVID-19 positive case or confirmed Close Contact.

   All athletes/team officials or technical officials will follow the procedures outlined in the [Playbook](#), and they will be excluded from the current competition phase/event as soon as the test is confirmed as positive by the Chinese Health Authorities.

   In the event of a COVID-19 positive case, the IF rules are to determine the competition progression, with consideration being given to the below:
• If an athlete tests positive for COVID-19 after the sport entries are closed, the Late Athlete Replacement (LAR) Policy will be reviewed to see if there is any flexibility on a sport-specific basis.
• According to the IF process, allow for replacements as late as possible to allow for teams to compete using other athletes on-site where feasible.
• All athletes that cannot compete for any reason other than disqualification for unsportsmanlike behaviour (DQB) will still be ranked in their final position accordingly. This includes all podium positions.
• If an athlete tests positive for COVID-19 during competition, the “AP” alternative athletes may be a substitute, where relevant.

C. Decision Making

If an athlete is confirmed COVID-19 positive or a Close Contact that leads to quarantine/isolation, the below procedures will be implemented to decide on the impacted competition format/structure, while respecting the regulations and contingency plan in place.

The decision-making group overseeing the implementation of the contingency plan during the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 are the:

• International Federation (IF)
• International Olympic Committee (IOC)
• Olympic Broadcast Service (OBS)
• OMEGA
• Beijing 2022 Sports Department
• Medical Expert Group

If applicable, each of the organisations above are responsible for providing/receiving relevant information.
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| Pre-Team Captains Meeting and Post LAR Deadline (9 Feb 09:00) | If an NOC wishes to replace the athlete, the NOC must complete the LAR process 1 hr before the Draw for the training of the respective event, with a possibility for a late LAR request after the given deadline so long as not past the beginning of the Team Captains Meeting Training Draw. For the replacement of an athlete, the same deadlines apply. Further to the deadlines, only Ap athletes may be used for brakeman or brakewoman replacement during training and competition for medical reasons. There will be no impact on training or competition at this stage as six training runs will be offered, and the athlete has to complete a minimum of two training runs to be allowed to the race. If teams are unable to meet the minimum required number of athletes, the team will not be permitted to start:  
  - 4-Man Bobsleigh – 1 pilot, 1 brakeman, and 2 push athletes  
  - 2-Man/Woman Bobsleigh – 1 pilot and 1 brakeman or brakewoman | NOC must notify the Sports Entries team of LAR through the e-LAR. Consultation between Jury President and Bobsleigh Technical Director, IBSF CLO with IBSF Secretary General. IBSF Secretary General will be required to use the e-LAR system for approval or rejection to all relevant parties, including the IOC Sports Department. Beijing Sports Entries to confirm the decision to the NOC. Bobsleigh Technical Delegate will inform Team Captain, Beijing 2022 Bobsleigh Manager, Race Director, Atos VRM, ORIS, OBS & OMEGA. Secretary General will inform IOC Sports Department as well as IBSF staff. | If LAR is made, no impact. If NOC decides not to replace a pilot/athlete there is no impact and pilot/team will be drawn and included on the training start list but will be left out of the training session as long as the athlete is not able to compete. The official results will reflect the pilot/team as DNS. | Bobsleigh TD, Jury President and Secretary General as well as IBSF CLO. |
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<td><strong>Latest confirmation on participation in training – 45 min before start of each training session:</strong></td>
<td>No replacement athlete will be possible at this time as the official draw has taken place. If a positive COVID-19 test, the NOC must confirm the negative confirmatory test no later than 45 minutes prior to the relevant training session for the pilot/team to participate. There will be no impact on the training or competition at this stage as six training runs will be offered, and the pilot/team has to complete a minimum of two training runs to be allowed to the race.</td>
<td>Consultation between Jury President and Bobsleigh Technical Director, IBSF CLO with Secretary General. The Bobsleigh Technical Director will inform Team Captain, Beijing 2022 Bobsleigh Manager, Race Director, Atos VRM, ORIS, OBS &amp; OMEGA. Secretary General will inform IOC Sports Department as well as IBSF staff.</td>
<td>During training, no impact but pilot/team will be drawn and included on the training start list but will be left out of training as long as the pilot/team is waiting for the result. If a COVID-19 positive case, the start list will be re-issued with the same participants and a free text note indicating the pilot/team as not starting. The official results will reflect the pilot/team as DNS.</td>
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<td><strong>COVID-19 Positive Athlete after official training and at any stage prior to the Start and End of Competition</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Latest confirmation on participation in competition 45 min</strong></td>
<td>A) Pilot receives a COVID-19 positive test result prior to or during the competition (between heats 2 and 3); the confirmatory</td>
<td>Consultation between Jury President and Bobsleigh Technical Director, IBSF CLO with Secretary General.</td>
<td>A) Start list will contain pilots/team name.</td>
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| Confirmation of COVID-19 positive case prior to the start of competition | - The IBSF Secretary General will handle such a case with the responsible Bobsleigh Technical Director. In the case of COVID-19 positive IF/Technical Director, the scenario would foresee:  
  A) COVID-19 positive Jury President: Bobsleigh Technical Director will become Jury President.  
  B) COVID-19 Jury Member: Jury Assistant will become Jury Member. | - Decision made by IBSF Secretary General.  
- Secretary General to discuss decision with Beijing 2022 Sport & IOC Sports Department for validation.  
- Communication to IBSF ITOs and staff managed by IBSF Secretary General. | - No foreseen impact on the competition as the positions can be covered by the staff on the ground. | - Such case is handled by the IBSF Secretary General with the Bobsleigh TD. |
In case the Technical Director or more than one Jury Member tests positive for COVID-19, the vacant positions will be filled by:

A) Jury Members of the Skeleton discipline.

B) IBSF staff on-site.

C) reduce the Jury to a minimum of Jury President and two Members.

In the event the Material Controller tests positive for COVID-19, they will be replaced by Material Controller of Skeleton sports or by an IBSF staff member.