



# 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:



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- 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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COMPETITION CONTINUITY CONTINGENCY PLAN SCENARIOS AND PROCEDURES

**COVID-19 Positive Athlete after Entries Deadline and not later than the Team Captains Meeting**

Timing Threshold	Proposed Management	Decision Making & Communication	Impacts	Designated IF Decision Making Group
<p><b>Pre-Team Captains Meeting 1 hr before TCM: (6 Feb 13:30)</b></p>	<p>If an NOC wishes to replace the athlete, the NOC must complete the LAR process before the Draw for the training of the respective event.</p> <p>If an NOC decides not to replace an athlete there is no impact and the athlete will be drawn and included on the training start list but will be left out of training as long as the athlete is waiting for the confirmatory results or waiting to finish quarantine.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>NOC must notify the Sports Entries team of LAR through the e-LAR.</p> <p>Consultation between Jury President and Skeleton Technical Delegate, IBSF CLO with IBSF Secretary General.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Beijing Sports Entries to confirm the decision to the NOC.</p> <p>Technical Delegate Skeleton will inform Team Captain, Beijing 2022 Skeleton Manager, Race Director, Atos VRM, ORIS, OBS &amp; OMEGA.</p>	<p>If LAR is made, no impact.</p> <p>If NOC decides not to replace the athlete there is no impact and the athlete 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.</p>	<p>TD Skeleton, Jury President and IBSF Secretary General as well as IBSF CLO.</p>



## COVID-19 Positive Athlete after the Team Captains Meeting and not later than the start of Official Training

Timing Threshold	Proposed Management	Decision Making & Communication	Impacts	Designated IF Decision Making Group
<p><b>Latest confirmation on participation in training – 45 min before start of each training session:</b></p>	<p>No replacement athlete will be possible at this time as the official draw has taken place. If a confirmed COVID-19 test, the NOC must confirm the negative confirmatory test no later than 45 minutes prior to the relevant training session for the athlete to participate.</p> <p>There will be no impact on the 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.</p>	<p>Consultation between Jury President and Skeleton Technical Delegate, IBSF CLO with IBSF Secretary General.</p> <p>The Skeleton Technical Delegate will inform Team Captain, Beijing 2022 Skeleton Manager, IBSF Race Director, Atos VRM, ORIS, OBS, and OMEGA.</p> <p>Secretary General will inform IOC Sports as well as IBSF staff.</p>	<p>During training, no impact as athlete will be drawn and included on the training start list and left out of training as long as the athlete is waiting for the result.</p> <p>If a COVID-19 positive case, the start list will be re-issued with the same participants and a free text note indicating the athlete as not starting.</p> <p>The official results will reflect the athlete as DNS.</p>	<p>Skeleton TD, Jury President and IBSF Secretary General as well as IBSF CLO.</p>



### COVID-19 Positive Athlete after official training and at any stage prior to the Start and End of Competition

Timing Threshold	Proposed Management	Decision Making & Communication	Impacts	Designated IF Decision Making Group
<b>Latest confirmation on participation in competition 45 min before race start</b>	<p>A) The athlete was unable to complete two official training runs – cannot participate in the competition, and will not be in the race draw.</p> <p>B) If an athlete tests positive following the official training runs, the athlete will be drawn for competition and may participate if the confirmatory test is negative.</p> <p>C) The athlete still provides a positive test result: no participation in the race possible.</p>	<p>Consultation between Jury President and Skeleton Technical Delegate, IBSF CLO with IBSF Secretary General.</p> <p>The Skeleton Technical Delegate will inform Team Captain, Beijing 2022 Skeleton Manager, IBSF Race Director, Atos VRM, ORIS, OBS, and OMEGA.</p> <p>IBSF Secretary General will inform IOC Sports Department as well as IBSF staff.</p>	<p>No impact on training schedule or competition.</p> <p>No impact on the start list, and if an athlete is published on the start list, the official results will reflect the athlete as DNS.</p>	<p>Skeleton TD, Jury President and IBSF Secretary General as well as IBSF CLO.</p>

### COVID-19 Positive IF Delegate / TD Prior to Competition

Timing Threshold	Proposed Management	Decision Making & Communication	Impacts	Designated IF Decision Making Group
<b>Confirmation of positive case prior to the start of competition</b>	The IBSF Secretary General will handle such a case with the responsible Skeleton Technical Delegate.	Decision made by IBSF Secretary General.	No foreseen impact on the competition as the positions	Such case is handled by the IBSF



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	<p>In the case of COVID-19 positive IF/Technical Delegate, the scenario would foresee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) COVID-19 positive Jury President: Skeleton Technical Delegate will become Jury President.</li> <li>B) COVID-19 Jury Member: Jury Assistant will become Jury Member.</li> </ul> <p>In case the Skeleton Technical Delegate or more than one Jury Member tests positive for COVID-19, the vacant positions will be filled by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) Jury Members of the Bobsleigh discipline.</li> <li>B) IBSF staff on-site.</li> <li>C) reduce the Jury to a minimum of Jury President and two Members.</li> </ul> <p>In the event the Material Controller test positive for COVID-19: they will be replaced by Material Controller of Bobsleigh sports or by an IBSF staff member.</p>	<p>IBSF Secretary General to discuss decision with Beijing 2022 Sports &amp; IOC Sports Department for validation.</p> <p>Communication to IBSF ITOs and staff managed by IBSF Secretary General.</p>	<p>can be covered by the staff on the ground.</p>	<p>Secretary General with the Skeleton TD.</p>
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