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PARTICIPANT PROTOCOL

**FIBA 3X3 WORLD TOUR MASTERS HONG KONG
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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.

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 World Tour Hong Kong (“Competition”) 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).

General information about entering Hong Kong can be found here: <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/index.html>

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.

Non-compliance with the obligations set out in this Participant Protocol may lead to **disciplinary action** in accordance with this Participant Protocol and the FIBA Internal Regulations.

Medical

Medical Compliance Officer

The FIBA Medical Compliance Officer will be appointed by FIBA and shall be remotely-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 requirements 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. Participants shall 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. Players shall shower before and after training and competition at their accommodation.

Social distancing

Except for Players competing, Participants shall practice social distancing and shall always maintain a distance of at least **1.5m** from others. Officials shall at all times practice social distancing.

At the venue, a specific seating space for Players to watch other games can be arranged.

Face masks

Outside of hotel rooms, face masks shall be worn **at all times** by all Participants. The **only** exceptions are:

- during practice;
- whilst playing or officiating on-court; and,



- during meals in the designated areas.

Testing & Vaccination

Pre-arrival

As per Hong Kong entry requirements and FIBA’s participation requirements, all Participants shall be fully vaccinated as per <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/inbound-travel.html#Vaccination> and shall submit the mandatory Health Declaration Form: <https://www.chp.gov.hk/hdf/>

As per Hong Kong entry requirements, all Participants shall take one (1) RAT (Rapid Antigen Test) conducted within 24 hours prior to the scheduled departure time of the flight to Hong Kong with a negative result and declare via the Health Declaration Form. <https://www.chp.gov.hk/hdf/>

As per Hong Kong entry requirements, all Participants shall download and install “LeaveHomeSafe” app <https://www.leavehomesafe.gov.hk/en/>

Participants shall obtain and carry with them at least two (2) hard copies of their vaccination certificates, which shall be in English.

Before boarding the flight to Hong Kong participants shall present the green Health Declaration QR code at check-in for verification by the respective airline.

During the Event

The FIBA Medical Compliance Officer shall be entitled to receive the test results directly from the testing agency.

The costs for any testing shall be borne by the Host.

Any potential isolation can be served in the Hong Kong Government Community Isolation Facilities at no costs or the official team hotel at 2,420 HKD per night (to be borne by the Participant).

All Participants shall be tested according to the below table by the Host.

Personnel	Overseas / Local	Arrival/Check-in Date in HK	23-Nov	24-Nov	25-Nov	26-Nov [Event Day]	27-Nov [Event Day]	28-Nov	29-Nov	
Players	Overseas	24-Nov		Day 0	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Left HK on 28 Nov		
				PCR + RAT	PCR + RAT	PCR + RAT	PCR + RAT			
Players	Local	24-Nov		PCR	PCR+RAT	PCR + RAT	PCR + RAT	RAT	RAT	
FIBA Referee	Overseas	24-Nov		Day 0	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Left HK on 28 Nov		
				PCR + RAT	PCR + RAT	PCR + RAT	PCR + RAT			
FIBA Dunkers	Overseas	25-Nov			Day 0	Day 1	Day 2	Left HK on 28 Nov		
					PCR + RAT	PCR + RAT	PCR + RAT			
FIBA Staff	Overseas	23-Nov		Day 0	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Left HK on 28 Nov	
				PCR + RAT	RAT	PCR + RAT	RAT	PCR + RAT		
		24-Nov		Day 0	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3			
				PCR + RAT	RAT	PCR + RAT	RAT			
25-Nov				Day 0	Day 1	Day 2				
				PCR + RAT	RAT	PCR + RAT				
26-Nov					Day 0	Day 1				
					PCR + RAT	RAT				



On-site test Results Management

Negative Results

A Participant returning a negative result from any test shall be permitted to continue to participate in the Competition.

Positive Results

A Participant returning a positive test from any onsite testing shall be allocated in a single room and shall remain isolated and shall immediately undergo another PCR test (“Confirmatory Test”). For the avoidance of doubt, all meals shall be consumed in the hotel room during this period.

- If the Confirmatory Test is positive, the Participant shall remain in isolation in the hotel room or be moved to the Hong Kong Government Community Isolation Facilities and follow the rules of the local authorities. In order to leave the Isolation 2 consecutive, negative RATs taken on Day 6 and 7 of the isolation shall be mandatory.
- If the Confirmatory Test is negative, a Case Officer from the Hong Kong Government Department of Health shall review the case and shall decide whether the result of the Confirmatory Test is accepted. If the negative result of the Confirmatory Test is accepted by the Case Officer from the Hong Kong Government Department of Health, the Participant shall be allowed to leave isolation and participate in the competition. If the negative result of the Confirmatory Test is not accepted by the Case Officer from the Hong Kong Government Department of Health, the Participant shall remain in isolation in the hotel room or be moved to the Hong Kong Government Community Isolation Facilities and follow the rules of the local authorities. In order to leave the Isolation 2 consecutive, negative RATs taken on Day 6 and 7 of the isolation shall be mandatory.

In the event that multiple positive tests prevent a team from presenting at least three (3) registered Players for the start of the first game of the Event, that team will loose all games by forfeit.

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

Participants shall not be permitted to enter into any public restaurant throughout the duration of their stay in Hong Kong.

Transport

International travel

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 or the venue shall be provided. Participants shall under no circumstance 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 shall not make physical contact with members of the other team during the presentation (e.g., Players should not high-five members of the other team). Players shall try as hard as possible to avoid other unnecessary physical contact with the referee and players of the other team.

A designated area at the venue may be available for a limited number of Players to watch games, based on a schedule provided by FIBA. Whilst watching games, face masks must be worn at all times. 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.

Changing facilities

No changing facilities will be provided at either the practice or game venue. Participants shall shower and change into the appropriate clothing in their hotel rooms prior leaving for the venue.

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.

Hotel Rooms

Participants are not permitted to enter into any hotel room other than their own. No third parties (except hotel cleaning staff and, if permitted by FIBA's Medical Compliance Officer, team's physiotherapist or doctor) are permitted to enter a Participant's hotel room. As the sole exception to the above, Players of the **same team** are permitted into the hotel room of a teammate, unless that Player is in isolation.

Meals

All meals shall be consumed in the hotel room.

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 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).

Enforcement of Protocol by A Third Party

In order to comply with the requirements of the local authorities and for the safety of all Participants, a security company has been given certain delegated authority by FIBA, the Host and the Local Authority to assist with the enforcement of the requirements of the local authorities and this protocol.

The security company has the autonomous right to request any Participant infringing this Protocol to immediately check out of the hotel; the security company will escort the Participant out of the hotel. In said case, the Participant will cease being a Participant to this Protocol; and said person shall not be permitted to access the venue nor the biosecure hotel and shall not be permitted to interact with other Participants.