



**OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION**

**24** / 2020 - 2021

To : European Clubs  
European Federations  
c/c : WS Europe – President – Mr Fernando Claro  
From : WS Europe Rink-Hockey - Chairman

Object : **EUROPEAN COMPETITION RULES UNDER THE COVID-19 PROTOCOL**

European Clubs,  
European Federations,  
Arbitration Officers / National Federations

The WSE-RH European Committee, given the Covid-19 emergency situation and the continuous change in conditions in countries involved in European competitions, has extraordinary and temporary regulations, as provided for in the "*Provisions and temporary Regulation European Club Competitions 2020-21 Emergency Covid-19*", relating to the qualification phases of the various championships / leagues, in order to ensure their continuity in the following phases.

## 1 - EUROLEAGUE



The competition includes a first group phase with 16 participating teams divided into 4 groups of 4 teams each, with round-trip matches (all against all), where in the end only the first two teams will qualify for the second round.

1.1 - The competition will be held with the same formula, adopting in case of emergency, these extraordinary provisions:

1.1.1 - The Clubs that will not be able to play the matches in the calendar of the first two matchdays, for restrictions related to the emergency Covid-19, as regulated in the protocol "PROVISIONS AND TEMPORARY REGULATION EUROPEAN COMPETITIONS 2020-21 Emergency COVID-19", they can request the postponement of matches and recover them by 10/12/20, before the third day of the calendar.

1.1.2 - Clubs that have requested a postponement of matches under the emergency COVID-19 and who are unable to recover them within the time limit described in 1.1.1 (10 December 2020), will not be able to play any other match provided for in the 2020 / 2021 competition schedule.

1.1.3 - The Committee has decided to leave the Clubs in the standings with zero points awarded, since they have not withdrawn from the competition, for the definition of the ranking of the next season

1.1.4 - Clubs will not be subject to payment of any sanction for not participating in the championship "*Provisions and temporary Regulation European Club Competitions 2020-21 Emergency Covid-19*".

## 2 - WS FEMALE LEAGUE



The Competition includes a Preliminary Stage with 12 participating teams, where there are round-trip matches to qualify for the second stage.

2.1 - These are the special provisions for this first stage, in case the proposed formula cannot be implemented regularly.

2.1.1 - The Clubs that will not be able to play the games of the first phase, scheduled for the day 7 November 2020 and 21 November 2020 for restrictions related to emergency Covid-19, as regulated in the protocol "*Provisions and temporary Regulation European Club Competitions 2020-21 Emergency Covid-19*", may request the referral with the following modalities:

2.1.2 - Request for postponement of the one-way match from November 7, 2020 to December 12, 2020 and regular return match on November 21, 2020.

2.1.3 - Request for postponement of the return match from 21 November 2020 to 12 December 2020 and regular match scheduled for 07 November 2020.

2.1.4 - The request to hold both games (the first match on November 7 and the second game on November 21) on the same weekend (November 21 and 22) at the club's home on November 21.

2.1.5 - The request to play both games, the first game on November 7 and the second game on November 21 with a double game, in one of the two locations of the teams, for the days 12 and 13 December 2020.

2.1.6 - In case of postponement of both matches, the first leg of 07 November and the second leg of 21 November, without possibility of recovery as provided in the previous points, it is necessary to play a single match, on neutral venue, on 12 December 2020, on the last day.

The winning team qualifies for the second phase.

### 3 - WS EUROPE CUP



The competition includes a first preliminary round, where 14 clubs are registered, to qualify for the second round, the round of 16. There will be round-trip matches to be played on 7 November and 21 November, as scheduled.

3.1 - These are the special provisions for this first phase, in the event that the proposed formula cannot be implemented regularly.

3.1.1 - Clubs that are unable to play the first round, scheduled for November 7, 2020 and are unable to recover it by November 19, 2020, for emergency-related restrictions COVID-19, as regulated in the protocol "*Provisions and temporary Regulation European Club Competitions 2020-21 Emergency Covid-19*", you can use the following options:

3.1.2 - He request to hold both games (the first match on November 7 and the second match on November 21), on the same weekend (21 and 22 November), at the club's house on November 21.

3.1.3 - In the event that it is not possible to play in both venues, no day 21 and 22 November, the two games, as described in point 3.1.2, a single game will be played in neutral venue, where the winning club qualifies for the second phase. The game must be played no later than 10 December

3.1.4 - In the case of clubs that play the first match of the calendar on 7 November and were not able, always by restrictions COVID-19, to play any other game, as provided for in points 3.1.2 and 3.1.3, the second qualifying round is the winning team of the only match played.

### 4 - PROVISIONS PROTOCOL COVID-19

All clubs are required to comply with the provisions described in the "*Guidelines for European Club Competitions*" Protocol, with regard to the dates of submission of all useful information to better prepare for the holding or indication of the matches.

#### 4.1 - PROVISIONS BEFORE DEPARTURE

a) The officers to the COVID-19 of both teams, shall communicate to the European Committee WSE and the team with which they must play, timely information on all measures necessary to enter and leave the country without quarantine and / or other restrictive measures.

This is the deadline to make communication before each game:

- or 15 days
- or 8 days
- or 3 days

b) Officers to the COVID-19 shall immediately inform the WSE European Committee whether travel restrictions or bans adopted by/for European countries, which may prevent clubs from participating in the game, are enforced by the government, national and local authorities.

c) Officials at the host team's COVID-19, should prepare an information protocol on how the visiting team should interact with the host country's health system (from the telephone number to the first aid points, to the contacts of the local health system), in case of need.

4.2 - These are the time limits for the first and second matchdays:

4.2.1 - Day 1 - November 7, 2020

The communications to be made in accordance with the provisions are as follows:

- 15 days before the competition - October 24, 2020
- 8 days before the competition - October 31, 2020
- 3 days before the competition - November 4, 2020

4.2.2 - Day 2 - November 21, 2020

The communications to be made in accordance with the provisions are as follows:

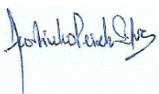
- 15 days before the competition - November 7, 2020
- 8 days before the competition - November 14, 2020
- 3 days before the competition - November 18, 2020

## 5 - **MANDATORY INFORMATION**

All the Clubs participating in the European Competitions, must communicate, no later than 15 October, that is, in the next 24 hours from the receipt of the official communication 24, to the European Committee and the opposing club, the current state of emergency pandemic Covid-19, the restrictions that prevent the play in the calendar for 7 November.

This communication is **MANDATORY** by the Clubs within the deadline, to allow.

Best regards,



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