



Integration Guidelines
for European Club
Competitions

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1. INTRODUCTION

These Guidelines complement the WSE-RH Competition Hygiene Guidelines

- a) The WSE-RH Committee has developed, this series of guidelines specific to the organization and dispute of continental competitions, in times of Covid-19 emergency, to complete the Guidelines previously issued to ensure the resumption of competitions.
- b) Any official WSE-RH competition will continue to follow all the latest health measures and protocols recommended and applied by their national and local authorities.
- c) The guidelines are temporary, closely linked to the Covid-19 emergency and will be subject to updates depending on the adaptation to higher standards.

2. GENERAL PROVISIONS

It is a dynamic document that is part of an orientation tool.

During the pre-event, event and post-event phases, the following principles and concepts apply and are respected throughout the process to minimize the risks of spreading Covid-19:

- Communication and education are always implemented with regard to target groups to ensure the best performance of tasks and identify the associated risks
- Accurate and regular health screening and Covid-19 PCR testing with results from certified and authorized laboratories and Covid-19 Quick Tests carried out and validated by authorized medical personnel.
- Social expulsion protocols organized and obliged in all the structures of the event to optimize the safety and well-being of all the groups involved.
- Additional hygiene and health precaution measures to be provided available before, during and at the end of each event.
- Greater fragmentation and strict division of all areas at the event to reduce the risk of groups of people forming within the same area and potential transmission of the virus.
- Medical staff and paramedical staff required on site and available for all the duration of the event for guests and also in dedicated facilities.

- On-site production of Media & Digital content with strict social standards of removal and hygiene
- Define different access/exit and control points as specified in the WSE-RH Guidelines
- Hire and ensure the availability and presence of a professional company for the control of access to the Headquarters and one for Clean & Waste and inform them about the hygiene protocols in force for the entire event
- Prepare a detailed review of local measures and government regulations regarding COVID-19 and share them in coordination with the WSE-RH Committee, with all parties involved (participating teams, match officials and officials, LOC personnel, accredited media, international and local service providers).

3. **RESUMPTION OF COMPETITIONS**

The resumption of competitions is accompanied by a protocol of prescriptions and restrictions reserved for teams and all staff operating in close contact.





3.1 **WSE-RH BUBBLE**

- a) The Organizer must prepare the "WSE-RH Bubble" for the conduct of the competition, to ensure safety for all
- b) A system of homogeneous groups, the sole objective of which is to limit contact with the outside world and the sharing of physical spaces during the event.
- c) In this way it will be possible to preserve the principle of isolation of the groups, avoiding the intersections between them throughout the period of stay at the venue of the competition.
- d) This system must be adopted for the entire duration of the competition (from the day before until the departure of the Teams) in accordance with the provisions.

3.1.1

WSE-RH BUBBLE CLASSIFICATION

There are four WSE-RH bubbles identified, identified by different colors. Each bubble is composed as follows:

-  ○ **RED BUBBLE**– includes all participating teams (all members registered in the report), members of the WSE-RH, Referees, Timekeepers, Competition Doctor, Health Personnel, Anti-Doping Referents (if any).
-  ○ **YELLOW BUBBLE** – includes the Media (journalists, photographers, broadcast TV operators,)
-  ○ **BLUE BUBBLE** – Staff Organization, Volunteers, Force of Order, Support Personnel
-  ○ **GREEN BUBBLE** – Guests, Authority

3.2

TESTS

For all WSE-RH competitions it is MANDATORY to undergo a Test (PCR and/or Rapid).

The PCR test only for those who have to make the transfer through air travel, as required by the current regulations.

For everyone else it's necessary a Quick Test, 48 hours before the start of the competition.


A detailed Covid-19 Test activity will be carried out for each competition, to be carried out before and during the competition.

The screening action will allow to identify any positivity and remove the subjects from their respective bubbles as soon as possible, also proceeding with the tracking.

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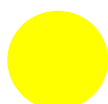
TYPE AND MODE OF TESTING

These are the provisions related to covid-19 diagnostic tests, relating to the various WSE-RH Bubbles

-  ○ **RED BUBBLE**
The obligation of the Quick Test, within 48 hours before the event, for all, components of the Red Bubble.

You must send the certificate of the test to the WSE-RH-covid@wseurope-rinkhockey.org , the certificate of negative result.

During the event, in the middle of the competition , (it will be established in detail for each event, according to the formula of the competition) all the components of the Red Bubble WSE-RH will have to undergo a Quick Test, which will take place in the Dedicated Covid Area.



○ **YELLOW BUBBLE**

Quick Test, carried out 24 hours before entering the venue, it's COMPULSORY, the certificate of negativity of a Covid-19 Quick Test, and sent by email to covid@wseurope-rinkhockey.org

During the competition, if the components of the Yellow Bubble, reside in the Hotel dedicated to the event and comply with all the provisions of the bubble, they will have to carry out the Quick Test, halfway through the competition. If the members of the Yellow Bubble do not live in the Hotel prepared for the event, they must undergo, every day, before entering the Rapid Test, the Area dedicated to Covid.



○ **BLUE BUBBLE**

All members of the Blue Bubble, who do not live in the Hotel dedicated to the competition, must necessarily undergo a Quick Test, before the start of the competition (the day before) and every day of the competition.



○ **GREEN BUBBLE**

All components of the Green Bubble must undergo a Quick Test before entering the place where the competition takes place.

3.2.2

TEST CERTIFICATION

All components of the Red Bubble must, as specified in 3.2.1, certify the negativity of the PCR Test.

For the validation of the certification of the Quick Test of the participating teams, to be carried out during the competition, the Covid-19 Officer of each participating team will deliver to the Doctor a pre-filled form (Quick test Formulary) that the WSE-RH Committee will send before the start of the competition.

All other people, belonging to the other Bubbles, who will carry out the Quick Test, will be given a certification, validated by the Doctor.

4. **SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR THE WSE-RH BUBBLE**

The Organizer must carefully select the structure (Hotel) for those who need to be hosted, ensuring that they fully comply with the WSE-RH Guidelines, the Hygiene Protocols of national and local authorities.

- Hotels should be located as close as possible to the venue of the competition, in order to minimize local transport.
- A quick check-in process should be defined at the Hotel to avoid meetings at the reception desk

It is necessary to ensure that the Teams, referees, committee, in the Hotel have at their disposal:

- An exclusive floor for each delegation in order to avoid contact with other guests and delegations.
- Dining area dedicated to each team
- Protocol of access to the hotel, transport and sports facility
- Provisions for procedures relating to transport to the sports facility (differentiated means of transport)

5. **COVID MEDICAL AREA**

The Organizer must prepare a dedicated "Covid Room" inside the sport installation for the performance of the Quick Tests by the authorized Medical Staff . This Covid Room must be a sector not communicating with other areas of the facility, to avoid gatherings.

6. **COVID COMMISSION**

The WSE-RH Committee, in order to ensure the correct implementation of the general recommendations and specific protocols, provides for a Covid-19 Commission, for the competition, composed of:

- Covid-19 WSE-RH Referent
- Covid-19 Coordinator of the Organization
- Covid-19 Officer of each participating Club
- Doctor of the Organization
- Medical Contact person of the WSE-RH Committee

7. **COMPETITION PROVISIONS**

7.1 **BEFORE THE COMPETITION**

The Organizer is required to:

- Ensure that all staff in the Organizational Staff, service providers are fully aware and comply with the WSE-RH Hygiene Guidelines and use personal protective equipment
- Ensure that accommodation and transportation principles, as set out in the WSE-RH Hygiene Guidelines, are applied during the arrival of teams/delegations, arbitrators, WSE-RH Committee, Media and Authority.
- Ensure that local officials are fully aware of wse-rh hygiene guidelines and modified matching protocols.
- Control the updated of the contact list (first name, surname, phone number and email) of all travelers, Organizational Staff, service providers and any other person involved in the competition.
- Cooperate closely and support WSE-RH officials in order to finalise the program of activities and the relevant measures to be applied for each planned activity.

The members of all delegations of the WSE-RH Bubbles are required to:

- Avoid meetings in the common areas of hotels, at the headquarters and training facilities, following the social distances at all times (minimum 1.5 meters), wearing the protective mask and respecting all other preventive measures established
- The WSE-RH Covid-19 Referent must conduct an organization meeting to receive the latest updates on the COVID-19 situation in the host country and if you review the planned measures
- The Covid-19 Coordinator of the Organization and the WSE-RH Medical Delegate must carry out an inspection visit to the Hotel and check with the

Head of Hygiene of the same that all the measures indicated in the WSE-RH Guidelines for Hygiene and those defined by local laws and regulations are implemented and followed.

- The Covid-19 WSE-RH Referent must ensure that the participating teams, the Referees, are aware of the protocols in force

The WSE-RH Medical Delegate, the Covid-19 WSE-RH Referent and the Covid-19 Coordinator of the Organization must:

- examine all hygiene issues at the premises, training facilities and hotels of officials and crews, comply with the rules in force
- organize a meeting with the Medical Staff to plan the progress and procedures related to the Quick Tests, the disinfection methods used in the medical areas prepared in the implant
- examine all disinfection points inside the site and verify that the stocks necessary for personal protection and disinfection are available

7.2

DURING THE COMPETITION

The Organizer is required to:

- **Security**
 - Ensure the implementation of a rigorous access control system in order to avoid or minimize interactions between the different target groups (in particular between teams, referees, WSE-RH Committee, media, Authority)
 - Make sure that all people entering the gaming system wear masks
 - Collect information about all the people present at the same time at the Headquarters and other facilities and their contact details in order to keep traceability
- **Disinfection and cleaning procedures**
 - The Organizer ensures the implementation of the following procedures, under the supervision and instructions of the Hygiene Manager:

Disinfection and cleaning procedures to be guaranteed before each game and training session:

- Field of the Rink
- Benches
- Timekeepers table
- Changing rooms and medical and anti-doping areas
- Isolation room
- Remove all waste materials from the playing and control rink

Daily disinfection and cleaning procedures for:

- Work rooms
- Covid Area Room
- Press Room
- Dedicated areas (TV and SPR stations, Press Stand)
- Accreditation desk
- Room reserved for WSE-RH Committee
- Anti-Doping Room
- The entire venue

- All disinfection procedures are carried out when the plant is empty, in order to avoid any contact between the participants and the cleaning staff.

- Make sure that the people who are at the venue, wear the mask, and comply with all other preventive measures.

▪ **Games in succession**

- In the event that several games are planned in succession in the same venue, a careful assessment of the interference that the committed groups may have between them (which must be zero) is necessary.

- The time between the end of a game and the beginning of the next must take into account, among other situations:

- the number of changing rooms available for athletes and referees and their size
- access routes to the venue
- access routes to the rink

- The initial disinfection procedures provided for in this Protocol shall always be mandatory between every game.

8. **GUIDELINES FOR EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS 2020-21**

The measures taken, in compliance with all the guidelines and regulations in force, are impressive, but they are indispensable to be able to optimally manage the conduct of competitions.

These Guidelines complement those previously issued, which remain in effect.