



Covid 19 - WWR Return to Competition Model

To be applied to the 2021 European Championship Division B – Poland June 27 to 5 July,2021 - (A model for all competitions)

The most important priority is the health and welfare of the Team Members and Technical Officials

Covid 19 Precautions and Management	
1.	The WWR CMO and CEO will provide Advice, Guidance and Firm Recommendations on postponement or cancellation if the risk levels to athletes and support staff are at such a level which they consider to be unacceptable, and this can be up to the completion of the competition.
2.	The WWR RTTP, Athlete Checklist and Referee Checklist are to be considered a minimum standard and local provisions can only be more restrictive. https://worldwheelchair.rugby/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/200630-WWR-Return-to-Train-and-Play-Advisory-Guidelines-2.docx https://worldwheelchair.rugby/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/200629-RTTP-Athlete-Checklist.docx https://worldwheelchair.rugby/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/WWR-RTTP-Referee-Checklist-.pdf
3.	The WWR CMO and CEO will monitor the European Covid 19 “Reproduction (R)rates” and the travel traffic light system - https://reopen.europa.eu/en from January 2021. [For other Zonal competitions, the regional and country R rates will be considered]
4.	All teams and Technical Officials (TOs) are required to meet the travel requirements implemented by their governments including quarantine where appropriate.
5.	The LOC will be responsible for all Covid 19 precautions in accordance with local governmental provisions including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel to and from the Airport. • Within the Hotel. • Travel to and from the venue.
6.	Testing for Covid 19 - Teams and TOs MUST be PCR tested: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • before they leave their Country (72 hours prior to departure). • on arrival at the destination and must isolate until the test returns as negative (usually 1 day.) • mid Competition (5/7 days).
7.	Masks MUST be always worn by all persons except for athletes when they are playing on the court. When leaving the court players MUST wear their masks. All other team support personnel, technical officials MUST always wear their masks.
8.	When masks are removed when dining (or for any other reason) social distancing space applicable in the host country MUST be respected including when dining.

9.	Food provision at the venue MUST be provided in accordance with local Covid 19 protocols.
10	Any persons involved at the tournament who become symptomatic MUST be removed IMMEDIATELY from the venue and isolated and tested and remain isolated until a negative result is obtained. If there is any doubt the LOC Medical Officer will have the final say.
11	The LOC will appoint a suitably qualified Medical Officer for the period of the competition who can be consulted on matters related to Covid 19.
12.	The LOC will have contingency plans in place to manage Team members and TOs who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract Covid 19. • Have Covid 19 symptoms (see WHO.int website). • Have had close contact with confirmed or symptomatic individuals and need to be isolated. The contingency plans should be sent to the IWRF CEO (sgriffiths@iwrf.com) as soon as possible for clearance by the WWR CMO.
13.	Consideration needs to be given to the management of and costs associated with a Team member or a TO who is required to isolate for 14 days. Confirm who is responsible for paying the additional costs including additional flight, hotel, food costs (this list is not exhaustive).
14.	Consideration of the last date that the competition can be cancelled without financial penalty in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stadium hire. • Transport hire. • Hotel costs. Other costs which may not be easily identifiable
15.	Consideration of a Risk Management protocol and monitoring involving LOC and the WWR Technical Delegate.

References – useful resources are available here:

1. World Health Organization - <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>
2. Website of the Republic of Poland (English translation) - <https://www.gov.pl/web/coronavirus/general-information>
3. European Union website (Reopen EU) - <https://reopen.europa.eu/en>
4. WWR website (use search facility for "Covid 19") - <https://worldwheelchair.rugby/>