



**FIVB COVID-19 BEACH VOLLEYBALL
SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR CONTINENTAL
CONFEDERATIONS AND NATIONAL
FEDERATIONS**

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INTRODUCTION

The global COVID-19 outbreak has had a significant impact on beach volleyball. This document is an overview of the currently available information on COVID-19; however, the information is constantly changing. There is currently no vaccine for COVID-19, and the best strategy at the present time is to control its spread, reduce the cases, assist the health care effort and gain time while scientists work towards a vaccine.

Moreover, travel and movement restrictions imposed by governments have resulted in the suspension of the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Calendar.

In early March, the FIVB was one of the first international federations to suspend all of its international competitions. Many domestic beach volleyball competitions have been suspended as well based on government restrictions. All of these efforts have been put in place to contain the spread done by COVID-19.

Once restrictions have been relaxed by governments, it may be possible to organize sporting competitions again. The FIVB has been working towards a restart of beach volleyball competitions in support of efforts put forth by its Confederations, National Federations and event organizers. Due to the risks associated with COVID-19, this is a slow and careful process that needs to be well planned and managed. Competition restarts must follow guidance and the lifting of restrictions from an organizer's governments and public health authorities.

The following guidance issued by the FIVB is designed to minimize spread of the virus, not prevent it. It is the responsibility of each person involved in a beach volleyball competition to review this guidance and follow it in conjunction with the guidance issued by local, regional, state and national authorities to further prevent the spread of the virus.

PURPOSE

This document is designed to address health and safety organizational aspects to consider for restart of beach volleyball competitions during the COVID-19 pandemic, specifically phases 4, 5, 6 and post peak period described by the World Health Organization (WHO).

For a description of these WHO identified pandemic levels, please refer to the following link

https://www.who.int/influenza/resources/documents/pandemic_phase_descriptions_and_actions.pdf?ua=1

These guidelines are based on available scientific and medical knowledge regarding COVID-19 and are not intended to replace the guidance and restrictions of governments and public health authorities. The objective of these guidelines is to assist to minimize the risk from COVID-19 as much as possible, bearing in mind that some risk, yet negligible, will always remain.

These guidelines are intended to support Confederations, National Federations and event organizers in the implementation of the health and safety measures at their events. However, Confederations, National Federations and event organizers should also consult the guidance, regulations and restrictions of their local, regional, state and national governments, which will take into account the specific conditions where the event will be held and which take precedence over these guidelines.

These guidelines are a dynamic document forming part of a tool for guidance and will be updated as soon as more scientific evidence on the COVID-19 pandemic becomes available. Event organizers should monitor changes to local legislation, regulations and government and public health authorities' guidance and review

risk assessments, policies, and procedure as appropriate to ensure that compliance with local health and safety law is maintained.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON COVID-19

1. What are the symptoms of COVID-19

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, dry cough, and tiredness. Other symptoms that are less common and may affect some patients include aches and pains, nasal congestion, headache, conjunctivitis, sore throat, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell or a rash on skin or discoloration of fingers or toes. These symptoms are usually mild and begin gradually. Some people become infected but only have very mild symptoms.

Most people (about 80 percent) recover from the disease without needing hospital treatment. Around 20 percent of people who get COVID-19 become seriously ill and develop difficulty breathing. Older people, and those with underlying medical problems, like high blood pressure, heart and lung problems, diabetes, or cancer, are at higher risk of developing serious illness. However, anyone can catch COVID-19 and become seriously ill. People of all ages who experience fever and/or cough associated with difficulty breathing/shortness of breath, chest pain/pressure, or loss of speech or movement should seek medical attention immediately. If possible, it is recommended to call the health care provider or facility first, so the patient can be directed to the right clinic.

2. How does COVID-19 spread?

People can catch COVID-19 from others who have the virus. The disease spreads primarily from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth, which are expelled when a person with COVID-19 coughs, sneezes, or speaks. These droplets are relatively heavy, do not travel far and quickly sink to the

ground. People can catch COVID-19 if they breathe in these droplets from a person infected with the virus. These droplets can land on objects and surfaces around the person such as tables, doorknobs and handrails. People can become infected by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose or mouth. This is why it is important to wash your hands regularly with soap and water or clean with alcohol-based hand rub.

Further information on COVID-19 is available at [here](#).



TARGET GROUPS

This document is addressed to the following target groups in various ways involved in a beach volleyball competition:

- Players
- Team Officials
- FIVB, Confederations and National Federations
- Promoters/Event Organizers
- Match officials
- Tournament organizational Staff (including volunteers, event's security, etc.)
- Service providers (including media, sponsors, etc.)
- Medical personnel
- Spectators (if any)

These guidelines should be followed by all indicated target groups in order to ensure the implementation of safety measures and protocols and to protect the target groups. The implementation of such measures shall be in total compliance with 1) the recommendation of the World Health Organization and 2) local, regional, state and national governmental regulations/ laws, including any changes made to such regulations/laws due to the evolving nature of the pandemic.

The FIVB advises any player with an underlying medical condition that could increase the risk of serious COVID-19 symptoms should strongly consider whether to participate in beach volleyball competitions upon their restart.

TESTING

- It is strongly recommended that COVID-19 tests /PCR Tests should be conducted for everyone involved in the tournament (officials, players, volunteers, organizers etc.). The tests should be conducted as close to departure (i.e. 48 hours before/ 2 days before travelling).
- If symptoms appear later on, the person should immediately be tested again and put in quarantine.
- If a person arrives without test, he or she should avoid coming in contact with other people present at the competition (bearing in mind that a lot of travel companies require passengers to have certificates) and should be tested upon arrival.
- It is also strongly recommended to conduct the COVID-19 tests/PCR Tests upon arrival in the country where the competition is taking place and to isolate said people until they have received a negative test.
- Only participants presenting a certificate that reflect that they do not have COVID-19 should be allowed to participate (they must present the certificate before or at the Preliminary Inquiry).
- When there are back to back event, and whenever necessary, a participant should be tested again.
- Accurate and daily health screenings should be conducted through the duration of the competition. As soon symptoms appear, and following the instructions from Hygiene Officer, the person concerned may be immediately isolated even if result is negative. As per scientific research, around 15 percent result in false negatives.

COMPETITIONS RESTART PLANNING

1. Key questions to ask before a restart?

- What are the local government and public health authorities' guidance and restrictions and how will they impact the smooth running of beach volleyball competitions?
- What is the prevalence of COVID-19 in the community where the competition will take place, and is it safe to restart?
- How is the community where the competition will take place coping with the strain of medical infrastructure caused by the COVID-19 pandemic?
- Is travel safe and permitted, both domestic and international?

2. How to make a restart decision?

It is recommended to establish a restart assessment committee, including Confederation and/or National Federation delegates, an event organizer representative and a medical expert (Chief Medical Officer if any from the NF or organizer) from the local government and/or public health authorities where the event will take place, (government liaison, media, etc.). The committee should undertake a full risk and mitigation assessment and develop a restart plan through consultation with other sports and benchmarking exercises by reviewing similar sports or other beach volleyball organizations.

Under the assessment made by the committee, the event organizer shall liaise with the local government and public health authorities to sign-off on the restart plan. The event organizer shall implement the measures and medical protocols defined in the restart plan and constantly update the plan as much as necessary.

An exit strategy if directed by government or public health authorities shall be in place to ensure the health and safety of all concerned parties.

If there are significant travel restrictions to reach a host country or other national measures preventing the organisation of competitions have been imposed (or re-imposed) in a country, the restrictions or national measures must be respected, and the organisation of the event must be reassessed. Any governmental measures take precedence as they are developed based on the circumstances of the area where the beach volleyball competition will take place.

For any World Tour events managed by FIVB, it is mandatory to submit a sign-off letter from local government granting permission to organize the given beach volleyball competition as well as the restart plan, including the measures and medical protocols defined in accordance with the guidance and requirements imposed by local government and public health authorities. Upon receiving the documents mentioned above, the FIVB will further evaluate and update the given event in the World Tour calendar accordingly.

COMPETITION ORGANIZATION

1. Key principles and concepts applied

Throughout the pre-event, event and post-event phases, the following principles and concepts shall be applied and respected throughout the entire competition in order to minimize the risks:

- No movement restrictions on players and event personnel accessing the venue location and associated facilities if granted clearance by the public health authorities
- Communication and education should be implemented towards different target groups to ensure the optimization of tasks and identify any risks.
- Social and physical distancing protocols should be organized and mandated throughout the event location to optimize the safety and well-being of all target groups.
- Additional hygiene and sanitary precautionary measures should be delivered and available prior to, during, and upon completion of each event.
- If even allowed by local authorities, limitations on the number of fans and essential individuals (staff and players support personnel) should be put in place to allow for adequate distancing, as well as facilitating testing and entrance processing.
- Increased strict fragmentation and partitioning of all areas at event location should be implemented to reduce the risk of potential virus transmission through groups of people forming inside the same area.
- Additional medical experts are required on site and at the official hotels.
- On-site content production should be done with strict social distancing and hygiene regulations in place.

2. Potential action checklist at key operational areas

A. Venue and Facilities

- Set up different venue flows for the accredited groups (athletes, workforce, officials, etc.)
 - Entrance/exit of accredited personnel in the venue location and Entrance/exit of spectators (if approved by the local government and public health authorities) should be completely separated and the flows should not cross each other.
 - It is recommended for all accredited personnel and workforce to wear a face mask and have access to hand sanitizer when in the competition venue. This can be compulsory if required by the local government and public health authorities.
 - It is recommended to follow a one-way path (clockwise or counter-clockwise) for the access/exit from warm-up court and the field of play.
- Event Organizers should plan to have specific arrival/departure timeline for each accredited group (athletes, workforce, officials, etc.) to avoid crowds and allow social and physical distancing.
- It is recommended to designate specific holding areas and mark near each field of play where athletes can wait for the court to be vacated and cleaned before they enter.
- It is recommended to reduce the number of rooms, such as officials' lounge, workforce area, etc. Open air lounges and areas are suggested instead. In the event that rooms are provided, e.g. players' lounge, etc., physical distancing measures should be put in place based on the below recommendations:
 - Maximum number of people at a time to be allowed depending on the size of the room.
 - Maximum amount of time spent in the room to be limited to allow equal access to the room.
 - Partitioning to be installed inside at a minimum height of 2 meters forming cubicle type of small area for more privacy and protection.
- It is recommended for athletes to use their hotel room for shower. However, if deemed necessary, outdoor showers can be provided at the event location, and the distance between shower shall be two (2) meters apart at the same time.

B. Match/Competition

- All on-court equipment and supplies must be sanitized on a regular basis (possibly after each match) by tournament staff with PPE (personal protective equipment).
- It is strongly recommended to use individual towel, water bottles and sunglasses cleaning tissue for each player.
- Athletes shall go around opposite side of the net during a court switch (in a clockwise direction).
- It is strongly encouraged to avoid physical contact, including handshaking, hug and high-five, etc.
- It is recommended to maintain social distancing with fans and avoid selfies, autographs, etc.
- It is recommended that Officials and on-court personnel should not hand towels to athletes.
- Ball retrievers are only to assist athletes with the balls.
- It is strongly recommended that ball retrievers change the towels on a regular basis.
- Only the player attendant(s) will be responsible for replenishing drinks and cleaning the players' benches.
- A minimum of two (2) meters distance should be kept between players' benches and sitting area for rakers and scorers.
- A minimum of two (2) meters distance should be kept between photographers and media staff.
- It is recommended to extend the gap time between two matches to allow sufficient time to clean and properly disinfect facilities and equipment.
- Warm-up courts should be strictly controlled by allowing only necessary coaching staff and players for upcoming matches.
- Best effort should be made to optimize the existing courts (training courts, competition courts when available) for warm up purposes ensuring that social and physical distance respected whenever possible.
- A simplified awarding ceremony is recommended.

C. Travel and Accommodation

- Biosafety considerations, such as travelling in small groups, attention to hygiene and limited access, should be used when travelling.
- All athletes, team members, officials and event personnel shall take all possible and required measures as directed by the WHO, CDC, local governments, and health authorities to protect themselves while travelling.

- Ensure a room is available for isolation should symptoms emerge while travelling
- Advanced COVID-19 tests/PCR tests at the home location of each person wishing to travel is strongly recommended wherever possible.
- Vehicle preparation, such as seating arrangements and cleaning (air and road), is recommended.
- In the event that shuttle services of local transportation are necessary, organizers should ensure that minimum social distancing should be used with at least one empty seat per row left open and no one sitting next to the driver.
- Waiting areas should be designated both on-site and at the hotel allowing a minimum of two (2) meters distance between people waiting for transportation. It is recommended that all persons should wear face masks while in the waiting area.
- All athletes, team members, officials and event personnel should choose secured hotels approved by the local government and public health authorities. The hotel should be properly sanitized, and an individual plan put in place emphasizing health while practicing distancing and following hygiene principles.
- It is highly recommended to provide single rooms for referees.

D. Medical Support

- Ongoing treatment should be procured for the athletes using the best practices to clinical care, including limiting access to clinic room, social distancing, mandatory use of PPE by all clinicians, and a safe approach to cleaning and disinfection
- The health conditions of athletes and team members should be monitored and cleared by medical personnel
- Medical emergency scenarios and responses, such as confirmed COVID-19 case or non-specific acute viral illness, should be developed
- It is recommended that symptom and temperature checks at entrance of a venue and hotel are strongly recommended.
- It is strongly recommended for the athletes and teams' staff to have sufficient health or travel insurance at their own cost before traveling to the event location. This insurance should cover the need for any medical treatment while traveling or during the competition.

E. Information and education

- Medical personnel and Hygiene Officers require special training

- Teams and technical officials should be notified of their roles and safety protocols
- The organizer should supply information on COVID-19 prevention to all stakeholders (spectators, participants, technical officials)
- safety guidelines should be reinforced with signage at the venue and the hotel (if applicable)

F. Production

- The individual risk assessment and medical clearance protocol should be performed to entire production crew.
- Production staff working on the field of play should stay at their workstation for a pre-defined amount of time. They should avoid unnecessary conversation, observe social distancing rules, and not cross the path used by athletes.
- Production staff in the stands should avoid contact with spectators and observe social distancing rules.
- The layout inside of the production vans should be organised so that each desk is separated from another by at a minimum of 1.5 meters. When this is not possible, small partitions can be set-up.
- Ventilation inside the van should be organised ideally with open doors while the production process is on.
- Surfaces, screen and door handles should be cleaned on a regular basis, and a complete disinfection of the van should be done once the production mission is completed.

The FIVB reserves the right to revise, update or supplement these Guidelines at any time in the future based on new information that it receives related to COVID-19.

APPENDICES

- Guidelines for target groups on minimum and recommended rules and principles
- Mass gathering risk mitigation checklist for beach volleyball

APPENDIX 1

Part 1: GUIDELINES FOR TARGET GROUPS ON MINIMUM AND RECOMMENDED RULES AND PRINCIPLES

The action points below set out the minimum and recommended standards for the organisation of Beach Volleyball competitions to help reducing the risk of COVID-19 infections. Any return to competition and implementation of these guidance should be established in conjunction with the relevant national authorities.

1.1 Guidance for EVENT ORGANIZER (National Federations and Promoters)

- National Federations along with the promoters (if any) should have one person, Hygiene Officer, with medical background, for maintaining close and proactive contact with the government and measures in place in the host country:
 - Only organise events when permitted by local or national authorities
 - Provide detailed information of the local rules and regulations regarding COVID-19 to all stakeholders well in advance (at least one month in advance)
 - Trainings on site:
Specific training and education session to be organised by the Organiser on site for Event Team, Volunteers and Court personnel for the execution of the needed actions, under the supervision and coordination of the Hygiene Officer
 - Ensure that all participants obtain the latest information on travel restrictions
 - If necessary, play 'behind closed doors' or with limited spectators to avoid mass gatherings
 - Have staff in "reserved" if facing some issues
 - Split officials and staff into two teams, each working separate days (if a member of one team is infected, then the other team works for the remainder of the event)
 - Only outdoor tournaments are permitted
- Promote Beach Volleyball as a sport that can be played respecting social distancing and among the first sports permitted if travel restrictions are lifted. This can be implemented in different areas such as venue and facilities, spectators' area, players preparation, etc.
 - Mark out separation distances in toilets, at food outlets and other locations where people gather, including tournament offices;
 - Ensure players arrive shortly before their matches, dressed to play, and depart immediately afterwards.
 - No available locker rooms or showers at the venue
 - If a limited number of spectators onsite, use every second or third seat (minimum distance of 2 m must be ensured)

- Issue guidance for safe participation to:
 - Players and Officials
 - Tournament staff and Medical personnel
 - Spectators (if any)

→ Participants should be made aware about any local rule to be followed

- Facilitate good hygiene:
 - Daily temperature testing of all people involved
 - Ensure that everyone working on site must comply with the hygiene rules and the required health exams
 - Assignment of a hygiene officer. The hygiene officer will develop a cleaning and disinfection plan to be posted at relevant location at the venue
 - Daily cleaning and disinfecting of all shared areas frequently
 - Provide hygiene notices for players, officials, staff and spectators
 - Provide sanitising gel at all entry/exit points
 - Provide all players, officials and staff with masks
 - Provide to players and officials: tissues; plastic bags; hand sanitiser; disposable drinking cups; thermometer
 - Provide bins for waste for all disposable items (tissues, food trash, plastic bottles, etc.)

- **At the venue:**
 - Display notices (both local language and English) clearly around venues, including at entry/exit points, gathering points and around every court. This includes social distancing guidance such as entrance marking, crowd spacing guidelines, head count management, limitations to access, guidelines for seating
 - The staff of essential service providers (e.g. camera crew) will be reduced to the absolute minimum and provided with hand sanitiser as well as face masks.
 - Disinfection of items shared by individuals: Items such as line judge flags, referee communication headsets, laptops, team tablets, team benches, etc. to be disinfected after each match.
 - Participant movement planning such as corridor direction markings, separate entry and exit points
 - No Mixed Zone at the venue: Press conference or player's interviews takes place only virtually.

- Catering onsite and in the hotel must be provided with high hygiene and safety measures. This can include food preparation as well as serving. Participants should be served by staff. Avoid buffet types meals in hotel restaurants.

- **Hotel:**
 - Exclusive hotel for the team or exclusive floor/areas to prevent contact with other guests.

- Strongly recommended to have a hotel within a walking distance from the venue to avoid shuttle transportation of event staff and athletes.
 - Ensure extra room is available for isolation should symptoms emerge
 - Agreements need to be reached in advance in order to take sufficient hygiene measures on hotel premises.
 - Access to spa area, fitness rooms, and other common spaces are prohibited for players and training staff.
 - provide refundable/flexible booking option to the participants. Athletes must be advised to book refundable accommodation
 - Local recommendation shall be followed in term of flow direction, elevators, usage of rooms and common areas
 - Provide hand sanitiser in every room and common spaces
 - Face masks for travelling players and staff outside their own rooms and the dining room (to better isolate from outside people)
 - Special/thorough disinfection and cleaning of the rooms and spaces used by the team immediately before the team checks in.
 - Ensure good ventilation of the rooms (Use of a system that takes external fresh air or keep the windows open)
 - No cleaning of rooms while the team is in the hotel. Sufficient towels, sanitary articles in the room.
 - Large dining and meeting rooms in order to comply with distances of at least 2 m from one another.
 - Minimal number of hotel staff
 - Hotel staff should wear face masks and regularly disinfect hands
 - Do not touch lift buttons, stair handrails or door handles with your hand (instead: your elbow/knee).
 - Provide good wi-fi network in each room so that participants will have easy access to the information from their room.
- **Transportation:**
 - No public transportation.
 - Transportation vehicles to be disinfected before and after every journey.
 - Ensure the availability of alcohol- based hand gel and masks in the busses, shuttles and cars
 - Website update: Display notices and advice clearly on organisation and tournament websites
 - Ensure anyone with COVID-19 symptoms and those who have come into contact with anyone with COVID-19 symptoms in the last 14 days to not attend venues
 - Advise all spectators who have COVID-19 symptoms within 14 days of attending a tournament to inform the Tournament Director for appropriate follow-up

POST EVENT:

- After the event, if public health authorities suspect that transmission of the COVID-19 virus has occurred, organizers and participants should support the response of authorities.
- Event organizers must liaise with public health authorities and facilitate the sharing of information about all symptomatic participants: (such as their itineraries, contact information, visa procedures, hotel bookings). This information can be collected during Preliminary Inquiry.
- Individuals who develop symptoms during the event and their stay in the country should isolate themselves, seek medical attention, and inform the appropriate public health authorities about their potential exposure, both in the country where the event was held and upon returning to their country of residence.

1.2 Guidance for PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS

- Take all precautions of COVID-19 transmission before the competition
- Immediately notify the team doctor by phone in case of any symptoms of illness.
- Do not play if you or members of your household have any COVID-19 symptoms, have been in contact with anyone who has COVID-19 symptoms, are self-isolating or are 'at-risk'.
- At changeovers, players go around opposite sides of the net (in a clockwise direction).
- Players benches are on the opposite sides of the net
- Keep on-court officials and players separate (maintain the 2 meters at least between each other)
- Eliminate any physical contact
- Don't share towels
- No changing room or lockers: Players should arrive at the venue close to the start of their game with official jerseys and personal equipment
- Do not share any equipment or other items (water bottles, food) with teammates or opponents)
- No shower available at the venue. Players should leave the venue as soon as their match are over
- Wear masks while off-court
- Do not sign autographs or take selfies with fans or staff
- Do not accept any items from fans, nor give any item including but not limited to player uniform items (top, hat/visor, glasses).
- Hygiene precautions:
 - Avoid touching surfaces where possible
 - Wash/sanitise your hands regularly
 - Cough into a tissue and discard it immediately
 - Don't touch your face.

1.3 Guidance for MEDICAL PERSONNEL

- Pre-event: Risks and measures are explained by the doctor responsible through a video conference to the organizer, event staff, players and their crew.
- Inform players and employees with access to the stadium of the definition of "symptoms of infection".
- Conduct daily health checks of players, officials and staff.
- Health status check (survey, measured temperature) for everyone involved in production using a symptom questionnaire and body temperature measurement (ear thermometer).
- Medical department (team doctors, physiotherapists...) work using face masks, hand sanitiser and is responsible for hygiene in the medical spaces. Physical separation and adequate distance (2 m) between treatment tables for therapeutic measures.
- Separate spaces used as much as possible.
- Prepare isolation room for suspected COVID-19 cases;
- Maintain adequate supplies of Personal Protective Equipment, and an infra-red thermometer;
- Establish a procedure for dealing with on-site COVID-19 cases, to include isolation, medical screening, communication flow, transport from site (please refer to the Protocol*)
- The hygiene officer will develop a cleaning and disinfection plan to be posted as notices in all the relevant sections of the venue. He is responsible to instruct all people required in the stadium for match operations on observance of basic hygiene measures (hand sanitising, cough and sneeze hygiene, distancing).
- If the Tournament Doctor suspects COVID-19, Inform the Tournament Director immediately and implemented the evacuation procedure* to ensure the safe transport of the spectator off the site and to the appropriate location.
 - Any spectator(s) seated close (within 3 metres) of that spectator should be informed of the suspected case and asked to leave the venue and monitor their health. This must be in full compliance with the local regulation, if any.
 - Relevant parts of the venue should be disinfected prior to further use.
- Report all suspected COVID-19 cases to the FIVB at (beachvolleyball@fivb.com and medical@fivb.com)

1.4 Guidance for TOURNAMENT STAFF

- Social distancing onsite: Maintain the 2 meters of separation from other staff
- Wear face masks all times
- Wash/sanitize hands regularly before and after bathroom use
- Avoid touching surfaces and your face
- Disinfect your working place regularly (phone, computer keyboard)
- Do not share any personal items
- No handshake or physical contact
- Match balls must be disinfected before and during the match.
- Ball boys should regularly disinfect the ball
- Volunteers, Ball retrievers, etc. should be advise not to ask for players' tops or souvenirs

1.5 Guidance for SPECTATORS (if any)

Spectators must follow the government restrictions and measures taken by the host country.

- Prohibit those with COVID-19 symptoms not to attend (if spectator attendance is allowed)
- Pre-event: check all measures to be followed onsite through the event website.
- Temperature check at the entrance of the venue
- If a limited number of spectators are possible, they need to leave 2 seats empty between them (at least 2 metres apart from each other)
- Wear masks if required
- Maintain physical separation when using toilets and purchasing items (separation distances could be marked to encourage compliance)
- Encourage spectators to depart the venue immediately following completion of the match(es) they are interested in.
- Encourage washing/sanitising of hands regularly, including pre- and post-bathroom use, and after touching shared surfaces;
- Advise coughing into tissue and discarding them immediately;
- Advise not touching their own faces.
- In case someone has symptoms while onsite, the person must be taken to the isolation room and examined by the Tournament Doctor. Any spectator(s) seated close (within 3 metres) of that spectator should be located and informed of the suspected case and asked to leave the venue and monitor their health;
- Ask all spectators who have COVID-19 symptoms within 14 days after a tournament to inform the FIVB at (beachvolleyball@fivb.com) for appropriate follow-up.

1.6 Contingency Protocols (if necessary)

The following steps should be respected if any of the participants is diagnosed for COVID-19 like symptoms:

1. Local Organizing Committee (LOC) staff should check competitors' and participants' temperatures each day upon arrival to the venue, any temperatures above 37.5 should be reported to the LOC medical doctor.
2. In the event that the same individual is showing symptoms of COVID-19, s/he should be transferred to the designated isolation room in the venue under the surveillance of LOC medical doctor.
3. LOC medical doctor should contact the local health authorities to ensure the controlled transportation of the said individual to the treatment facilities.
4. LOC medical doctor should inform FIVB Technical Delegate about the situation immediately and should also provide updates later on.
5. LOC should contact the foreign mission of the country of the participant.
6. If any participant is diagnosed with COVID-19 like symptoms, LOC medical doctor to organize a meeting with the participation of FIVB Technical Delegate and LOC executive director to discuss and make a final decision.

APPENDIX 2

MASS GATHERING RISK MITIGATION CHECKLIST FOR BEACH VOLLEYBALL

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