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1. Introduction

This Protocol sets possible foreseen mitigation steps to reduce the risk of infection for those involved in the Katara Beach Volleyball Cup during the COVID-19 pandemic, although the risk cannot be completely eliminated. Please note that all stakeholders participate in the competition at their own risk and shall cooperate by complying with these guidelines.

The fundamental principle throughout the events during the COVID-19 pandemic is to protect and be protected by wearing a mask, sanitizing, social distancing and respecting the recommendations of the Qatar Volleyball Association protocol. All participants have the mutual responsibility and respect to protect one-another.

These guidelines should be read in conjunction with the remainder of [BVB Handbook](#), [FIVB Return to Beach Volleyball Guidelines Covid-19](#), [GUIDE TO ORGANIZING LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL SPORTS EVENTS IN QATAR](#) and the [Katara Beach Volleyball Cup specific Event Regulations](#) and must be considered as a material term for the participation in the event.

Each National Federation delegation member (athletes, coaches, team officials, physiotherapists, doctors, President, etc.) must have read and understood the latest version of the Protocol for resuming FIVB Beach Volleyball events during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Any event participant must strictly follow the event specific Covid-19 protocols and stay in bubble as requested. Failure in doing so may be removed from the bubble and eventually the tournament.

Please note that this protocol is a dynamic document and will be updated if needed. Qatar Volleyball Association will 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.

The COVID-19 Protocol hereafter elaborates the actions to be taken by the most important stakeholders of the event considering different phases of the event.

2. Before Travelling

2.1. Entry Visa and Other Important Documents

- 1) All individuals are required to verify if they need a visa to enter Qatar. If so, please contact the organizer and provide them with a good quality copy of your passport (PDF or JPEG). The request must be sent to: volleyball@olympic.qa with dohabubble@fivb.com in copy
- 2) Send a copy of your booked/confirmed flight to the organizer at volleyball@olympic.qa with dohabubble@fivb.com in copy
- 3) Send a detailed [rooming list form request](#) to the organizer at volleyball@olympic.qa with dohabubble@fivb.com in copy

- 4) For all participants, regardless of entry visa requirement, it is necessary to request an **Exceptional Entry Permit** from the organizer. For each delegate/individual please send a good quality passport copy (PDF or JPG) to volleyball@olympic.qa with dohabubble@fivb.com in copy together with their arrival and departure dates.

2.2. COVID-19 Test Result and Other Required Documents

- 1) It is mandatory for all participants to provide organizer with a Negative COVID-19 PCR test certificate. The PCR test must be made a maximum of 72 hours prior to the arrival. The certificate must be in English. Certificate must be issued by authorized health laboratories, and an SMS message is not considered as a valid certificate. The presentation of the negative test certificate is a mandatory pre-condition for travelling and taking part in the competition. All participants must ensure that they will have the test result with them while entering Qatar.
- 2) **Individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 as well as the ones who have been vaccinated** and their PCR test 72 hours before travel is still positive must verify with the airlines which they use to travel to Doha (QAT) about the respective airline regulations. Also, they are required to present the below information to the Medical COVID19 Officer, Medical Director, Hygiene Officer, and Event Director in Qatar at the airport or when requested:
 - 3) A certificate of a positive anti-bodies on serology test after the lapse of at least 7 days of disappearance of any symptoms and signs of the disease, or the lapse of 7 days of a positive PCR test in an asymptomatic individual.
 - 4) A certificate of a PCR test with information of virus contamination value (CT>30) and above shows the person is no longer contagious.

Note: it is responsibility of each individual to check regulations and requirements of the airlines which they use to travel to Doha (QAT)

- 5) Present upon arrival an **individual declaration of honour** and **liability release waiver** on the absence of symptoms for at least 14 days per delegate.
- 6) Please note that it is responsibility of each individual to verify specific regulations of the airlines which they will use to travel to Doha.

3. Entering to Qatar - Arrival

3.1. Necessary Documents

All regular border-crossing regulations must be followed regarding the validity of passports and visas, as applicable for each respective country.

All participants (even those who do not need a visa to enter Qatar) must be holding an **Exceptional Entry Permit** to be presented at passport control. This document is delivered by the Supreme Committee for Crisis Management. All participants must send their request to

receive this document to the organizers at volleyball@olympic.qa with dohabubble@fivb.com in copy.

Important note: Individuals who do not present this document at the passport control will have to stay at the quarantine for 14 days.

3.2. COVID-19 Testing Upon Arrival

At least **one (1) PCR test per** participant will be performed immediately upon arrival and at the airport. After the test, participants will be transferred to their hotel rooms.

All participants must stay in their hotel room until a negative test result is delivered. The test result will be delivered between 12 to 24 hours.

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Important note: individuals who do not respect this requirement will not be able to enter the event bubble. Refusal of PCR testing will result in dismissal from participation in the tournament.

3.3. Symptoms After Arrival

Anyone who experiences symptoms after arrival must self-isolate in their hotel room or the isolation room at the venue and immediately contact Qatar Volleyball Association COVID-19 Manager:

Dr. Sameer - Medical COVID-19 Officer, Hamad Hospital Corporation

Email: sabdurahiman@hamad.qa

3.4. Procedures to Follow after The Test Result Delivery*

The 'upon arrival' test results will be delivered between 12 and 24 hours. During this time and until a negative test result is delivered, all participants must stay in their hotel rooms.

Individuals whose test result is negative will be able to leave their rooms and enter the event bubble.

Individuals whose PCR test result is positive will not be allowed to enter the event bubble and must follow the guidelines:

- They must stay in quarantine as per the instructions of the Event COVID-19 Officer. These individuals must follow the COVID-19 Officer's instructions thoroughly and inform him/her should they need medical treatment.
- All individuals who tested positive will be able to request a second test. They can swab immediately (second test) and need to be transferred to isolation hotel and wait for the second PCR in isolation at hotel. If the test result is positive, they will need to remain in the quarantine and follow the COVID-19 Officer's instructions. If it is negative, upon permission of the COVID-19 Officer, they will be able end their quarantine. Organizer will conduct a second test on close contacts as soon as possible (they are identified as close contacts by the MoPH contact tracing team).

If negative, they can participate in tournament and training only but stay in their own rooms without interactions with others except for training and matches. They will be retested after 3 days. If negative again can join their colleagues as normal.

- Athletes who have recovered from COVID-19 and their test result is still positive must inform the Event COVID-19 Officer and present him/her with the information as per point 2.2. The COVID-19 Officer will inform them about the procedure which they will have to follow. These individuals can enter the event bubble only if a permission from the COVID-19 Officer is granted.
- Team Delegation members who have recovered from COVID-19 and their test result is still positive must inform the COVID-19 Officer and provide him/her with the information as per point 2.2. The COVID-19 Officer will inform them about the procedure which they will have to follow. These individuals can enter the event bubble only if a permission from the COVID-19 Officer is granted.

*For more information, click [HERE](#)

3.5. Entering the Event Bubble

The event (hotels, venue, training courts) will be classified as bubble and to reduce the risk a “**bubble to bubble**” concept will be used. Only individuals whose first PCR test (upon arrival) is negative can enter the event bubble (hotel, competition venue, training courts). **People are NOT allowed to leave their bubble** as contamination could occur endangering the safety of the event and the health of the participants.

Important note: individuals who do not respect this requirement will be removed from the event bubble and consequently the event.

4. Competition Phase

4.1. General Principles

In view of the pandemic and to mitigate the risk, following policies will be implemented and must be respected by all participants.

- 1) All individuals participating to the event must wear masks at all time and respect any other established prevention measures at any time during the competition phase, apart from players and Referees who may play/officiate without masks during the match as well as training. Team Delegations (coaches, physiotherapists, etc.) must wear their mask at all time, including the matches, warm up and training. Mask may be removed

while seated and eating at dining area. The mask must fully cover nose and mouth area and be changed every 3 to 4 hours.

- 2) Regular use of hand sanitizer is mandatory for everyone. Organiser will provide hand sanitizer stations in different areas of the event bubble, including all entrances and exits, rooms and offices, toilets, officials working position, players' bench, etc. All participants are requested to have their personal hand sanitizers and use it regularly, especially before entering the training and competition facilities.
- 3) No handshake, hug or any other physical contacts are allowed.
- 4) All participants must always respect social distancing and maintain 1.5 m distance.
- 5) Temperature will be checked in different parts of the venue. Everyone must submit themselves to the contactless temperature measurement and give full cooperation with the COVID-19 Officer.
- 6) All participants including the athletes, officials, team delegates, service providers, etc. are strongly advised to stay in their hotel rooms when not at the competition or training venue. Individuals must not gather in one room or share/switch their rooms at any time.
- 7) Sanitising hands before entering the transport vehicle is mandatory for all. Organiser will disinfect the transport vehicle after each use.
- 8) Participants are required to respect the social distancing while waiting for or using transportation. Masks must be worn at all time. This includes while waiting for transport as well as when using the transport. Athletes and team delegations must avoid using the transport shuttle if social distancing cannot be respected.

4.2. Testing

4.3. High Temperature and Other Symptoms

Temperature testing will be conducted daily and in different parts of the bubble. This can be at the hotel and before participants take the shuttle to the venue. Participants' temperatures can be checked at any time whenever deemed necessary. If an individual's temperature is above 37.8:

- He/she will be guided to a room with cooler temperature. After 15 minutes, the COVID-19 Officer or local medical staff will conduct another temperature test. Individual must be under supervision of the medical staff at all time. No medication can be taken during this period. If the temperature is dropped, he/she can enter the venue and continue with his/her activities.

If temperature has not dropped, Hygiene Office will guide the individual to the isolation room where a COVID-19 test will be performed on the concerned person. Individuals must stay in quarantine until result of the test is delivered. Depending on the result of test, COVID-19 Officer will proceed with the COVID-19 protocol.

Important note: the person concerned must stay in quarantine until a negative test result is delivered.

All individual with COVID-19 symptoms, including high temperature must be quarantined and tested. Depending on the test result, COVID-19 Officer will inform the person concerned about the procedure to be followed.

Furthermore, close contact of these individuals must be identified and tested. Identified close contacts will be swabbed on the first day of contact. If the test result is negative, they must stay in their own rooms without interactions with others except for training and matches. They

will be retested after 3 days. If the test result is negative again, they can join their colleagues as normal.

All close contacts with positive test results will be quarantined in a single room and must follow the COVID-19 Officer's instructions. Quarantine period can take up to 14 days.

Important: Further information regarding close contact and respective protocol is available [here](#)

4.4. COVID-19 Test

A COVID-19 PCR test will be performed on all individuals every 3-6 days from their arrival. Individuals will not need to quarantine while waiting for their test result.

The following testing procedure and schedule will be conducted during the tournament:

- All participants must undergo a PCR test upon arrival and stay in their hotel room until a negative test result is delivered.
- Participants who will arrive on 4 and 5 March 2021 must undergo a second PCR test on 10 March 2021.
- Participants who will arrive on 6 and 7 March 2021 must undergo a second PCR test on 11 March 2021.
- Participants who will arrive before 4 March 2021 (who will arrive before the official arrival dates) must undergo their second PCR test on 6 March 2021. Third PCR test on these individuals will be conducted on 11 March 2021.

Note: FIVB and the Organiser will cover all costs related to the PCR tests for the upon arrival test as well as the second test on 10 and 11 March 2021. Individuals who will arrive before 4 March 2021 will be responsible to cover the cost of their second PCR test on 6 March 2021 while their third PCR test on 11 March 2021 will be covered by the FIVB and Organiser.

- If the test result is negative, individuals can continue their activities and remain in the bubble.
- If the test result is positive, concerned individual(s) as well as their close contacts must be put in a quarantine immediately and follow the COVID-19 Officer's instructions.

Both previously infected people and vaccinated ones, will be exempt from during competition test. However, if there is a cluster in the hotel, and these people have symptoms, they could be asked to undergo a test.

4.5. Procedure Regarding Positive Test Results

All individuals whose test result has been positive must be in quarantine and follow the COVID-19 Officer's instructions. As per Qatar Medical policy, regular PCR test will be conducted on individuals who have tested positive. Depending on the test results, individuals will be informed by the local medical authorities should they remain in or if they can leave the quarantine. Quarantine period can take between 6 to 14 days. During the quarantine period, individuals concerned cannot leave their quarantine room until such a permission is granted by the local medical authorities.

Important: Further information regarding procedure and local regulations is available [here](#)

5. Insurance

It is the responsibility of athletes, team delegations and National Federation to ensure that in addition to their normal health and travel insurance they have sufficient insurance in place to cover any COVID-19-related costs. The organizer of the event and the FIVB accept no liability for any claims relating to cancellation of the event due to COVID-19 or medical costs for any COVID-19 related illness that may affect a National Federation delegation member during the event.

6. Departure

Qatar Volleyball Association will be able to do the arrangements for the participants who need a negative PCR test to return to their country or a negative clearance certificate for the one who have recovered from COVID-19. To perform such a test, please inform the Hygiene Office in due time. All costs related to the exit (return) test must be covered by the person concerned.

7. Testing Cost

Costs related to the upon arrival COVID-19 tests will be covered by the FIVB and Qatar Volleyball Association.