

WITHIN THE NEW MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REGULATIONS, IT IS CRITICAL THAT TDs / RCs / BEACH DEPARTMENT WORK IN CLOSE COORDINATION, WITH THE MAIN ASPECTS BEING

- **Ensuring the requirements - in coordination with the LOC in the preparation phase**
 - That upon arrival (or even in the pre preparation phase) at their first meeting with the LOC, the TD clarifies the need for medical assistance in permanence around the courts during the competition, establishing in coordination with the LOC the physical location of one crew of the official medical team (physio and doctor) at the CC, plus a different one sharing the side courts.
 - Establish also the physical location of the eventual team's medical crew at the CC by the side of the official medical crew.
- **Coordinating with the official medical doctor**
 - TD to debrief the official medical doctor in charge of the tournament about the new procedures in relation to the BVB-49 plus the new medical assistance regulations (MTO, RIT), including the timing criteria which basically means that any delay in the assistance will result in less treatment time to the injured player.
 - TD to present to the official medical doctor the list of the eventual athletes carrying an open BVB-49 from a previous tournament, and therefore requiring being checked before the preliminary inquiry for possible authorization to play in the tournament.
- **Ensuring update of athletes, coaches and team's medical crews**
 - In case of Technical Meeting being applied, the TD/RC to debrief the athletes, coaches and team's medical crews on the new medical assistance regulations, including the new requirements in relation to the BVB-49
 - Otherwise, if no Technical Meeting being applied, TD to ensure that the athletes, coaches and team's medical crews receive information on the new medical assistance regulations, including the new requirements in relation to the BVB-49 at the Preliminary Inquiry. A specific document should be created for this, with each athlete signing off the fact they acknowledged receipt of such document at the PI.
- **Ensuring update of all refereeing structure at the tournament**
 - The RC at the Referee Clinic to debrief in detail all refereeing structure working at the tournament (i.e.: RM; Referee; Scorers) on the new medical assistance regulations, including the new requirements in relation to the BVB-49
- **Coordinating with the other Technical Delegates or via the Beach Department**
 - Communication inside the TDs group, directly with the next tournament's TD or via the Beach Department, in order to ensure the correct implementation of the new BVB-49 procedures, mainly for what concerns the issues below.
 - Creating an electronic control system, eventually through the VIS in order to keep track and "red flag" all kind of scenarios resulting from the

use of “recovery interruptions” such as: penalties for exceeding the 12 months rolling period, or the follow up on the BVB-49 with the need for medical checks at the next tournament before the preliminary inquiry, etc

- **Coordinating with the Referee Coach**

- Anytime an athlete being assigned a “Recovery Interruption” or forfeiting a match due to an alleged injury/illness, upon being given a copy of the BVB-49 form by the match referees, that the RC (through the use of the “BVB-43 RM scoresheet delivery protocol”, but not only) ensures the immediate awareness of the TD.
- This is required and equally urgent for cases during the tournament or cases at the last match of the tournament, because despite leading to different scenarios for either cases, the athlete MUST in any case go through the TD
- Anytime a tournament being declared officially under “severe weather conditions”, the TD and the RC to make it clear to all parties with relevance to the referees so that they can properly enforce any eventual “recovery interruption protocol” based on suspected illness in relation to weather conditions

- **1- & 2-Stars events WBGT measurements**

- Since for 1 & 2 Stars events the FIVB doesn't provide the WBGT measurement device, we would like to ask the Technical Delegates to proceed with the following steps:
 - Be aware of the of the Athletes welfare – they should be our main concern, please use your best judgement to identify if they are being affected by the weather conditions; if you think that they are affected, you can start evaluating if the Severer Weather Condition protocol should be applied.
 - Use your best judgement – As Technical Delegates, you have a lot of experience on site and with the sport to evaluate the situation and how to best approach it.
 - Be confident with your decision – Stand by your decision and the steps taken. There is no need to be nervous since this is a new procedure, we understand that we will need a slight adjustment period and we will learn new scenarios along the way.
- Additional tools that can assist you in these decisions can be:
 - Ask the LOC to provide with the weather conditions from a reliable local source that can show you the necessary information.
 - You can also look for mobile applications that can provide you with the information needed, like:
 - OSHA-NIOSH Heat Safety Tool App
 - WeatherSentry SmartPhone from DTN
 - Weather Underground

Final note: all this must be systematically and consistently implemented by all TDs/RCs in order to ensure the credibility of the new regulation. The first time an exception will be open, or an incorrect follow up of the process may occur, it will risk jeopardizing the credibility of the new medical assistance regulation.