





# Protocol of Preventive Actions to be taken by all participants in the Sao Paulo 2021 World Boccia Americas Regional Championships.

#### 1. PREAMBLE

This document was written based on the guidelines of the World Health Organization (WHO), on the laws and regulations in force in Brazil and on the protocol established by the International Federation of Paralympic Boccia (BISFed) on the subject. Thus, it is the obligation of all participants in the **Sao Paulo 2021 World Boccia Americas Regional Championships** to comply with the content in the text of this document.

This document will be under constant review until December 6, 2021 and will be updated whenever there is new information on the status of COVID-19 in Brazil.

### 2. PURPOSE

This document establishes rules and guidelines for ALL Sao Paulo 2021 World Boccia Americas Regional Championships participants.

This protocol is in line with the health recommendations of local, national, and international authorities regarding the most up-to-date information on COVID-19.

#### 3. GOAL

The purpose of this protocol is to organize joint actions (involving BISFed, HOC, Brazilian NPC, Clubs, Athletes, Coaches, Sports Assistants and the city of São Paulo) in order to manage and minimize the specific risks presented by COVID-19, in order to establish the minimum requirements capable of guaranteeing health and safety conditions for all participants and event organizers.

### 4. VACCINATION DATA IN BRAZIL AND SÃO PAULO

#### Brazil

- o General population (target: children 12+ years old, youth and adults):
- o 74,84% received the first dose of the vaccine
- o 64,40% received the second dose of the vaccine

## State of São Paulo:

- o General population (target: children 12+ years old, youth and adults):
- o 84,62% received the first dose of the vaccine
- o 76,16% received the second dose of the vaccine

#### City of São Paulo:

- General population (target: children 12+ years old, youth and adults):
- o 87,26% received the first dose of the vaccine
- 78,18% received the second dose of the vaccine







#### 5. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

The obligations of the **HOC** and of **each** of the **Sao Paulo 2021 World Boccia Americas Regional Championships** participants are:

- a) Make sure that **EVERYONE** (athletes, coaches, staff, sports assistants, referees, classifiers, volunteers, and other participants) gets the necessary and updated information about COVID-19
- b) Instruct **ALL** those mentioned in letter "a" on the use of personal protective equipment (PPE), in particular, face masks and shields
- c) Inform EVERYONE mentioned in letter "a" that they must immediately notify the HOC, as well as the medical services of the event if they show any signs or symptoms suggestive of COVID-19
- d) Make sure that all sporting materials and equipment used during competitions are regularly cleaned and sanitized
- e) Respect the markings and prohibited places in common areas, playing and warm-up courts and call room
- f) Respect the minimum distance of 2m between the members of each delegation.

## 6. PROCEDURES

## Arrival in Brazil – GRU Airport

- a) Current Brazilian legislation requires that all foreigners who wish to enter Brazil through a are **OBLIGATED** to submit an **RT/PCR Test** with a **negative** or **not-detected result** for COVID-19 performed within **72** hours prior to arrival in Brazil.
- b) As a precaution, the **negative** or **not-detected** result of this **RT/PCR Test** must be printed and also **stored digitally**.
- c) The negative or not-detected result of this RT/PCR Test must be sent to the HOC as soon as possible after its issue/publication. The receipt of this result by the HOC is a mandatory requirement for participation in the event.
- d) If a Sports Assistant (SA) tests positive for COVID-19 as result of a predeparture test, he/she may be replaced providing the replacement Sports Assistant has a negative test prior to departure. The HOC must be informed of any such substitutions immediately. No substitutions will be allowed for registered athletes who test positive for COVID-19.







e) The presentation of a **COMPLETE SET** of vaccination against COVID-19 **IS NOT REQUIRED** for entry into Brazil but **WILL BE REQUIRED** at the entrance to the **Training Center - Competition Site**.

## Shuttle – GRU Airport → Residential TC or Hotel

- f) We request that all participants of the Sao Paulo 2021 World Boccia Americas Regional Championships only use the official transport of the event.
- g) Only in exceptional cases and with authorization may another type of transport be used. The HOC needs to be aware of this!
- h) The official transport of the event between the airport and the place of accommodation will be carried out in vans and buses, both adapted.
- i) All luggage before being placed in vehicles will be sanitized with a 70% liquid alcohol solution.
- j) It's mandatory wearing a mask (or face covering), in the vans or buses, at all times unless there is a valid medical reason why this is not possible.

## Moving from Residential or Hotel to the Competition Venue

- k) Sao Paulo 2021 World Boccia Americas Regional Championships will offer two types of accommodation: in the Training Center's Residential and in a Hotel.
- There will be no transportation between the Residential and the Competition Venue as both are at a distance of 150m inside the Training Center.
- m) For the transfer between the Hotel and the Competition Venue, there will be the event's official transportation in the morning and after dinner. This transport will be carried out in adapted vans and buses.
- n) If it is necessary to adjust the transportation schedule between the Hotel and the Competition Venue, the Team leader should contact the event's Transportation Coordinator.
- o) Wearing a mask (or face covering) is mandatory in the vans or buses at all times unless there is a valid medical reason why this is not possible.







#### 7. CONVIVIALITY IN THE TRAINING CENTER AND HOTEL

- a) The presence of people who are not properly registered at the event will not be allowed
- b) At the Training Centre and at the Hotel, participants of the **Sao Paulo 2021 World Boccia Americas Regional Championships** must follow the prevention measures against COVID-19. Among these measures are:
  - ✓ Regular hand washing
  - ✓ Wear a mask, covering nose and mouth, at all times and areas of the event, unless there is a medical reason not to
  - √ Keep social distancing (preferably 2m)
  - ✓ Refrain from touching eyes, nose, and mouth without having washed your hands
  - ✓ Refrain from touching surfaces whenever possible
  - ✓ Keep the items that are brought to the Call Room and Game Field to a minimum, to reduce chances of infection
  - ✓ Refrain to unnecessary physical contact, such as shaking hands, hugs, and kisses.
- c) Daily, the HOC will provide the Team Leaders with information about event participants with symptoms or a confirmed case, as well as the isolation and/or removal of participants.

## 8. TESTING, RESULTS AND ISOLATIONS

- a) All participants of the **Sao Paulo 2021 World Boccia Americas Regional Championships** will undergo a PCR test before departing to Brazil and in the 4<sup>th</sup> day of the event (December 09th) the HOC will run a mandatory COVID-19 PCR Test. Its costs will be included in the Competition Entry Fee.
- b) Additionally, the HOC will provide to all participants the possibility of being tested before departure, if requested. The costs of these optional tests will be covered by each delegation. The departure test is NOT included on the Competition Entry Fee.
- c) The HOC will cover the PCR mandatory test costs for all competition officials as well as the departure test if there is a requirement from Officials' home countries to authorize their return.
- d) Isolation Measures







- If an individual shows any symptoms suggestive of COVID-19, he should **immediately** report his team leader as well as the HOC. The individual (as well as their direct contacts) will be sent to the **testing** area
- If the result of an individual presents a positive result in a test, they will be sent to the isolation area in the Residential or Hotel.
- The person with a positive test will be isolated in a room until they produce a negative result in a new PCR test or is arranged to return to their homes or cities of origin. If this person is an athlete, their staff/assistant will also be isolated in the same room.

#### 9. PREVENTIVE MEASURES DURING THE EVENT

- a) In different areas of the event will be available: disposable paper towels and alcohol-based gel (or liquid soap when applicable).
- b) All common areas (warm-up areas, playing field, changing rooms, etc.) will be regularly cleaned and sanitized.
- c) Air circulation will be the main point of attention of the event organization and must be ensured at the competition venue.
- d) ALL participants, DAILY, will be required to undergo a temperature check.
- e) Any individual with a temperature higher 37.7°C will be immediately removed from the event and sent to the Isolation Area.
- f) At the Main Entrance of the event and at the entrance to the Call Room, there will be mats soaked in disinfectant solution.
- g) ANDE will provide:
  - On-site Medical Service capable of screening and forwarding any suspected cases to the testing area.
  - 24h Medical Service for transportation to Hospital.
  - 01 medical responsible for the event who will lead all actions and decision-making on issues involving COVID19
  - Water for all participants
  - Paper towel disposal containers
- h) EVERYONE must take their showers, preferably, at the Residential or Hotel.







#### 10. MEALS AND ACCOMMODATION

- a) All hotel rooms will be cleaned daily, especially prior to arrival and upon departure.
- b) Whenever possible, each team will be accommodated on the same floor in the Residential or Hotel area.
- c) ANDE will try to minimize opportunities for interaction, for example, by staggering mealtimes
- d) At the Residential, meals will be prepared, organized in boxes in individual portions, and delivered to the rooms.
- e) Participants who are staying at the Hotel will receive their box with their meal in a specific area dedicated to the food of non-residents.

## 11. WARM-UP AREAS, CALL ROOM, COMPETITION AREA, FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION ROOMS.

a) HOC will follow what is written in the document published by BISFed in October 2021 under the name:

BISFed\_COVID\_19\_Return\_to\_Competition\_Protocol\_V2\_0\_Oct.2021

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