

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**
 - General population (target: children 12+ years old, youth and adults):
 - 74,84% received the first dose of the vaccine
 - 64,40% received the second dose of the vaccine
- **State of São Paulo:**
 - General population (target: children 12+ years old, youth and adults):
 - 84,62% received the first dose of the vaccine
 - 76,16% received the second dose of the vaccine
- **City of São Paulo:**
 - General population (target: children 12+ years old, youth and adults):
 - 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 pre-departure 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.

- 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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