

ANNEX 6

UPDATES FOR ALL GROUPS

NOTE: The following document and SARS-CoV-2-testing itself does not provide a safety-guarantee! It is only a monitoring and helps to react as soon as possible. Following the IBU Event Guidelines COVID-19 and all other recommendations at any time is crucial to secure your health and also our events!

Any suspicious feelings or indications for a potential infection need to be communicated as soon as possible to the IBU designated contact person! Not following this will lead to an event exclusion and also might cause more severe sanctions (legal and following the IBU Event and Competition Rules Art. 11.6).

NOTE: The Medical Advisory Group underlines that it is highly recommended to get the 3rd Shot ("Booster"), especially with view on an estimated participation at the OWG 2022 in China

Adjusted Test-Protocol:

World Cup:

ON-Boarding test: Mandatory for each event participant at his/her first event participation in an event-block (max. 72 h PCR) → to be presented upon arrival and to be taken before arrival!

Regular testing:

- Unvaccinated/unrecovered/vaccinated persons with non-EU vaccines according to current protocol (72 h) or national regulations (if stricter)
- EU-vaccinated or recovered within last 6 months:
 - o weekly PCR testing
 - o In addition 2 x per week Antigen testing mandatory (self-tests or by team doctor)
 - Must be documented by team doctor/head coach (filled and signed form) and results need to be provided on request of IBU
 - A form will be distributed on request

IBUCup/Junior Cup:

ON-Boarding test: Mandatory for each event participant at his/her first event participation in an event block, max. 72 h PCR → to be presented upon arrival and to be taken before arrival!

Regular testing:

- Unvaccinated/unrecovered/vaccinated with non-EU vaccines according to current protocol (72 h) or national regulations (if stricter)
- EU vaccinated or recovered within last 6 months :
 - o In addition 2 x per week Antigen testing mandatory (self tests)
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OC staff/volunteers:

- Strong recommendation to cut down the amount of persons to a necessary level
→ reduce OC staff number to a minimum to avoid spreading and also to have persons available as replacement in case needed_
- Valid negative Antigen test not older than 24 h on each day of duty must be taken (organization & control of such test is within the responsibility of the OC)

The above described adjustments of the test-protocol are necessary due to the following reasons:

- Current fast spreading of the new variant "OMIKRON"
- First events after the Christmas break in which all participants left the "bubble" and might have had multiple contact situations to potentially infected persons (experience from 2020/21 season confirms this)
- Preparation for the OWG in Beijing with an extremely tight and restrictive protocol; i.e. to avoid positive cases prior to the OWG