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**FOR THE ORGANIZATION
& THE MANAGEMENT OF FINA
SWIMMING WORLD CUP EVENTS
DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC**



INTRODUCTION

The following Guideline sets out the framework of medical, sanitary and hygiene procedures together with the operations that are to be applied at this competition. The difficulty is to foresee how COVID -19 will evolve, either in terms of its epidemiology or in the nature of the countermeasures imposed by national governments, whilst it is almost impossible to establish a completely risk-free environment, the aim is to lower the risk as far as possible by applying current medical advice and best practices.

In order to minimize the risk to the event from COVID-19, precise preparations and on-site organization is required. To large extent, the cooperation of the teams, their athletes, officials, technical staff, the venue staff and all those involved in the event is crucial. Therefore, FINA and LOC expects all parties to adhere to hygiene best practices both in the controlled event environments and in their personal day to day lives. All precautions set out in this document must be strictly accepted by all those involved. Non-respect of such social norms could have serious consequences for the staging of the competition.

Given the overall situation and the regulatory conditions which may occur during in the coming month, the Protocol may be revised and adapted at any changes. The Sanitary Guideline is subject to legal provisions and other orders issued by the competent local authorities in the various countries.

This means creating a protected and contained environment for athletes and technical staff to provide them with a separated 'bubble' corridor for all movements into, within and out of the venue, and establish best practice principles for the protection and safety of all working staff involved in delivering the match. The aim is to minimize the number of contacts between different groups involved in the event, to reduce the possibility of any cross-contagion between groups, and therefore to limit the number of people that may need to be tested.

These Guidelines includes medical and operational obligations for all parties taking part in organizing the Event. These obligations are applied in preparing the venues, subject to any additional measures imposed by the local authorities.

FINA is entrusted with the operational management of the Guidelines and entitled to take decision and adopt operational provisions for the implementation of the Guidelines in particular in view of the different events to be organized as well as to amend it accordingly in view of the COVID-19 development and the changing of the National conditions.

Non-compliance with the obligations set out in the Protocol may lead to disciplinary measures according to the FINA regulation.



1. DEFINITIONS

Competitions: FINA Swimming World Cup 2021, 28-30 October 2021, Kazan, Russia Kazan 2021;

FINA: Federation Internationale de Natation

Local Organizing Committee (LOC): ANO Directorate of Sport and Social Projects

FINA Medical Officer: Medical officer and Supervisor of all guideline operations as well as all controlling that all obligations stated in the guideline are respected.

CMO: Chief Medical Officer, the head of the local Medical Team;

COVID-19: an infection and disease caused by the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2;

COVID Manager: a healthcare or other professional appointed by the Medical Team, who - as part of the Medical Team - are responsible for enforcement of this Protocol. Also helping the teams in case of COVID-19 related questions.

Delegation: the group of Competitors, staff, officials who are established in line with the rules of the Competitions.

Training Location: Aquatic Palace, Kazan, Sibgat-Hakim str., 70

Healthcare Provider: a local or foreign healthcare staff member, a physician or physiotherapist with a qualification in healthcare;

Deputy CMO: The deputy of the CMO;

Epidemiological isolation: isolation of communicable disease patients from healthy population at the person's residence or in an in-patient healthcare institute;

Foreign Participant: non-Russian citizens with an eligibility defined by FINA, who

- are participants of the FINA Swimming World Cup 2021 (spectators excluded)
- with regard to the FINA Swimming World Cup 2021

1. a competitor in possession of a competition license,
2. a sports expert, or
3. persons contributing to the conduct of the sports event;

Russian Participant: Russian citizens with an eligibility defined by FINA, who

- are participants of the FINA Swimming World Cup 2021 (spectators excluded)
- with regard to the FINA Swimming World Cup 2021

1. a competitor in possession of a competition license,
2. a sports expert, or
3. persons contributing to the conduct of the sports event;

Medical Team: a team of healthcare and other professionals who provide the overall healthcare support of the competitions and activities preventing the spread of COVID-19 infection;



Pre-triage: a test upon entering the hotels and competition venue;

Quarantine: an epidemiological monitoring process, wherein, to prevent any transmission of COVID-19 infection, persons not showing symptoms but potentially infected are isolated or the movement of such persons is restricted at their place of (temporary) residence or in an in-patient healthcare institute for the 14 days;

SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Test: rapid test requiring a nasopharyngeal swab, which shows result in 15 minutes. Less sensitive than PCR, but perfect for screening purposes.

SARS-CoV-2 PCR Test: the gold standard molecular biological examination to detect COVID-19 infection conducted using nasopharyngeal and oropharyngeal samples, in line with the healthcare service rules;

Hotels: Kazan Palace Tasigo, 5/24 Kalinina St.; NEO Kazan Palace Tasigo, 5/24 Kalinina St.; Courtyard Marriott Kazan Kremlin, 6 Karla Marksa Street; Relita, 85 Dekabristov Street

Hotel staff: staff who come into contact with the Competitor, perform tasks at the Hotel reception or participate in restaurant services;

Personal Protective Equipment: any equipment with the intended use of mitigation of the risk of transmission of infections to the extent where the risk of such infection no longer endangers human health, particularly wearing face mask;

Close Contact: persons who have been in close physical or personal contact with a COVID-19 case; simultaneously stayed in the same, enclosed room within 2 (two) meters for at least 15 (fifteen) minutes;

Competition Venue: Aquatic Palace, Kazan, Sibgat-Hakim str., 70



2. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Approximately 210 athletes and 150 staff person will arrive to Kazan for the event.

The Competitions will take place at the Aquatic Palace.

2.1. Testing Program

In order to safeguard the health of all persons involved in FINA Swimming World Cup 2021 and the general public, where physical distancing or other infection preventative measures may not be possible in all circumstances, a specific programme has been put in place to be followed by all those concerned.

The Following Categories have been identified by FINA and will be subject to a specific testing programme:

- ⇒ **Category A:** Individuals of the target groups that are fully vaccinated against SARS-CoV-2 and/or have recovered from COVID-19 and are in possession of an official vaccination and/or recovery certificate issued by the relevant competent authorities (e.g. Digital COVID-19 certificate – Green Pass).
- ⇒ **Category B:** Individuals of the target groups that are either not vaccinated or not fully vaccinated.

Group	Category A	Category B
Participants	SARS-CoV-2 PCR test 72 hours before arrival	SARS-CoV-2 PCR test 72 hours before arrival Pre-triage: SARS-CoV-2 Antigen test/SARS-CoV-2 PCR test before entering the hotel Day 5: SARS-CoV-2 Ag test
LOC	SARS-CoV-2 PCR test 72 hours before arrival	SARS-CoV-2 PCR test 72 hours before entering the venue Day 5: SARS-CoV-2 Ag test
Pool staff	SARS-CoV-2 PCR test 72 hours before arrival	SARS-CoV-2 PCR test 72 hours before arrival Day 5: SARS-CoV-2 Ag test
Hotel staff	SARS-CoV-2 PCR test 72 hours before arrival	SARS-CoV-2 PCR test 72 hours before entering the venue Day 5: SARS-CoV-2 Ag test
Drivers	SARS-CoV-2 PCR test 72 hours before arrival	SARS-CoV-2 PCR test 72 hours before entering the venue Day 5: SARS-CoV-2 Ag test
Media	SARS-CoV-2 PCR test 72 hours before arrival	SARS-CoV-2 PCR test 72 hours before entering the venue Day 5: SARS-CoV-2 Ag test
Volunteers	SARS-CoV-2 PCR test 72 hours before arrival	SARS-CoV-2 PCR test 72 hours before entering the venue Day 5: SARS-CoV-2 Ag test
Security	SARS-CoV-2 PCR test 72 hours before arrival	SARS-CoV-2 PCR test 72 hours before entering the venue Day 5: SARS-CoV-2 Ag test



3. STRATEGIC ELEMENTS OF THE PREVENTION OF THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

3.1 Participants' protection against COVID-19 is served by 2 (two) consecutive lines of defense.

3.1.1 The Protocol's preventive measures constitute the primary line of defense. In this phase, the Training Location, the Competition Venue, the Hotel and the vehicles involved in the transportation of the Teams are sanitized. For all participants the entry into the Hotel and the Competition Venue is subject to two negative SARS-CoV-2 PCR tests. Upon each entry into the Hotel and the Competition Venue, participants are subjected to a pre-triage check under Clause X of the Protocol.

3.1.2 Should any Participant test positive at the SARS-CoV-2 PCR test or rapid Antigen-test as a secondary line of defense, the procedures under Clauses XI-XIII of the Protocol will be applied to prevent further spread of the COVID-19 infection.

- The Medical Team will separate and monitor the infected person and all relevant possible close contacts.
- The infected participant will have to follow the procedure under Clause XIV thus reducing the number of potential close contacts.

3.2 To ensure adherence to the Protocol, in case of any violations, disciplinary actions can be taken by FINA according to the FINA regulation. The Medical Team will oversee adherence to the Protocol.

3.3 In case of non-compliance with the provisions of the Protocol and the Russian epidemiological provisions resulting in aggravation of the epidemiological situation, LOC in consultation with the FINA, may apply further restrictions as well as the re-consideration of the Competitions.

3.4. Should a mass COVID-19 infection or mass quarantine occur within the community of Competitors, this may cause that some athletes will not be able to take part and compete at the Competitions or the entire team. In such cases, the FINA regulation shall be applied.

4. PROTOCOL BEFORE ENTRY IN THE COUNTRY

All individuals included into the category A and B are subject to 'SARS-CoV-2 PCR testing obligation before arrival to the country.

5. PROTOCOL UPON ENTRY IN THE COUNTRY

Participants will be subject to border control.

The use of protecting masks for all participants is mandatory at any time.

Participants will collect and carry their own luggage.

Representatives from LOC will meet participants however keeping social distance.



Should a participant notice symptoms of COVID-19, he/she shall report this to the Medical officer of the team and to the COVID managers.

⇒ **For all participants included in Category A no additional test is required.**

All participants included in Category B will be tested once more. Upon the arrival they will be subject to the first SARS-CoV-2 PCR test, and may also be taken a SARS-COV-2 Rapid - Antigen test.

The negative result of the rapid antigen test will allow to access the hotel. Once the negative result of the SARS-CoV-2 PCR test is delivered, the participant will be allowed to leave her/his Hotel room.

The accreditation card barcode to allow access to the relevant dedicated areas will be activated following the negative SARS-CoV-2 PCR result.

The SARS-CoV-2 PCR result will be delivered within 18 hours after the sample taken.

Participants occupy the room reserved for them.

6. PROTOCOL REGARDING THE HOTEL

Hotels involved in FINA Swimming World Cup 2021 Accommodation have specially reserved floors for participants and do not allow contact with other Hotel guests. Hotel personnel shall also be subject to the SARS-CoV-2 PCR tests under section 11.

The processes concerning cleaning, laundry and meals shall be conducted using a protocol approved by the Federal Service for Supervision of Consumer Rights Protection and Human Welfare.

Use of the Hotel rooms is governed by the protocol prepared by Federal Service for Supervision of Consumer Rights Protection and Human Welfare.

The Hotel lobbies and reception desks are fitted with surface-disinfectants and hand sanitizers.

At the Hotel's access points, a mandatory pre-triage check will be conducted as per section 10 of the Protocol.

All Participants will stay in single or double rooms. It is important to notice that in case of a positive case the roommate will be automatically treated as close contact.

Meals are strictly scheduled, and persons are seated apart from each other to comply with the rules of social distancing. In case two persons are at one table, if one of them produces positive SARS-CoV-2 PCR results the other will be treated as close contact.



7. PROTOCOL DURING THE STAY IN RUSSIA

All participants are recommended to stay in their Hotel room during the Competitions and not move outside the Hotel and Competition Venue unless it is under previously organized conditions and does not involve to contact with anyone outside of the tested group.

A separate conference room can be provided for the Teams, where they can conduct their meetings, however meeting in remote system is recommended.

8. PROTOCOL REGARDING TRAVEL

The bus drivers will be tested according to protocol under section 11.

Use of hand-sanitizers is mandatory upon boarding the bus.

In the bus, wearing protective mask and keeping social distancing is mandatory.

Seats around the driver shall be kept unoccupied.

Driver must wear face masks.

The driver will be separated from the passengers by a plastic screen according to the scheme.

Each vehicle involved in the event:

- is equipped with sanitizer and personal protective equipment (masks), which are located in the public access area.
- before leaving onto the route, it is treated with special antiseptic agents, the fact of which is recorded by the act of sanitary treatment.

Upon arrival of the participants from the airport (official points of arrival), the occupancy rate of transport is 50% of its total capacity.

The front seats behind the driver are marked with a forbidding warning tape. Passengers can enter and exit through the middle door.

9. PROTOCOLS OF TRAINING- AND COMPETITION VENUES

Training- and Competition Venues are exclusively used for the Event during the period thereof.

Only Participants with an access authorization may enter the Training- and Competition Venues, while adhering to the article 10 of the Protocol.

No mascots are allowed in the Training- or Competition Venues, no team/group photos may be taken, no handshakes, hugs or any other form of close contact is allowed.

Equipment used for training must be disinfected after use.



In the Pool Area:

- Competitors must follow the “enter, train, leave” rule;
- Participants’ movement routes are pre-defined and allocated to each of them;
- the area around the pool shall be disinfected as per a protocol approved by the SU.

Toilets, boxes and pools are cleaned by a designated cleaning personnel.

In line with the protocol approved by SU, the toilets, washbasins, doorknobs and handles, along with other equipment is continuously disinfected after each use.

Competitors leaving the Training- and Competition Venue, shall use the designated exit and return to the Hotel.

9.1 Zoning

A concept of zoning is implemented to reduce the interaction between the different participants to a competition.

The zones must be clearly separated and, where in the same stand, should have a minimum of three rows between them. Zoning access will be identified on individual accreditation through a barcode. The color is clearly marked at the venue with sufficient staff available to enforce the policy.

Some essential workers (e.g. medical or anti-doping) may require “all zone” access. These decisions should be agreed in advance with FINA, COVID Manager and the FINA Medical & Doping Control Delegate.

All accreditation for all those directly involved in the competition and the respective zone access is established in accordance with the above process.

10. PRE-TRIAGE CHECK

Pre-triage checks cover two activities:

- a) Upon each entry to the Bubble, Participants are subjected to temperature measurement.
- b) It is mandatory to inform the COVID Marshal’s and the medical team immediately in case of any symptoms from the list below:
Fever, Cough, Shortness of Breath, Muscle Ache, Difficulty of breathing, Sore Throat, Pink Eye, Diarrhoea, Vomiting, Runny Nose, Loss of Taste, Loss of Smell

11. SARS-CoV-2 PCR TEST PROTOCOL

All Participants included into the category A and B shall have one negative SARS-CoV-2 PCR test performed 72 hours before travelling to Russia before arriving at the hotel. It should be written in English.



All Participant shall be subject to epidemiological isolation in the Hotel and the provisions of Section 12 shall apply if:

- shows symptoms of COVID-19 despite negative SARS-CoV-2 PCR test results;
- is notified of a positive result to the SARS-CoV-2 PCR test in accordance with point 2 or of the 2 (second) result in accordance with point 1, at the latest when crossing the border or entering the hotel.

Foreign Participants included in Category B having SARS- CoV-2 PCR / SARS-CoV-2 Antigen tests upon arrival in Kazan International Airport, and then transported to the Hotel by a transfer vehicle provided by the Organizing Committee for this purpose

Foreigner Participants included into the category A will be transported to the Hotel by a transfer vehicle provided by the Organizing Committee for this purpose

Until the negative result of the SARS-CoV-2 PCR test upon arrival is not delivered, the Foreign Participant included into the category B must stay in quarantine in the Hotel.

Further a SARS-CoV-2 PCR tests will be performed upon the arrival at the hotel.

In case of a Participant showing symptoms of COVID-19 despite a negative SARS-CoV-2 PCR test, the procedure set out in Section 12 shall apply.

12. PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW IN CASE OF POSITIVE SARS-CoV-2 PCR TESTS.

If a SARS-CoV-2 PCR test comes back positive, the Laboratory shall notify the Federal Service for Supervision of Consumer Rights Protection and Human Welfare, CMO and COVID Manager.

In case of positive PCR result Participants should move immediately to isolation.

- the Foreign Participant without symptoms or with mild symptoms will be isolated in the Hotel, while for Russian Participants in their place of (temporary) residence; The isolation period is 14 days.
- Participants with severe symptoms will be transported to the designated department by the Medical Team for admittance to the hospital.

For positive PCR with symptoms, the CT values shall be requested and reviewed.

PCR-positive: request for CT value if < 30:	PCR-positive: CT-value 30-32	PCR positive CT value > 32
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • keep the person in quarantine • close contact monitored (as defined in the protocol), • this is a true infection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep the person in quarantine • close contacts monitored, • serum (blood) antibody test and repeat PCR. • If antibody positive and CT value of second pcr the same value, remain in quarantine and repeat pcr in 5 days. If > 32 see right. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep the person in quarantine • repeat PCR and serum (blood)-antibody test, if documented previous infection and antibody positive and repeat PCR (and negative antigen test) suspend quarantine unless local authorities decide otherwise



Under the management of the CMO, close contacts will be identified.

13. PROCEDURES CONCERNING CLOSE CONTACTS

Close contacts will be placed in quarantine for 14 days at his/her own expenses.

- ⇒ The Foreign Participant will be placed in quarantine in the Hotel, while for Russian Participants in their place of (temporary) residence.

In case symptoms appear, close contacts will be transported to the designated department by the Medical Team for admittance to the hospital.

14. PROTOCOL CONCERNING CONDUCT AND USE OF PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Participants, the Hotel Staff and Health Care Providers shall wear a face mask at any time except :

- When they are in the dining facility, from starting the meals until they finish it, or when they consume beverages;
- if they stay alone in the room.

Competitors are exempt from wearing a face mask when competing and at the training in the pool.

For Competitors, hand sanitizing is mandatory at Competition Venue and Hotels by using the hand sanitizers placed at disposal there.

Social distancing shall mean for Participants a distance of at least 2 (two) meters from each other indoors and outdoors.

The COVID Manager is responsible to help teams to adhere to the Protocol's preventive measures; to adhere to the provisions of this section; and to communicate with the CMO or Deputy CMO as needed.

All national teams must designate a Medical Officer who is responsible for the compliance to the COVID-19 protocol. This person shall cooperate and communicate to the FINA COVID-19/Medical Officer and with the local Medical staff in case of COVID-19 situations.

15. VACCINATION

Participants of the Competitions are highly recommended to be fully vaccinated with a vaccine available in their country of residence. A person is considered fully vaccinated if 2 weeks have passed since the vaccination.



16. HEALTHCARE PROVIDER'S PROTOCOL

The Team's Healthcare Provider may only treat Competitors within the Team; and may not provide healthcare services to other Teams, except for cases where it is precoordinated with and authorized by the Organising Committee or there is life-threatening emergency.

The use of Personal Protective Equipment is mandatory for consultations held in person. where possible, online consultations should be offered to Competitors; all healthcare services shall be documented.



ANNEXE

COVID-19 SCREENING PROTOCOL FOR FINA SWIMMING WORLD CUP 2021

Screening Protocol for all Participants:

Participants included into the category A and B must arrive in Russia with 1 negative SARS-CoV PCR result, conducted 72 hours before travel.

All Participants included in the group B will have to undergo another SARS-CoV-2 PCR test / SARS-CoV-2 antigen test upon the arrival. Participants shall stay in quarantine in their room until the result of the PCR test will be delivered. Further SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Test will be performed every 5 days.

SARS-CoV-2 PCR tests will be performed for all those needed to travel back in their respective country. The LOC does not cover such SARS-CoV-2 PCR tests. If a team needs to have these to enter its home country, LOC will arrange the test upon request at a fixed price.

Screening protocol for LOC, pool staff, bus drivers, media, security, volunteers:

Personnel included into the category A and B must have 1 negative SARS-CoV PCR result, conducted 72 hours before entering the venue.

Further SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Test will be performed every 5 days.

The LOC does not cover exit SARS-CoV-2 PCR tests. If a team needs to have these to enter its home country, LOC will arrange the test upon request at a fixed price.

Use of the swimming pools

It is recognized that social distancing or other infection preventative measures may not be possible in all circumstances.

Swimming pools are already environments considered safe from the disease and if the usual hygienic sanitary measures according to the rules are respected, they should not be affected by any epidemic cases. The virus responsible for COVID-19 is a virus with a fragile external lipid membrane.

Typically, viruses with such membrane are less stable in the environment and are more sensitive to oxidants, such as chlorine.

According to what is stated by the World Health Organization, the conventional methods utilized by a centralized water treatment system that uses chlorine filtration and disinfection are deemed capable of inactivating the virus responsible for COVID-19.

Although the virus has been reported in river water, it has not been detected in drinking water and, based on the current evidence, the risk is very low for the water resources.

It also reports that, for effective disinfection of the water, there should be a residual



concentration of chlorine free of z 0.5 mg/ l.

As further confirmation, it has long been demonstrated that free chlorine above 0.5 mg /l ensures complete disactivation of SARS-CoV (from the same family of the virus that causes COVID-19).

In this regard, it is important to consider that the water to be used for the swimming pools must have the same requirements as for the water for human consumption (drinking water).

Therefore, free chlorine concentrations between 0.8 and 1.5 mg /l in swimming pools seems largely capable of preventing the spread of COVID-19. Furthermore, the evaporation of chlorinated water could also reduce the risk of spreading a virus transmittable by air.

Training

The major issue with swim training is the application of acceptable physical distancing. In general, it has been calculated to accommodate 10 swimmers in a lane of a 25 m pool.

Therefore, at the warmup and competition pools teams will proceed as follows.

- Max 10 swimmers per lane (25 m pool).
- Alternate start ends for each lane e.g. lane 1 start this end; lane 2 start far end.
- Min 5 sec gap between swimmers to ensure minimal physical separation.
- Limit squad size to ensure maximum lane usage.
- Maximum of 100 persons in the 25 m pool (excluding staff and trainers per country)

Therefore, training groups will be organized taking into consideration the above principles.

Furthermore

- Coaches shall wear facemasks and respect physical distancing with other people when in the same area.
- For specific training rooms (dryland training, etc.) if applicable, the maximum number of persons allowed at the same time shall respect the local rules (based on the size of the room) and physical distancing of at least 1.5 meters shall apply.

Field of Play (FOP)

The field of play is the whole area surrounding the swimming pools.

Additional accreditation to the field of play area will be limited to the number of persons having need of this access.

Call Room

A specific protocol will be implemented before entering the competition area for the competitions:

- ⇒ The different call-rooms are set up in order to respect all the physical distancing.
Swimmers shall always wear their mask.



Presentations of competitors or relay

Entrance will be regulated in order to keep valid all sanitary precautions, Individual and relay presentation can be done.

Baskets

The volunteers in charge of the baskets will wear mask and gloves at all time. Baskets will be sanitized after each use.

Chairs for swimmers

They will be sanitized after each departure.

Judges

Separate/more tables to maintain physical distancing protocols will be provided at the official room. The various officials on the pool deck shall always wear mask.

Technical Officials/judges meetings will be organized guaranteeing social distancing otherwise via video conference system may be considered.

Coaches

Coaches shall not be allowed on the pool deck during the competition.

Technical Meeting

Only one (1) Team Leader (or assistant) per participating Federation-team shall attend this meeting. The room will be set to allow at least 1.5 meters between the seats and rows of seats.

Protective Masks are mandatory for all attendees.

Warm-up Pool /Preparations Area

All the athletes/teams shall respect the physical distancing with the other athletes/federations.

In the warm-up pool, dedicated areas for each team is set (a limited number of athletes from the same federation may be considered).

An organized turnover based on the competition appearance will be implemented.

The allocation of the space for each federation or group of athletes will be done by LOC based on the number of entries.

If a delegation has a massage table, it must be used only by their athletes and shall not be used by any other athlete who are not part of the delegation. It must be cleaned after each massage.



MEDIA AND BROADCASTERS

General principles

All companies and their staff present on-site must comply with the applicable national/local legislation as well as all requirements of the FINA/LOC Sanitary Guideline, including the mandatory wearing of masks at all times in the venue and the testing procedures as indicated in the document.

In view of the current pandemic circumstances, to safeguard the health of all persons involved in the FINA Swimming World Cup 2021, only those that have fully Vaccinated in their respective countries or tested negative according to the protocol may be entitled to take part in the Event.

TV Broadcasters will be required to provide confirmation of a negative SARS-CoV- 2-RNA test (RT-PCR) result undergone 72 h before the arrival on site. Those broadcaster members included into the category B will be required to undergo a SARS – Cov-2- rapid antigen at Day 5.

Broadcasting staff is required to limit contact with athletes, team officials, other media, LOC and staff, to a strict minimum. Should interaction with the above-mentioned groups occur, broadcasting staff should follow a minimum social distancing of 1.5 meters (2 meters with athletes in mixed zone or post event).

Media Centre and Tribune

A media center inside the venue as well as a media tribune will be dedicated to all those broadcasters and media as part of the tested group according to this Protocol. Everyone entering the Media center should clean their hands with hand sanitizer.

A minimum distance of 2 meters between each table/chair (or one spare chair between two persons) or where social distancing is not possible, to use the plexiglass partition between each working place may be considered. Printing and distribution of printed materials should be kept at a minimum to limit risk of indirect contamination.

Proper disinfection of the area will be done every session of the competition.

Media Tribune will be set to respect the social distancing - a minimum distance of 2 meters between each working place.

The distribution of media in the stands will comply with appropriate hygiene measures such as ensuring only one person per media tribune or commentary position desk and a 1.5m distance between each person.

When in operations, commentators are temporarily exempt from the requirement to wear a mask but must still wear one at all other times.

Sharing the devices (TV — CIS monitors) will not be allowed. A proper disinfection of the area will be done before the opening and prior the beginning of the finals with no interfering to working media.



Mixed Zone

The Mixed Zone represents a location of potential viral dissemination. The use of mask is mandatory.

The Mixed Zone's access has been carefully planned. Only the accredited TV right holders being part of the tested group according to the protocol will be allowed to access the mixed zone.

In general, the number of media accredited to enter in the Mixed Zone will be kept to a minimum, and a remote interview positions will be implemented.

Circulation of journalists and cameramen working in the Mixed Zone to other parts of the venue will be limited.

A safety distancing zone of at least 2 meters should be arranged between athletes and journalists. Both are advised to wear mask during the interview.

Use of booms is recommended.

No other accredited person than athletes, journalists, cameramen, the FINA Media team and medical staff will be allowed to access the Mixed Zone.

The Mixed Zone will be a part of the one-way flow inside the venue.

Broadcast and media operations

The following points must be considered during all broadcast operations:

- Microphones used for interviews must be wrapped in plastic which must be changed between each interview. Alternatively, the microphone windshield must be disinfected or replaced between each interview. Each broadcaster must provide the required material for its staff.
- Interviewers must use their own IFB earpiece which must not be shared. In principle IFB earpieces may not be proposed or provided to interviewees, however in exceptional circumstances the use of single-use IFB earpieces may be permitted subject to the approval of FINA.
- Broadcast staff and photographers must use hand sanitizer before collecting, returning and/or distributing bibs.

Photographers

Only those photographers as part of the tested group according to this protocol may have access to the pool deck, however the number will be limited to the minimum.

They must be in clearly marked positions. There must be a minimum of 1.5m between each photographer position.



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