

INTERNATIONAL JUDO FEDERATION



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## CHAPTER 1 PREAMBLE

### 1.1 Introduction

The judo family have reached an important milestone in the management of the COVID-19 pandemic. The exemplary collaboration in mitigating the hazard, combined with changes in the nature of the virus, brings an evidenced conclusion that there is a reduced risk for all that needs to be reflected in the International Judo Federation (IJF) COVID-19 Protocol.

The positive attitude towards vaccination and testing among all age groups has led to a high standard of protection in the judo community, therefore from the date of this document the following protocol is in effect until the pandemic is called off by the WHO or until the end of the year 2023 (the earlier applies), while also adhering to local rules in the IJF World Judo Tour (WJT) host countries.

### 1.2 Scope

The measures below apply to ALL people involved in an event, from their arrival to their departure.

Each person concerned by an event must use common sense in their behaviour and respect the instructions related to the COVID-19 pandemic specified in the event outlines.

In addition to this protocol the Local Organising Committee (LOC) must provide all applicable measures in their country to be published in the event outlines.

The LOC Government measures may be more stringent than those detailed in this IJF COVID-19 Protocol and therefore MUST be followed; the differences are communicated to all participants via the event outlines.

### 1.3 Consent for Use of Data

Delegates inscribed by their National Federations for World Judo Tour (WJT) events in Judobase and [my.ijf.org](http://my.ijf.org) consent to the IJF and LOC processing their personal data with the application of General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) principles by signing the COVID-19 related Liability Release Waiver (LRW) annually under this protocol.

National Federations must ensure that they have the permission of each delegate or in the case of a minor, the permission of the parent/guardian. If a delegate does not give consent, then the National Federation must inform the IJF by writing to [registration@ijf.org](mailto:registration@ijf.org). Any documents collected (either in hard copy or electronically) for an event for COVID-19 purposes are destroyed/deleted in the 14 days after the event.

## CHAPTER 2 - GENERAL MEASURES

### 2.1 Safety and Hygiene

All event locations (hotels, training areas, venue, etc.) must provide a safe and hygienic environment with enough space for performing the activities without crowding the participants.

### 2.2 Mask Wearing

Mask wearing is recommended while travelling to an event on flights/trains/buses and in any closed environment even if it is not obligatory. Host country specific mask wearing regulations are published in the event outlines.



## CHAPTER 3 - EVENT PARTICIPATION AND TESTING

All participants, international and local, must fulfil the entry requirements of both the host country and the event. LOC and/or IJF requirements shall be published in the event outlines.

### 3.1 Entry to the Country

Each country has their own entry requirements. Everyone is responsible to follow the applicable entry rules (passport validity, visas, entry permission letter, COVID-19 etc.) of a host country.

### 3.2 Entry to the Event

Each participant is responsible to travel and participate in any IJF WJT event in good health, free of any communicable diseases, including but not limited to COVID-19. It is the responsibility of the national judo federations to control the health status of their members prior to departure to an event.

## CHAPTER 4 - COVID-19 Management

The IJF and LOC COVID-19 Managers at an event are the serving IJF Medical Commission member and the head of the LOC medical team respectively.

All those concerned by the event must know the country's COVID-19 regulations and the implementation of the measures taken for the event.

**The LOC COVID-19 Manager has the right to cancel an event at any point, after consulting with the IJF President, the IJF Events Director, the IJF COVID-19 Manager and the LOC, if and when the risk of the pandemic exceeds the benefit of the event.**

## CHAPTER 5 - COVID-19 TESTING

If applicable, COVID-19 testing requirements and any counter measures shall be published in the event outlines.

If necessitated by the actual state of the pandemic at a time of an event, the LOC must be able to organise and finance a COVID-19 antigen (or PCR, depending on the host country regulations) test service. Continental Unions/National Federations may elect to charge participants for the event COVID-19 control service. Event testing shall precede the backnumber/judogi pre-check/weigh-in period.

The IJF keeps the right to test anyone in case of COVID-19 infection suspicion.

Management of any positive cases depend on the host country's regulations. In case of confirmed infection, all must follow the directions of the LOC COVID-19 Manager.

## CHAPTER 6 - VACCINATION

**Vaccination is not a prerequisite to attend an IJF WJT event**, however all judo family members are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated to the highest possible level (e.g., booster dose) to contribute to the overall protection level of the judo family.

Even though vaccination is not required, gathering information on the vaccination level provides valuable data for the IJF Medical Commission on further softening or eventual withdrawal of the protocol. Therefore, collection of vaccination data is continued until further decision.

The IJF records all vaccination types, not only EMA or WHO approved products.

	Type of protection	Minimum time elapsed	Maximum time elapsed
<b>1st series of vaccination</b>	1 dose (Janssen, Sputnik Lite, or other)	Minimum 28 days from receiving the dose	Maximum 6 months from receiving the dose
	2 doses of any 2 dose vaccines	Minimum 14 days from the 2nd dose	Maximum 6 months from the 2nd dose
	Recovery from infection and 1 dose	Minimum 14 days from receiving the dose	Maximum 6 months from receiving the dose
	1 dose and recovery from infection	Minimum 5 days from the positive PCR	Maximum 6 months from the positive PCR
<b>Additional series of vaccination</b>	Booster/revaccination dose(s)	From the day of the last dose	To be determined by the WHO, currently no end of validity
<b>Recovery</b>	Recovery from infection	Minimum 5 days from the positive PCR	Maximum 6 months from the positive PCR

Minors (under 18) are considered fully vaccinated after completing the first series of vaccination with no end of validity until further decision.

Vaccination validity is subject to change according to WHO recommendations.

**Host country vaccination criteria may differ from the IJF's, always check the local rules before travelling.**

## CHAPTER 7 - MISCELLANEOUS

For any COVID-19 related issues not regulated in this protocol, consult the event outlines or contact [covid@ijf.org](mailto:covid@ijf.org)



## GLOSSARY

**GDPR** - General Data Protection Regulation

**IJF COVID-19 Manager** - is the Medical Commissioner, a medical doctor, appointed by the IJF for an event. The IJF COVID-19 Manager may appoint and act through a delegate. The delegate is entitled to receive all information from the LOC COVID-19 Manager, including reports about positive cases. For Continental or National events the respective Continental Union / National Federation COVID-19 Manager is understood where the IJF COVID-19 Manager is mentioned in this Protocol.

**IJF World Judo Tour (WJT)** - The WJT is a series of judo events that include a competition (contests between athletes for medals and prize money) and other sport-related activities (i.e., accreditation, draw etc.). For Continental Union / National Federation events the respective event is understood when IJF WJT is mentioned in this Protocol.

**Liability Release Waiver** – an annual document valid until the end of a calendar year about accepting the conditions of an event. A completed, high-resolution copy (preferably in pdf format) that must be uploaded to [my.ijf.org](https://my.ijf.org), by all participants, prior to participating in the first event of a year. The consent covers all judo events that are registered via Judobase and [my.ijf.org](https://my.ijf.org)

**LOC** - Local Organising Committee.

**LOC COVID-19 Manager** - The LOC COVID-19 Manager is a medical doctor responsible for managing COVID-19 related matters, and may appoint additional staff/volunteers to assist with administrative tasks.

**LRW** – see Liability Release Waiver

**Mask** – 3 layered surgical mask or equivalent without a valve. Valves on the masks filter only the inhaled air (from the environment to the lungs) but they don't filter the exhaled air (from the lungs to the environment). <https://multimedia.3m.com/mws/media/17915000/comparison-ffp2-kn95-n95-filtering-facepiece-respirator-classes-tb.pdf>

The IJF mask is a souvenir not for wearing throughout the event. Recommend using over a surgical mask.

**PCR** – when PCR test is mentioned, it is understood to be any NAAT (Nucleic Acid Amplification Test) test, primarily the RT-PCR ( real-time Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction) analysis, test or analysis result.



## APPENDIX 1 - LIABILITY RELEASE WAIVER - COVID-19

For a downloadable version see: [covid.ijf.org/Event Document](https://covid.ijf.org/Event Document).

The World Health Organization has declared the novel Corona virus outbreak (COVID-19) a worldwide pandemic. Due to its capacity to transmit from person-to-person through respiratory droplets, the International Judo Federation (IJF) has set recommendations, guidelines, and some prohibitions throughout the Protocol for resuming IJF World Judo Tour (WJT) events during the COVID-19 pandemic (IJF COVID-19 Protocol). The IJF COVID-19 Protocol applies to all the IJF events' participants and can be found here:

<https://www.ijf.org/covid19/2663>

In consideration of my participation in the IJF WJT events, I, the undersigned confirm that:

I have read and understand the IJF COVID Protocol, and I comply with it.

I am aware there is a risk of injury or illness such as COVID-19 while participating in the competition and/or attending an IJF WJT event.

I have not experienced or exhibited any symptoms relating to COVID-19 or any communicable disease, nor have been in close contact (for more than 15min, closer than 2m, without wearing a mask) with a COVID-19 positive person within the last 14 days.

Following the pronouncements above I declare that:

I am fully and personally responsible for my own safety and actions while and during participation and I recognise that I may be in any case be at risk of contracting COVID-19.

With full knowledge of the risks involved, I hereby release, waive, discharge the IJF, from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever, directly or indirectly arising out of or related to any loss, damage, injury, or death, that may be sustained by me related to COVID-19 while participating in any IJF events while in, on, or around the premises or while using the facilities that may lead to unintentional exposure or harm due to COVID-19.

### I consent that:

The laboratory contracted for the event communicates the result of my COVID-19 test(s) (detection of SARS-CoV-2 RNA by RT-PCR and/or antigen tests) through e-mail to the IJF and/or the Local Organising Committee COVID-19 Manager adhering to the GDPR principles.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read the foregoing Liability Release Waiver and understand its contents; and I am fully competent to give my consent. That I have been sufficiently informed of the risks involved and give my voluntary consent in signing this Liability Release Waiver as my own free act and deed with full intention to be bound by the same, and free from any inducement or representation.

This waiver will remain effective until laws and mandates relevant to COVID-19 are lifted.

Full name..... Signature.....


Date.....

NOTE: If signing on behalf of a minor, use the signature line below.

Minor's Name..... Date of birth .....

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Name of parent/legal guardian

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Signature of parent/legal guardian



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