

COPABE



COVID-19 Protocol

Athletes and officials in competition

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COVID-19 prevention protocol in competition

The present document includes the essential recommendations for the implementation of prevention measures to implement, control and placate the process of contagion by COVID-19 in all competitions and modalities of all COPABE categories.

This protocol has been developed based on the documents presented by the International Olympic Committee for the Olympic Games, World Health Organization, Pan American Health Organization and in close collaboration with the WBSC prevention protocol..

It is also based on the extensive work and collaboration of scientific experts and organizations from around the world through the publications presented for the control and management of health crises.

This document sets out the responsibilities of players and officials of National Federations, Organizing Committees and Sub-Confederations, and should be considered together with the information received from your National Olympic Committee and governmental health organization in your country.

It is very important to consider all the factors that may put at risk the health of players, technical officials and people related to the competition, (Umpires - Scorers - Commissioners) as well as the members involved with the organization of the tournament.

The rules apply equally to all athletes and officials, regardless of category or modality, as they apply to all other members of the Games Organizing Committee.

We ask that you take the time to understand the procedures and rules to be followed.

It is essential that you take personal responsibility for your part, whatever position you hold in the tournament, you play a vital role in the safe conduct of the Games.

Executive Committee

Pan American Baseball Confederation

To whom is this protocol addressed?

1. To the players
2. Team officials
3. Competition officials (Referees - Scorers)
4. Competition Directors
5. Executives of the Organizing Committee - COPABE - WBSC
6. Media teams
7. Chief Team Physician
8. Members of the Organizing Committee Administration
9. Athlete's companion

Who will be in charge of prevention and protocol management during the competition?

1. COVID 19 Prevention Director (Head of the Organizing Committee)
2. Local Organizing Committee Medical Officer
3. Liaison Officer for the NFs (CO and NFs)
4. Local Health Authorities
5. Local Organizing Committee
6. COPABE.

1.1 COVID 19 Prevention Director (DPC - Chief Executive Officer)

Will be in charge of the direction and coordination of the prevention and application of the protocol and control during the competition. In charge of a Doctor (infectologist) belonging to the health authority of the host country (City). Report to him:

- Medical Officer
- Health Personnel
- Organizing Committee
- NF Liaison Officers
- COPABE

1.2 Medical Officer of Health

Appointed by the Organizing Committee.

Will be in charge of the implementation of the protocol and control of the medical program.

Doctor (preferably an infectious disease specialist) with fluent communication skills with the laboratories and assistance centers.

Under his control will be the health personnel of the venue and sub-venues with the fundamental support of the health authorities of the host city.

1.3 COVID Liaison Officer.

Participating NFs must appoint a COVID-19 Liaison Officer to report directly to the Director and Medical Officer of the Organizing Committee.

Responsibilities.

1. Inform your FN of the requirements and precautions.
2. Handle and submit documentation required by the Medical Director for entry into the delegation's jurisdiction.
3. Responsible for carrying out the implementation of the COVID-19 protocol and countermeasures in his/her FN as indicated in this document.
4. Shall ensure that the implementation and monitoring of laboratory results upon arrival of the COVID-19 tests is followed by the delegation members.
5. Responsible for ensuring that the members of his delegation comply with all health and prevention requirements during their stay in the host country of the Event.
6. Should be in close contact with the authorities of COPABE, WBSC, the Organizing Committee and health authorities,
7. Inform the health authorities of the OC, COPABE if there is a positive case in their delegation.
8. Shall, together with those responsible for his delegation, enforce and PENALTY in an exemplary manner to the members of his delegation in case of non-compliance with this protocol in case of a positive COVID-19 test if it exists among the members of the delegation.
9. Shall assemble the traceability of contacts to which the positive had close contact.

10. Provide all the support to the local Health Authorities to provide all the information of the positive case for its control and follow-up.
11. To be a support to the positive case in what it requires (To present its personal documentation and all information that is necessary for its attention).
12. To inform their relatives of the health situation of the positive case.

1. Minimizing Close Contact

COVID-19 is transmitted through infected droplets on our exhaled breath when coughing, sneezing, talking, shouting or singing.

It is transmitted from person to person by close contact. The risks of contracting COVID-19 are increased in enclosed, crowded and poorly ventilated spaces as well as when we spend time in close proximity to people infected with COVID-19.

It is therefore important to minimize close contact and social interaction, wear a mask and avoid unventilated, enclosed spaces with large numbers of people involving close contact.

2. Important to Know ¿Who is a close contact?

Close contacts are those who have prolonged contact (for 15 minutes or more) with a person with a confirmed positive COVID-19 result, within one meter without wearing a face mask.

This is particularly when such contact occurs in enclosed spaces such as hotel rooms or vehicles. Report a case of close contact to the Organizing Committee for testing and prevention.



Use of Chinstrap or mouth mask

Wear a chinstrap or mouth mask at all times to protect yourself and everyone around you. Masks help prevent the spread of COVID-19 by collecting droplets exhaled by an infected person. Wearing a mask at all times - except when eating, drinking, training, competing or sleeping - will help keep the Games safe for everyone.

3. Recommendations on close contacts.

- Keep physical interactions with other people to a minimum (and don't forget to wear a mask).
- Avoid physical contact, including hugs and handshakes.
- Keep a distance of 2 meters between people.
- Avoid enclosed spaces and crowds whenever possible.
- Use buses and vehicles provided by the Organizing Committee. Do not use public transportation.
- Only take the games presented in the official schedule and in the permitted playing fields.

4. Prevention through Hygiene.

COVID-19 can live on everyday surfaces through droplets exhaled by an infected person.

If we touch these objects with our hands and then touch our eyes, nose or mouth, we run the risk of becoming infected. Therefore, we must not forget the basics of good hygiene:

- A.** Clean our hands regularly and thoroughly,
- B.** Disinfect surfaces.
 - 1.** Avoid touching your face and wear a mask at all times.

Please observe the following hygiene measures throughout your stay in the host country.

Recomendaciones para la prevención

- A.** Wear a mask at all times.
- B.** Wash hands regularly and use hand sanitizer.
- C.** Support athletes by clapping instead of chanting.
- D.** Avoid sharing items whenever possible, disinfect them at the end of use.
- E.** Ventilate rooms and common areas every 30 minutes.

The responsibility is everyone's, each National Federation and Organizing Committee must provide and take sanitary measures for the care of the delegations.

5. Vacunas:

- A. As vaccination requirements have been established for entry into the countries, it is recommended that delegations should contact www.vacunas.org/america to find out which vaccinations are mandatory for entry into the host country.

Please inform if you have been vaccinated against COVID-19 and carry with you the card that certifies the doses received.

6. The safe preparation of the Delegation's trip

The preparation of the delegation's trip does not begin with the departure at the airport.

From now on, be sure to take the time to read and understand this protocol thoroughly.

If you have doubts about the protocol, contact your team leader or NF, if you are a minor, contact a close relative, do it at the time of being appointed to participate in the tournament, you should not do it at the last minute.

The rules for entry are relative to each host country, and are adjusted to the requirements of governmental and sanitary authorities. They apply from 14 days prior to the trip and throughout the stay in the host country. It is important to take a proper and responsible attitude during this period, you should know that it is very possible that changes in the entry requirements are made, depending on the health situation at the time of entry to the host country of the tournament.

Important: As indicated in our procedure manual (www.copabe.org), medical insurance must be taken out and must include (medical treatment and repatriation by COVID-19, covering the entire period of stay in the host country of the tournament, hospitalization, isolation, including repatriation in case of death).

You should carefully read the information sent in the invitations and complementary information of the tournament in which you will participate, where the sanitary measures of the host city of the host country are made known.

The delegation will be limited to accommodation, training and playing facilities; The use of transportation must be that granted by the Organizing Committee, public transportation cannot be used.

The Organizing Committee must ensure compliance with the Sanitary Bubble throughout the competition, with government authorities, facility owners and transport in charge.

The Organizing Committee should monitor the accommodation, dining and sports facilities periodically to ensure that the venues and delegations respect the indications and comply with the requirements of the COVID-19 protocol.

A. Each player, coaching staff or member of the delegation:

Must from the time of inclusion in the delegation, prior to travel and stay in the host country:

- A. Check your health daily for 14 days prior to departure.
- B. Check your temperature daily.
- C. Responsibly observe your personal health for any other symptoms of COVID-19.
- D. Consult the WHO guidelines on COVID-19 symptoms www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019.
- E. If you experience any symptoms of COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to departure - inform your NF - Do not travel with your delegation, do not put yourself or your fellow travelers at risk, respect the host country population.
- F. Perform the PCR and Antigen test and report the result to the FN, if positive.
- G. Consult a medical professional to know the steps to follow.
- H. Make sure you are aware of the latest information on COVID-19 testing and certificates required by the airline for any transit country and for entry into the host country

Consult the official governmental health websites of the host country.

7. Requirements to be met prior to arrival in the host country

- A.** 15 days prior to the arrival of the delegation, inform the COVID Liaison Organizing Committee of the participating NF.
- B.** The FN must send 14 days before the official Roster with all the members of the delegation.
- C.** The flight itinerary (arrival and departure).

- D. If there are positive cases during training and prior to the event, they must remain isolated for 14 days, being able to re-enter the delegation with a negative PCR and the corresponding medical discharge.
- E. A PCR must be performed 72 hours prior to shipment providing evidence of negative results (this test is mandatory regardless of the means of transportation of arrival to the host country). Approved test types include a Nucleic Acid Amplification test (Real Time RT-PCR, LAMP, TMA, TRC, Smart Amp, NEAR), Next Generation Sequence and Quantitative Antigen Test* (CLEIA).
- F. It is recommended that an antigen test is also performed prior to departure, in case it is required by the health authorities of each country.
- G. Find out if the authorities of the host country require the presentation and prior uploading of an affidavit with personal data, mode of entry and PCR result.
- H. The entire delegation must undergo an antigen test upon arrival in the host country.

8. Recommendations for the safe travel of your delegation.

- A. In all trips, regardless of the means of transportation, the delegation must wear a mask or mouth mask at all times (preferably surgical or N95).
- B. Carry and use disinfectant alcohol gel regularly.
- C. Respect the physical distance.
- D. Do not engage with persons outside the delegation.
- E. Preferably manage the delegation by group for feeding, do not allow people outside the established group to get involved.
- F. Luggage handling should be personal and disinfect handles from third party contact..

The NF must require that all members of the delegation are aware of and sign an agreement to comply with the COVID-19 protocol and prevention measures prior to arrival in the host country.

Any behavior and non-compliance with the protocols and prevention measures will result in an exemplary Penalty. To Know:

- A. Withdrawal of the member's accreditation.
- B. Exclusion from the organizational health bubble.
- C. Expulsion from the tournament and possible lifetime exclusion from any future COPABE event.

The NF shall be responsible for all exemplary penalties associated with Non-Compliance by members of its delegation, regardless of position, including financial penalties and withdrawal from participation in future COPABE events.

9. Requirements to be met upon arrival in the host country:

Once the requirements of the governmental and health authorities of the host country have been fulfilled, the NF must:

- A.** Use only the OFFICIAL transportation assigned by the Organizing Committee (See point 5).
- B.** The delegation will not be allowed to carry out actions with third parties at the airport (shopping, money exchange, walking).
- C.** If any member of the delegation arrives in personal form, they must inform COPABE 5 days in advance in order to organize a safe area for the entry of the delegation, complying with the protocol and prevention measures.
NOTE: Remember that the Organizing Committee only covers one trip for each NF delegation (see COPABE procedure manual).
- D.** Upon arrival at the hotel or accommodation, in coordination with the OC health authorities, members of the delegation must take the COVID-19 test (please inquire).
- E.** Any member of the delegation with a positive TEST will not be allowed to enter the bubble organized by the OC and must be isolated from the delegation for the time indicated by the health authorities.
- F.** The person or persons, who test POSITIVE, must stay where indicated by the Local Health Authorities and the Organizing Committee. (See Medical Insurance)

- G.** The delegations may not have any contact or relationship with people outside the sanitary bubble (Hotel, Restaurant, Official Transport) that are indicated by the Organizing Committee and the sanitary authority. The use of a mask and face mask is mandatory for all members of the delegation, the Organizing Committee and staff during the tournament.

The use on the playing field, in the personal room of the hotel and in the dining rooms is not mandatory. (See mask use). The use of bandanas, handkerchiefs or masks with exhalation valves will not be accepted, as they do not comply with sanitary requirements.

10. TEST COVID 19 Sector.

- A.** The Organizing Committee of the Games, together with the Director of Prevention, will inform the Laboratory responsible for the COVID 19 tests.
- B.** The number of tests to be performed and their scheduling will be informed at the time of the 1st test prior to arrival at the hotel.
- C.** The test area will be located in each hotel and official competition venue. They shall be identified, private and shall have all the sanitary requirements and equipment required for COVID-19 testing (ventilation). The personnel involved in the sampling process shall use adequate personal protective equipment.
- D.** Isolation Areas shall be identified in each hotel and playing field for persons who begin to show symptoms or may remain if they test positive for COVID temporarily, until they are transferred to the health care center or hotel, referred by the health authorities with the CO.
- E.** COVID isolation areas must be separate from other rooms used by participating delegations. They may not be used near the kinesiology or rehabilitation treatment areas of the delegations.
- F.** They must have all personal protective equipment and adequate supplies easily accessible in the event of an emergency transfer due to complications of the disease.

- G.** Any person who manifests a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit (38.0 degrees Celsius) or higher during an evaluation in the hotel or manifests symptoms shall immediately isolate themselves in their room.
- H.** The person, who manifests symptoms within the established sanitary bubble, must be isolated immediately, notify the Liaison and Medical Officer and start the established protocol, performing the PCR Test.
- I.** While waiting for the results of the test, he/she shall be clinically monitored by the health authorities.
- J.** If the COVID-19 test is positive, the health authority, the Organizing Committee and the FN Liaison, shall:
 - J1.** Initiate contact tracing to identify all other persons who had close contact with the infected person 2.
 - J2.** Inform these persons of their possible contact and place them in isolation according to health protocols.
 - J3.** Urgently perform PCR tests on the persons involved.
 - J4.** The person designated as Liaison should initiate contact tracing, holding meetings with the other Liaisons of the teams to identify persons who maintained contact with the positive case, observing possible changes in health or symptoms of COVID.
- K.** Immediate cleaning and disinfection of all areas of the hotel/competition venue where the person who tested positive has been. All equipment used and all persons who may have been in close contact should be informed.
- L.** During the isolation, the FN Liaison shall be in daily communication with the Medical Officer to know the evolution and follow-up of the case.
- M.** No positive case may have direct or close contact with any other participating member (only medical personnel for evaluation and treatment).
- N.** All determinations regarding individual isolations will be determined by the Director of Prevention and Medical Officer of the Organizing Committee together with the health authorities of the country.
- O.** The medical release must be given in writing by the health authorities, indicating that the infected person no longer presents a risk of contagion to others, being authorized to return to his/her country of origin.

11. Protected Area

- A.** All teams must have a daily program of activities within the protected area for all accredited participants.
- B.** The daily program assigned to each team will include schedules for food, transportation and activities related to the competition and must be approved by the team leader of the Delegation.
- C.** No member of the delegation may interact with third parties outside the established areas.
- D.** Delegations must travel from the hotel to the competition venues with the official transportation provided by the Organizing Committee.
- E.** Delegations will be regularly evaluated for health changes using the following methods:
- F.** Symptom detection and temperature checks recorded at least once a day.
- G.** PCE or antigen testing as deemed appropriate by the local authorities for any alert situation reported by the daily symptom detection procedure.
- H.** Any positive test results for Delegation Members will be reported to the Director of Prevention/Organizing Committee and COPABE, before being reported to the FN LIAISON (via secure email, call and/or text message), who will be responsible for informing the individual.
- I.** All negative test results will be reported to the Organizing Committee/COPABE and FN.
- J.** Failure to comply with the Protected Area compliance protocols by any member will result in a PENALTY.

12. Levels of access to the Protected Area

A. [Level 1]

Participants identified as **Level 1** on their accreditation (COPABE green hologram) must be within the protected environment of the organization. The number will be very limited and all members will be subject to the protocols and measures set forth in this document. B. Level 1 access personnel shall include:

- B1.** Official Members of the Team Delegation.
- B2.** Tournament Officials (Referees, Technical Commissioners, Scorers).

- B3.** Essential organizational staff of COPABE.
- B4.** Essential Organizational Staff of the ORGANIZING COMMITTEE.
- B5** COVID-19 Liaison Officer of the National Federation..

[Level 2]

Participants identified as Level 2 (COPABE red hologram) on their accreditation are those strictly necessary for the organization of the event that may require event that may require access to restricted areas when Level 1 participants are present.

The number of such persons will be limited to the essentials, must be subject to the protocols and measures set out in this document. In addition, Level 2 personnel shall always maintain a physical distance from any Level 1 participant. Level 2 access personnel should include:

- A.** Organizing staff of the Organizing Committee
- B.** Security personnel assigned to conditioned areas
- C.** Operational personnel (e.g. cleaning and security service personnel)
- D.** Field maintenance personnel
- E.** Transportation personnel.

Procedure for Level 1 and Level 2 access

- A.** Entry checkpoints to the competition venue must include accreditation checks, security checks and medical/temperature checks for all persons.
- B.** Alcohol gel, sanitizer or, if applicable, hand washing station with soap and running water (in a liquid soap dispenser), with paper and a trash can with lid shall be provided and routinely emptied and sanitized by janitorial staff.
- C.** All entry points to the competition venue shall also have sanitizing gel or a hand-washing station and a non-contact thermometer to measure temperature
- D.** All checkpoints shall be cleaned and disinfected on a regular basis
- E.** A dedicated entrance shall be designated for Levels 1 and 2 respectively. In the absence of a separate entrance, specific times shall

be scheduled to prevent contact. This entry point shall be cleaned and disinfected before and after use.

- F. The Organizing Committee shall designate an area for meetings and accommodation exclusively for Levels 1 and 2.

13. Delegation accommodation

- A. Official hotels must be officially approved by the Health Authority of the host country, and have approved the appropriate cleaning and disinfection protocols for COVID-19.
- B. Delegations may not meet in the common areas of the hotel without the approval of the Director of Prevention, Medical Officer or COPABE.
- C. Each delegation, through its Team Leader, will send the list of pre-assignment and distribution of their rooms to the OC prior to arrival at the hotel.
- D. If the Organizing Committee has too many people in close contact, they will pre-register the rooms and give the keys to the team leader of the delegation.
- E. Upon arrival at the hotel, the delegation will go to a designated room for the COVID-19 Test.
- F. The OC will hand out, along with the credential, wristbands, in order to control the movement of people within the Protected Area.
- G. The people affected to the Protected Area by the OC will place a RED wristband on each individual when taking the test.
- H. Participants will then proceed to their assigned rooms, remaining in self-isolation until a negative test result is received and permission to leave the room is granted.
- I. In the case of an antigen test, participants must wait in the designated room until a negative test result is received and the GREEN wristband can be applied.
- J. All meals during the isolation period will be taken in the participant's room.
- K. Upon confirmation of a negative test result, the Protected Area and COPABE staff will remove the RED wristband and place a GREEN wristband, which participants must wear at all times while in the Protected Area.

- L. Delegation members may not leave the hotel facilities under any circumstances other than to attend practices, official scheduled games, emergencies and/or other reasons previously approved by COPABE.
- M. OC personnel assigned to the Protected Area must be available at the hotel to attend to any assistance required by participants, including ordering and delivery of essential needs from outside the hotel (subject to prior request).

14. Food for the Delegations

- A. The delegations' meals will take place under the prevention protocols in specially prepared areas, preferably open spaces.
- B. The configuration of the space will limit the number of people, respecting the physical distance (e.g. rows, dining tables, etc.).
- C. There will be an exclusive dining room (room) for each team or the use must be sanitized prior to the entry of another delegation.
- D. All areas designated for food shall be properly sanitized before and after each use.
- E. Entrance to the dining room will not be permitted without presentation of credentials.
- F. The Organizing Committee must present a schedule with the schedule of meals for each delegation avoiding crossings of delegations.

15. Transporte de las Delegaciones

- A. Only official transportation services will be used during the entire competition.
- B. All vehicles used for shuttle service shall not be used at more than 50% of their maximum capacity to allow for physical distancing.
- C. There shall be at least one empty seat among the passengers.
- D. Passengers shall wear a chapstick inside the transport at all times.
- E. All vehicles shall be disinfected before and after each movement.
- F. Prior to boarding transportation, delegations shall use hand sanitizers, alcohol gel on hands before boarding vehicles.

- G. All buses must be well ventilated. Buses should be allowed to keep the windows open during the trip.
- H. All transportation movements will be scheduled by the CO.
- I. Participants may only use transportation services scheduled and managed by the OC, except in case of an emergency or previously approved by CO/COPABE.

16. Protocols at Competition Venues.

- A. Delegation members will be temperature monitored at the competition venue with a non-contact thermometer and will be asked to complete a standardized symptom and exposure questionnaire administered by OC staff before being allowed entry.
- B. Delegations may meet the requirements of the Competition Venue Assessment by conducting such an assessment at the hotel prior to departure to the field of play. It will be valid as long as the assessment is conducted within two hours of arrival at the field of play. The health check will always be performed by the assigned OC staff.
- C. Disinfection and cleaning protocols for all spaces at the competition venue (clubhouse/dressing rooms, dugouts, bullpens, dining areas, physical therapy room, COPABE/Tournament Officials work spaces, doping control stations, etc.) will follow COFEPRIS procedures.
- D. Sanitation stations with hand sanitizers will be available throughout the competition venue.
- E. Security protocols and access control points will be established throughout the competition venue.
- F. Allocation of space for tournament personnel will ensure that physical distance is respected.
- G. Physical barriers will be installed, if necessary, in team areas and COPABE work spaces to ensure physical distance.
- H. Field personnel must remain in a separate space on the field level and are not permitted to be in the locker room or dugout while Team members are present.
- I. The field maintenance crew must perform work when players are not on the field. Players must maintain physical distance during field

maintenance crew activities that must occur while on the field (e.g., infield dragging, fixing wet mounds). Field personnel should wear a chinstrap and physical distance from each other at all times.

17. Participating teams

- A.** Only one team at a time should be on the field before the game. If it is impossible to avoid, players from opposing teams must not interact and must always maintain a minimum physical distance of 2 meters.
- B.** Teams shall limit the number of delegation members in the dugout to only the coaching staff and substitutes and the trainer.
- C.** Level 1 team representatives shall have access to the playing field during warm-up, however, the number of people shall be kept to a minimum.
- D.** Each team member must have their own personal equipment (helmet, gloves, batting gloves, etc.) and may not share under any circumstances.
- E.** Physical interactions (high-fiving, fist bumping, hugging, etc.) by all members of the team delegation shall be avoided
- F.** Spitting, chewing tobacco, eating sunflower seeds and others are strictly prohibited in the clubhouse, dugouts and playing field.
- G.** Teams shall establish physical distance protocols that allow players to maintain a safe distance of two meters from each other.
- H.** Sharing of indoor batting tunnels shall be avoided whenever possible during the event, and if possible ventilated as much as possible during the activity.
- I.** Water bottles/containers and towels for all team delegation members shall be properly identified and under no circumstances shall they be shared.
- J.** Players and coaches should avoid sharing equipment. They should disinfect their own equipment at the end of each game.
- K.** Pitchers shall have their own game balls to warm up in the bullpen.
- L.** Teams shall place all bats and helmets outside the dugout for inspection if required by the Game Officials.
- M.** All players and team delegates shall leave the dugout area while equipment inspection is being conducted.

- N.** Teams shall maintain hand hygiene after use of shared items such as bullpen and dugout phones, baseballs, mats, etc., and routinely throughout the game.
- O.** Any common equipment shall be disinfected prior to the game, regularly during use, and after each game.
- P.** Teams must bring their own Bucket of balls for practice/warm-ups and may not be shared with any other team.

18. COPABE/WBSC members

- A.** All COPABE members (Tournament Officials, COPABE staff, tournament staff, guests, etc.) within the protected environment are required to wear Masks at all times.
- B.** Personal devices, such as cell phones, tablets, computers, etc., should not be shared unless they have been previously cleaned and sanitized.
- C.** COPABE tablets/electronic devices must be cleaned and disinfected before and after use.
- D.** Physical interactions (high-fiving, fist bumping, hugging, etc.) between COPABE Officers shall be avoided.
- E.** Spitting, chewing tobacco, eating sunflower seeds, and others are prohibited.
- F.** Water bottles/containers and towels for all COPABE Members shall be properly identified and under no circumstances shall they be shared.
- G.** All COPABE Family Members shall establish physical distancing protocols that allow them to maintain a distance of two meters from each other.
- H.** COPABE Officials shall remain in their work areas during games.

19. Protocol for the care and handling of game balls.

- A. Ball preparation (mud rubbing) shall be performed by designated personnel wearing protective rubber gloves. The use of saliva or sweat to rub baseballs is prohibited.
- B. Balls removed from play shall be properly cleaned before reuse (when applicable).
- C. Designated persons and ball handlers shall wear a mask and maintain a physical distance of at least two meters from team delegation members and umpires (except when handing balls to umpires).

20. Competition and Gaming Protocols

- A. Pre-game protocols will be adjusted to always maintain physical distance between participants and game personnel (i.e., on-field cameraman covering line-up presentations, field maintenance crew, etc.).
- B. Delegation members should be separated by at least 2 meters during the team introductions and National Anthems. Following the playing of the National Anthems, teams will return to their respective dugouts. No handshakes or gift exchanges will be permitted.
- C. Batboys/girls must be performed by adults and must be members of the team.
- D. Players, umpires and other personnel on the field shall practice physical distancing as much as possible within the constraints of competition and baseball fundamentals.
- E. First and Third Base Coaches shall remain inside or behind the Coach's area and shall not approach a runner, fielder or umpire on the field.
- F. Players from opposing teams shall not socialize, fraternize or come within six feet of each other before the game, during warm-ups, between innings or after the game.
- G. No handshakes shall take place between teams at the conclusion of games.

21. Modifications to the Tournament Regulations

- A.** All on-field personnel (including players) shall wear a full face mask (i.e., completely covering the nose and mouth) at all times in the dugout and bullpen (except players active in the game and pitchers and catchers warming up in the bullpen).
- B.** All non-playing personnel (base coaches, umpires, field personnel, ball boys, etc.) must wear masks while on the field.
- C.** There will be no exchange of line-ups prior to the game.
- D.** The Technical Commissioners assigned to the game shall take a photo of each line-up and make a copy of the line-up while wearing rubber gloves. Upon review, they will print and deliver the line-ups to the Referee's Room approximately thirty minutes before the start of the game.
- E.** At the home meeting (with a distance of 2 meters), teams should confirm their line-ups with the home umpire and inform him of any changes made since it was printed.
- F.** Spitting (including, but not limited to, saliva, sunflower seeds or peanut shells or tobacco) is prohibited at all times on the venue premises (including on the field). Chewing gum is permitted, but must be disposed of in a sanitary manner (i.e., no spitting on the field).
- G.** In the event that a team has a COVID-19 outbreak, defined by the Local Health Authorities as 10% of the group (more than 3 of the permitted Roster testing positive for COVID-19), once the competition has started, the entire team will be quarantined and retested. Upon confirmation, the team will be eliminated from the competition. The Director of Prevention and the Medical Officer will determine and coordinate the appropriate course of action.
- H.** Any game forfeited due to elimination of a team from the competition because of a COVID-19 outbreak will be established with a final score of 9-0.

22. Umpires

- A. Umpires must wear a mask at all times while on the field of play. In case of extreme temperatures, they may be removed when there are no runners on base while maintaining a physical distance.
- B. Umpires shall practice physical distance by maintaining a six-foot distance between themselves (approximately the length of two arms) and others during pregame home plate meeting, mound visits, pitcher/catcher meetings and video review.
- C. Coaches shall maintain a six-foot distance between themselves when approaching an umpire to ask a question about a decision. Umpires shall also maintain a physical distance of six feet when approaching a Coach to talk.
- D. Referees should avoid making contact with players' equipment at all times.

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QUESTIONNAIRE

All members of the participating delegations, COPABE Officers plus members and staff of the host country's Organizing Committee must complete the following COVID-19 exposure and symptom questionnaire prior to entering the host country.

1. General information::
Name:
National Federation:

2. Mark with an "X" if in the last 72 hours you have experienced any of the following symptoms:					
Cough		Rash		Fatigue	
Sore Throat		Diarrhea		Muscle Pain	
Nasal Congestion		Nausea - Vomiting		Abdominal Pain	
Difficulty Breathing		Headache		Chest Pain	
High Fever		Irritability and confusion		Joint Pain	
Chills		Loss of taste and smell		Swollen Nodes	
Runny Nose		Inflammation of the toes		Inflammation of the	
Cough		Feet		lower extremities	

If you checked "Yes" in any of the above options, please report:

2. Have you had a fever of 38.0 degrees Celsius (100.4 degrees Fahrenheit) or higher or taken any fever-reducing medication in the last 72 hours? Yes No

If you answered "Yes", please report the number of days and average temperature you had

3. Have you had close contact with people who contracted COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

Yes No

If you answered "Yes", please tell us and identify the person, if he/she is part of the delegation or if he/she is from your close family circle:

4. List below the countries visited during the last 30 days.

5. NOTE: If your answer to questions 1 ,2 , 3 is "Yes", contact the COVID-19 Liaison for your team's delegation.

Signature

Date

Give this form to the person requesting it.