OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES BEIJING 2022

COMPETITION CONTINGENCY REGULATIONS

CROSS-COUNTRY

The Competition Contingency Regulations intend to guide decision-making and set basic thresholds to adapt competition formats and schedules in the event of a COVID-19 positive case or Close Contact during the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022.

The implementation is subject to the individual circumstances of each situation and, in particular, the timing at which the COVID-19 positive cases or Close Contacts are confirmed relative to the start of the respective competition impacted, as well as the applicable International Federation’s (IF) rules and regulations.

The Competition Contingency Regulations will be activated in the event of a confirmed COVID-19 positive case or Close Contact that is unable to compete, thus limiting the impact on the athlete’s experience or delay the competition.

1. Principles

The following main principles were adopted to provide consistency across sports where possible:

- No athlete or team should be designated as “disqualified” for COVID-19 reasons; instead “Did Not Start (DNS)” or an equivalent sport-specific designation will be used where the athletes or team cannot take part in the competition.
- The minimum result of the athlete/team will be protected, considering the phase of competition at which they could not compete.
- Where possible, the place of an athlete or team unable to compete will be filled by the next most eligible athlete or team, allowing events to go ahead where possible and medals to be competed for on the field of play.
The **key areas** will be considered when implementing the Competition Contingency Regulation:

- **Timing Threshold** - Determines the period when a specific action can occur.
- **Sports Requirements** – The minimum participation requirements per event for each IF to provide a platform for fair and equitable competition (e.g. minimum number of athletes, team officials or ITO/NTOs).
- **Competition Progression** – The rules and regulations in place per IF on how to proceed with the competition in case of a confirmed COVID-19 positive test result while ensuring the progression of athletes and teams to avoid impacting the sports competition.
- **Decision Making** – The IF will be responsible for identifying the relevant decision-making person/s who are authorised to apply the IF rules and regulations to ensure the continuity of competition.

The priority is to guarantee the start and end of all competition sessions according to the confirmed competition schedule.

2. Key Considerations

   **A. IF Rules and Regulations**

   The requirements are to be determined by the IF rules while ensuring the implementation of the IOC (International Olympic Committee) Principles. If the IF does not have any rules determining the sport requirements, the IF, in consultation with the IOC, can mandate what the minimum sport requirements are for the specific event.

   **B. Competition Progression**

   In principle, the competition time shall not be changed or cancelled in the event of a COVID-19 positive case or confirmed Close Contact.

   All athletes/team officials or technical officials will follow the procedures outlined in the [Playbook](#), and they will be excluded from the current competition phase/event as soon as the test is confirmed as positive by the Chinese Health Authorities.

   In the event of a COVID-19 positive case, the IF rules are to determine the competition progression, with consideration being given to the below:
• If an athlete tests positive for COVID-19 after the sport entries are closed, the Late Athlete Replacement (LAR) Policy will be reviewed to see if there is any flexibility on a sport-specific basis.
• According to the IF process, allow for replacements as late as possible to allow for teams to compete using other athletes on-site where feasible.
• All athletes that cannot compete for any reason other than disqualification for unsportsmanlike behaviour (DQB) will still be ranked in their final position accordingly. This includes all podium positions.
• If an athlete tests positive for COVID-19 during competition, the “AP” alternative athletes may be a substitute, where relevant.

C. Decision Making

If an athlete is confirmed COVID-19 positive or a Close Contact that leads to quarantine/isolation, the below procedures will be implemented to decide on the impacted competition format/structure, while respecting the regulations and contingency plan in place.

The decision-making group overseeing the implementation of the contingency plan during the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 are the:

• International Federation (IF)
• International Olympic Committee (IOC)
• Olympic Broadcast Service (OBS)
• OMEGA
• Beijing 2022 Sports Department
• Medical Expert Group

If applicable, each of the organisations above are responsible for providing/receiving relevant information.
# COVID-19 Positive Athletes after Entries Deadline and before the Respective Team Captains Meeting

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| Team Captains Meeting in which the draw for that event is held | The LAR process must be completed at least 1 hour before the Team Captains meeting for the first Cross-Country Skiing event. | NOC must notify the Sports Entries team of LAR through the e-LAR.  
The FIS Race Director will be required to use the e-LAR system for approval or rejection to all relevant parties, including the IOC Sports Department.  
Beijing Sports Entries to confirm the decision to the NOC and IF.  
The FIS Race Director informs the Jury.  
The FIS Race Director will communicate the decision to Beijing 2022 Cross-Country Manager, ORIS, OBS, ATOS VRM, and OMEGA. | Where a COVID-19 positive athlete is withdrawn and an LAR is made 1 hour before the Team Captains meeting, there will be no change to the competition format or the schedule.  
If no LAR is made by the respective NOC, the competition will go ahead with a reduced number of athletes.  
Official results will reflect COVID-19 positive athletes (s) as DNS. | FIS Race Director/ FIS Jury/IOC Sport/Beijing SEQ |
## COVID-19 Positive Athlete after the Team Captains Meeting and before the start of the Skiathlon, Mass Start events, Sprint, & Interval

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| Until 2 hours before the start of the competition | Athletes can be substituted according to ICR 313.4.1  
The substitute athlete(s) must be eligible for this competition format according to the Qualification Eligibility Criteria Cross-Country Skiing C.3.4.  
A new start list will be published after the decision of the jury regarding the starting position of the substitute athlete according to ICR 322.3 or ICR 323.3.  
If no substitution is possible, the athlete(s) will be marked as DNS on the result list.  
An LAR can be made if the athlete is on-site and meets the QEC Cross-Country skiing 3.4. | In case of substitution, the NOC gives the name of the substitute athlete(s) to the FIS Race Director.  
The FIS Race Director checks the eligibility of the substitute athlete(s) for this event.  
The FIS Race Director informs the FIS Jury.  
The FIS Jury decides on the starting position for the substitute athlete(s) according to ICR.  
The FIS Race director communicates the decision to the respective NOC Team Captain, Beijing 2022 Cross-Country Skiing manager, ORIS, OBS, Atos VRM, and OMEGA | Where a COVID-19 positive athlete is withdrawn before the start of the competition and a substitution or LAR is made, there will be no change to the competition format or the schedule, and the event will go ahead.  
A new start list is produced and published according to the process defined in ORIS.  
If no LAR or substitution is made by the respective NOC, the competition will go ahead with a reduced number of athletes.  
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## COVID-19 Positive Athlete after the Team Captains Meeting and before the start of the Relay

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| Until 2 hours before the start of the race | Athletes can be substituted according to ICR 313.4.1  
The substitute athlete(s) must be eligible for this competition format according to the Qualification Eligibility Criteria Cross-Country Skiing C.3.4.  
The starting order cannot be changed.  
A new start list will be published, and the starting position will remain the same according to ICR 327.3.4.  
If no substitution is possible, the team(s) will be marked as DNS on the result list. | In case of substitution, the NOC gives the name of the substitute athlete(s) to the FIS Race Director.  
The FIS Race Director checks the eligibility of the substitute athlete(s) for this event.  
The FIS Race Director informs the Jury  
The FIS Race Director communicates the decision to the respective NOC Team Captain, Beijing 2022 Cross-Country Skiing manager, ORIS, OBS, Atos VRM, and OMEGA.  
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If no substitute is made by the respective NOC, the competition will go ahead with a reduced number of athletes.  
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