

OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES BEIJING 2022

COMPETITION CONTINGENCY REGULATIONS

ICE HOCKEY

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.

COMPETITION CONTINGENCY REGULATIONS SCENARIOS AND PROCEDURES

*Decision Making Group has the power to deviate from the below Plan if necessary in the best interest of the Tournament.

COVID-19 Positive Athlete Ice Hockey Tournament

Timing Threshold	Proposed Management	Decision Making & Communication	Impacts	Designated IF Decision Making Group
Prior to confirmation of Team roster	In case the LAR process must be completed before the individual players place is confirmed on the team roster (either at the First Directorate meeting or no later than two (2) hours before the first game of the competition).	<p>NOC must notify the Beijing 2022 Sports Entries team of LAR through the e-LAR</p> <p>The IIHF Technical Delegate will be required to use the e-LAR system for approval or rejection to all relevant parties, including the IOC Sports Department.</p> <p>IOC and IIHF to confirm the LAR</p> <p>Beijing 2022 Sports Entries to confirm the decision to the NOC.</p> <p>IIHF Technical Delegate will communicate the decision to Beijing 2022 Sports Manager, ORIS, OBS, ATOS VRM, and OMEGA.</p>	No impacts on the starting lists or competition format as the LAR took place prior to the confirmation of team roster.	Christian Hofstetter
Prior to each Game	<p>A "P" athlete(s) can replace an "A" athlete(s) that is confirmed COVID positive or is injured.</p> <p>An "A" athlete(s) that becomes a "P" athlete(s) may switch back to an "A" athlete(s) at any time.</p>	<p>The IIHF Team Directorate Member must notify the IIHF as soon as possible upon deciding to activate a P athlete as an A athlete, but no later than 5 hours before the respective game.</p> <p>The IIHF Technical Delegate will communicate the decision to Beijing</p>	<p>No impact on the competition format.</p> <p>Start list must reflect new "A" accredited player.</p>	Christian Hofstetter



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	<p>"P" athlete replacements for injury are subject to an independent medical review if deemed necessary.</p>	<p>2022 Sports Manager, ORIS, OBS, ATOS VRM, and OMEGA.</p>		
Preliminary round	<p>There needs to be at least 17 eligible players (15 eligible skaters and 2 eligible goal keepers) on the game roster for the team to be able to start a game in the preliminary round.</p> <p>If any team is unable to meet the minimum number of players, the respective game is a forfeiture and the corresponding consequences as indicated in the IIHF Bylaws and Official Rule Book apply.</p> <p>If both teams are unable to meet the minimum number of players, the respective game is cancelled and both teams will be awarded a draw (0 points awarded to both teams, but game shown as played).</p>	<p>The Team Directorate Member must notify the IIHF at least five hours ahead of and not later than three hours before the respective game if they are unable to ice a team.</p> <p>The IIHF Technical Delegate will communicate the decision to Beijing 2022 Ice Hockey Manager, ORIS, OBS, ATOS VRM, and OMEGA.</p>	<p>No impacts on the competition format.</p> <p>No impact on the start list.</p> <p>Official results will reflect forfeiture to the team unable to compete.</p> <p>One team unable to ice a team, the opposing team will be awarded the win.</p> <p>If both teams are unable to ice a team, the results will indicate a draw (0 points awarded to both teams, but game shown as played).</p>	<p>Men's: Petr Briza; Christian Hofstetter and Ashley Ehlert</p> <p>Women's: Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer; Christian Hofstetter and Ashley Ehlert</p>
Qualification Playoff Round (men)	<p>There needs to be at least 17 eligible players (15 eligible skaters and 2 eligible goal keepers) on the game roster for the team to be able to start a game in the qualification playoff round.</p> <p>If both teams playing the Qualification Playoff Round game are unable to meet the minimum number of players, the team with the higher ranking based on the combined ranking after the Preliminary Round will move forward to the Quarter Final Round and play the respective game based on the Official Game Schedule.</p>	<p>The Team Directorate Member must notify the IIHF at least five hours ahead of and not later than three hours before the respective game if they are unable to ice a team.</p> <p>The IIHF Technical Delegate will communicate the decision to Beijing 2022 Ice Hockey Manager, ORIS, OBS, ATOS VRM, and OMEGA.</p>	<p>No impacts on the competition format.</p> <p>No impact on the start list.</p> <p>Official results will reflect forfeiture next to the team unable to compete.</p> <p>One team unable to ice a team, the opposing team will be awarded the win.</p> <p>If both teams playing the Qualification Playoff Round game</p>	<p>Men's: Petr Briza; Christian Hofstetter and Ashley Ehlert</p>



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			are unable to meet the minimum number of players, the team with the higher rank based on the combined ranking after the Preliminary Round will move forward to the Quarter Final Round and play the respective game based on the Official Game Schedule.	
Quarter Final Round	<p>There needs to be at least 17 eligible players (15 eligible skaters and 2 eligible goal keepers) on the game roster for the team to be able to start a game in the in the quarter final round.</p> <p>If any team is unable to meet the minimum number of players, the team is eliminated, and the next best losing team(s) of the Qualification Playoff Round based on the combined ranking of the preliminary round, that can ice a team, move(s) up to replace the respective(s) team(s). If any team that should be moved up is also unable to meet the minimum number of players, the respective game is a forfeiture and the corresponding consequences as indicated in the IIHF Bylaws and Official Rule Book apply.</p> <p>If not sufficient teams are able to meet the minimum number of players to play all quarter final games, the game(s) with the best ranked team(s), based on the combined ranking from the preliminary round is/are cancelled and the other remaining games are played.</p>	<p>The Team Directorate Member must notify the IIHF at least five hours ahead of and not later than three hours before the respective game if they are unable to ice a team.</p> <p>The IIHF Technical Delegate will communicate the decision to the respective team, Beijing 2022 Ice Hockey Sport Manager, ORIS, OBS, ATOS VRM, and OMEGA.</p> <p>Secretary General will inform IOC Sports Department.</p>	<p>Impact on the start list to reflect advancement of the next best team from the preliminary round.</p> <p>Official results will reflect forfeiture next to the team unable to compete in the quarter final stage.</p> <p>One team unable to ice a team, the opposing team will be awarded the win if no replacement team can be found.</p> <p>If both teams playing the Quarter Final Round game are unable to meet the minimum number of players, the team with the higher rank based on the combined ranking after the Preliminary Round will move forward to the Semi Final Round and play the respective game based on the Official Game Schedule.</p>	<p>Men's: Petr Briza; Christian Hofstetter and Ashley Ehlert</p> <p>Women's: Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer; Christian Hofstetter and Ashley Ehlert</p>



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<p>Semi-Final Round</p>	<p>There needs to be at least 17 eligible players (15 eligible skaters and 2 eligible goal keepers) on the game roster for the team to be able to start a game in the semi-final round.</p> <p>If any team is unable to meet the minimum number of players, the team is eliminated, and the losing quarterfinalist with the highest Combined Ranking after Preliminary Round moves up to replace the respective team.</p> <p>In the event this team does not meet the eligibility criteria the process continues with the remaining losing quarterfinalists in order of the highest Combined Ranking from the Preliminary Round.</p> <p>If no team can be found for replacement, the respective game is a forfeiture and the corresponding consequences as indicated in the IIHF Bylaws and Official Rule Book apply.</p>	<p>The Team Directorate Member must notify the IIHF at least five hours ahead of and not later than three hours before the respective game if they are unable to ice a team.</p> <p>The IIHF Technical Delegate will communicate the decision to the opposing team, Beijing 2022 Ice Hockey Sport Manager, ORIS, OBS, ATOS VRM, and OMEGA.</p> <p>Secretary General will inform IOC Sports Department.</p>	<p>Impact on the start list to reflect advancement of the opposing team from the quarter finals.</p> <p>Official results will reflect forfeiture next to the team unable to compete in the semi-final stage.</p>	<p>Men's: Petr Briza; Christian Hofstetter and Ashley Ehlert</p> <p>Women's: Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer; Christian Hofstetter and Ashely Ehlert</p>
<p>Bronze Medal Game</p>	<p>There needs to be at least 17 eligible players (15 eligible skaters and 2 eligible goal keepers) on the game roster for the team to be able to start a game in the Bronze Medal game.</p> <p>If any team is unable to meet the minimum number of players, the team is eliminated, and the losing quarterfinalist with the highest Combined Ranking after Preliminary Round moves up to replace the respective team.</p>	<p>The Team Directorate Member must notify the IIHF at least five hours ahead of and not later than three hour before the respective game if they are unable to ice a team.</p> <p>The IIHF will communicate the decision to the opposing team, Beijing 2022 Ice Hockey Sport Manager, ORIS, OBS, ATOS VRM, and OMEGA.</p>	<p>Impact on the start list to reflect advancement of team eliminated from quarter final round.</p> <p>Official results will reflect a forfeiture next to the team unable to compete.</p> <p>Opposing team gets win.</p>	<p>Men's: Petr Briza; Christian Hofstetter and Ashley Ehlert</p> <p>Women's: Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer; Christian Hofstetter and Ashley Ehlert</p>



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	<p>In the event this team does not meet the eligibility criteria the process continues with the remaining losing quarterfinalists in order of the highest Combined Ranking from the Preliminary Round.</p> <p>The winner will be awarded the Bronze Medal, the loser of Bronze Medal game, together with the eliminated team concerned will be awarded the 4th rank.</p> <p>If both teams playing the Bronze Medal game are unable to meet the minimum number of players, the two (2) best losing teams of the Quarter Final Round based on the combined ranking after the Preliminary Round will be picked up to play the Bronze medal game. The winner will be awarded the Bronze medal, the loser of Bronze Medal game, together with the two (2) original teams of the Bronze medal game concerned will be awarded the 4th rank.</p>	Secretary General will inform IOC Sports Department.	Both teams unable to compete and no replacement can be done, the results reflect a forfeited and both teams are awarded Bronze medals.	
Gold Medal Game	<p>There needs to be at least 17 eligible players (15 eligible skaters and 2 eligible goal keepers) on the game roster for the team to be able to start a game in the gold medal game.</p> <p>If any team is unable to meet the minimum number of players, the team is eliminated and the winner of the Bronze Medal game will advance to play the Gold Medal game. If the winner of the Bronze Medal game is unable to meet the minimum numbers of players, then</p>	<p>The Team Directorate Member must notify the IIHF at least five hours ahead of and not later than three hour before the respective game if they are unable to ice a team.</p> <p>The IIHF will communicate the decision to the opposing team, Beijing 2022 Ice Hockey Sport Manager, ORIS, OBS, ATOS VRM, and OMEGA.</p>	<p>Impact on the start list to reflect the advancement of Bronze medal game winner.</p> <p>Official results will reflect forfeiture next to the team/s unable to compete.</p> <p>Medals results will reflect the scenarios medal counts indicated in the management column.</p>	<p>Men's: Petr Briza; Christian Hofstetter and Ashley Ehlert</p> <p>Women's: Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer; Christian Hofstetter</p>



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	<p>the loser of the Bronze Medal game will advance to play the Gold Medal game. If the Bronze Medal game has not yet been played, the next best team of the losers of the Quarter Final Round based on the combined ranking after the Preliminary Round, will advance to play the Bronze Medal game.</p> <p>The winner will be awarded the gold medal, the loser of Gold Medal game, together with the original Gold Medal game team concerned will be awarded the Silver Medals. If the Bronze Medal game was already played at the time of the forfeiture, and if the team that advanced from the Bronze Medal game also won the Bronze Medal, then no Bronze Medal will be awarded.</p> <p>If both teams playing the Gold Medal game, are unable to ice a team, then the two (2) teams of the Bronze Medal game will be picked up to play the Gold Medal game. The winner will be awarded the Gold Medal, the loser of the Gold Medal game, together with the two (2) forfeited teams concerned will be awarded the Silver Medals. In such a case, no Bronze Medals will be awarded. If the Bronze Medal game has not yet been played, the next best losing teams of the Quarter Final Round based on the combined ranking after the Preliminary Round, will advance to play the Bronze Medal game.</p>	Secretary General will inform IOC Sports Department.		and Ashley Ehler
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	<p>If a team playing in the Gold Medal game plus two (2) teams playing in the Bronze Medal game, are unable to ice a team, both Gold medal and Bronze medal games will be marked as forfeited (do not start). In such a case, the team which was able to ice a team in the gold medal game will be awarded the Gold medal, the forfeited team concerned in the Gold Medal game will be awarded Silver Medal, while the two (2) forfeited teams concerned in the Bronze Medal game will be awarded Bronze Medals</p> <p>If two (2) teams playing in the Gold Medal game plus two (2) teams playing the Bronze Medal game, are unable to ice a team, both Gold Medal and Bronze Medal game will be marked as forfeiture. In such case, the two (2) forfeited teams concerned in the Gold Medal game will be awarded Gold Medals, the two (2) forfeited concerned the Bronze Medal game will be awarded Bronze Medals.</p>			
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One Time Exceptions:

One time exception for minimum number of players (15 players plus 2 goal keepers).

Each team can exercise an exception to the minimum number of players on the roster to start a game **once** during the tournament. With the exception the team needs a minimum of 13 players and 2 goal keepers. For avoidance of doubt, this exception can be exercised once for the duration of the tournament.

COVID-19 Positive On-Ice-Officials Men's Tournament

Timing Threshold	Proposed Management	Decision Making & Communication	Impacts	Designated IF Decision Making Group
For on-ice officials - Arrival at the Olympic Games until Final Game.	<p>For Men's Tournament: on a given tournament day, up to 6 referees and up 4 linesmen are unavailable due to COVID positive (based on 14 referees and 12 linesmen).</p> <p>No standby referees or linesmen are used (e.g. 4 game day, utilize 8 referees and 8 linesmen).</p>	No decisions or official communications needed.	The tournament progresses.	Men's: Petr Briza; Christian Hofstetter and Ashley Ehlert
For on-ice officials - Arrival at the Olympic Games until Final Game.	<p>For the Men's Tournament: on a given tournament day, more than 6 referees and more than 4 linesmen are unavailable due to COVID positive (based on 14 referees and 12 linesmen).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) If less than 4 game per day whereby there are still sufficient number of referees and linesmen, then no standbys per game. 2) If not sufficient number of referees and/or linesmen are available due to COVID positive, then reduce officiating system (with 2 referees and 1 linesmen or 1 referee and 2 linesmen per game). 3) If not sufficient number of referees and/or linesmen are available after reducing officiating system, then add female referees and/or lineswomen to meet officiating demand (this solution is 	<p>The IIHF will notify the respective decision under point 2 through point 4. If a game needs to be cancelled, the IIHF will notify the respective Teams as soon as possible, but not later than 3 hours before a respective game.</p> <p>The IIHF will communicate the decision to the opposing team, Beijing 2022 Ice Hockey Sport Manager, ORIS, OBS, ATOS VRM, and OMEGA.</p> <p>Secretary General will inform IOC Sports Department.</p>	<p>The tournament progresses. The respective game is cancelled with no team awarded points. The games is counted as played.</p> <p>If the game was cancelled during the quarter final or semi-final round, the best team based on the combined ranking of the preliminary round will move forward.</p>	Men's: Petr Briza; Christian Hofstetter and Ashley Ehlert



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	<p>only possible if no effect is rendered on the women's game).</p> <p>4) If after following point 1 through 3 above, there are not sufficient referees and/or linespersons for all of the games in a single day to be played, then the first game(s) of the day will be played and the subsequent game(s) of the day will be cancelled (for avoidance of doubt, the games will be played/cancelled in accordance with their scheduled playing time).</p> <p>5) Linesmen and referees can officiate a maximum of 3 days in a row.</p>			
For on-ice officials – Arrival at the Olympics Games until final Game.	For men's Tournament: on a given tournament day, half of the total linesmen or half of the total referees are not available due to COVID positive. New linesmen and/or new referees are called in with the goal to have them available within 72 hours.		The tournament progresses, with relevant games being cancelled as necessary (see previous point for decision making/communication and impact).	Men's: Petr Briza; Christian Hofstetter and Ashley Ehlert

COVID-19 Positive On-Ice-Officials Women's Tournament

Timing Threshold	Proposed Management	Decision Making & Communication	Impacts	Designated IF Decision Making Group
For on-ice officials - Arrival at the Olympic Games until Final Game.	For Women's Tournament: on a given tournament day, up to 4 referees and up to 2 lineswomen are unavailable due to COVID positive (based on 12 referees and 10 lineswomen). No standby referees or lineswomen are used (e.g. 4 game day, utilize 8 referees and 8 lineswomen).	No decisions or official communications needed.	The tournament progresses.	Women's: Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer; Christian Hofstetter and Ashley Ehlert
For on-ice officials - Arrival at the Olympic Games until Final Game.	<p>For the Women's Tournament: on a given tournament day, more than 4 referees and more than 2 lineswomen are unavailable due to COVID positive (based on 12 referees and 10 linesmen).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) If less than 4 game per day whereby there are still sufficient number of referees and lineswomen, then no standbys per game. 2) If not sufficient number of referees and/or lineswomen are available due to COVID positive, then reduce officiating system (with 2 referees and 1 lineswoman or 1 referee and 2 lineswomen per game). 3) If not a sufficient number of referees and/or linesperson are available after reducing officiating system, then add 	<p>The IIHF will notify the respective decision under point 2 through point 4. If a game needs to be cancelled, the IIHF will notify the respective Teams as soon as possible, but not later than 3 hours before a respective game.</p> <p>The IIHF will communicate the decision to the opposing team, Beijing 2022 Ice Hockey Sport Manager, ORIS, OBS, ATOS VRM, and OMEGA.</p> <p>Secretary General will inform IOC Sports Department.</p>	<p>The tournament progresses. The respective game is cancelled and no team being awarded points. The game is counted as played.</p> <p>If the game was cancelled during the quarter final or semi-final round, the best team based on the combined ranking of the preliminary round will move forward.</p>	Women's: Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer; Christian Hofstetter and Ashley Ehlert



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	<p>male referees and/or linespersons to meet officiating demand (this solution is only possible if no effect is rendered on the men's game).</p> <p>4) If after following point 1 through 3 above, there are not sufficient referees and/or linespersons for all of the games in a single day to be played, then the first game(s) of the day will be played and the subsequent game(s) of the day will be cancelled (for avoidance of doubt, the games will be played/cancelled in accordance with their scheduled playing time).</p> <p>5) Lineswomen and referees can officiate a maximum of 3 days in a row.</p>			
For on-ice officials – Arrival at the Olympics Games until final Game.	<p>For women's Tournament: on a given tournament day, half of the total lineswomen or half of the total referees are not available due to COVID positive.</p> <p>New lineswomen and/or new referees are called in with the goal to have them available within 72 hours.</p>		<p>The tournament progresses, with relevant games being cancelled as necessary (see previous point for decision making/communication and impact).</p>	<p>Women's: Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer; Christian Hofstetter and Ashley Ehlert</p>