OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES BEIJING 2022

COMPETITION CONTINGENCY REGULATIONS

SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING

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 case after Entries Deadline and not later than the first General Team Leaders Meeting for Individual Distances**

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<td>For the individual events, the LAR process must be completed <strong>NO LATER THAN THE START OF THE FIRST GENERAL TEAM LEADERS MEETING.</strong> TEAM LEADERS MEETING (TLM) will take place on February 3, 2022 at 13:45</td>
<td>The Late Athlete Replacement (LAR) policy is to be followed. Skater can be still replaced if the process has been completed no later than the start of the Team Leaders Meeting. If a skater from the same NOC can NOT replace the respective skater, the skater will be replaced in the individual distances by a skater from another NOC. The replacing skater will be selected based on their ranking in the respective Special Olympic Qualification Classification.</td>
<td>NOC must notify the Sports Entries team of LAR through the e-LAR. The ISU Short Track Speed Skating TD will be required to use the e-LAR system for approval or rejection to all relevant parties, including the IOC Sports Department. IOC and IF to confirm the LAR. Beijing Sports Entries to confirm the decision to the NOC and IF. ISU Short Track Speed Skating TD will communicate the decision to Beijing 2022 Figure Skating Manager, ORIS, OBS, ATOS VRM and OMEGA.</td>
<td>If the respective skater can be replaced by a skater from the same NOC through the LAR process, there will be no impact on the competition. The event will then keep the original number of entries, thus no impact on the competition. However, if no substitution from the NOC concerned or a skater from another NOC is possible, the event will be skated with fewer participants. Result Service Provider will receive the information on the change of the skater and produces the new documents according to ORIS.</td>
<td>ISU Short Track Speed Skating TDs</td>
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# COVID-19 positive Athlete after Entries deadline and not later than the Team Leaders Meeting for the respective phase of Team Events

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<td>For a Team event, the LAR process must be completed <strong>NO LATER THAN THE START OF THE TEAM LEADERS MEETING (TLM) FOR THE AFFECTED PHASE OF THE EVENT.</strong></td>
<td>LAR policy is to be followed. Skater can be still substituted if the process has been completed no later than the start of the TLM for the affected phase of the event. Condition for LAR replacement is that the NOC concerned is no longer able to enter a team with a minimum of 4 skaters for the gender-specific Team event or a minimum of 2 skaters for each gender for the Mixed Team event. However, if the NOC concerned still has the minimum required number of skaters (4 skaters gender-specific Team event - minimum of 2 skaters for each gender for the Mixed Team event) available for the Team event, the LAR process will not be launched; the team remains active and can participate. If the respective skater can NOT be substituted and the NOC concerned has no other accredited skater available to complete their team, the team cannot participate.</td>
<td>NOC must notify the Sports Entries team of LAR through the e-LAR. The ISU Short Track Speed Skating TD will be required to use the e-LAR system for approval or rejection to all relevant parties, including the IOC Sports Department. IOC and IF to confirm the LAR. Beijing Sports Entries to confirm the decision to the NOC and IF. ISU Short Track Speed Skating TD will communicate the decision to Beijing 2022 Figure Skating Manager, ORIS, OBS, ATOS VRM and OMEGA.</td>
<td>If the respective skater is replaced through the LAR process, there will be no impact on the competition in the team event. If the NOC does not meet the minimal required number of skaters and the LAR process cannot be completed, the Team event concerned will be conducted with one team less, but with no further impact on the competition. If this situation occurs after the first progression round of the Team event, a successful completion of a LAR process will give the respective team the opportunity to take part in the next phase of the Team event, and there will be no further impact on the competition. The minimum result will be reflected on the official results next to the team.</td>
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<td><strong>TEAM LEADERS MEETINGS will take place as follows:</strong></td>
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| **Mixed Team Relays on**  
Feb 3, 2022 at 13:45 | | | | |
| **Women 3000m Relay Semi-Finals on**  
Feb 8, 2022 at 12:15 | | | | |
| **Men 5000m Relay Semi-Finals on**  
Feb 10, 2022 at 15:30 | | | | |
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<td>The respective skater can be still substituted by a skater from the same NOC, providing that NOC has available skater(s) not previously entered for the event concerned. If the skater cannot be substituted by a skater from the same NOC, the skater may be replaced by a skater from another NOC not previously entered for the event concerned, based on the respective Special Olympic Qualification Classification. The procedure for such replacement must be initiated at the latest six hours prior to the start of the event concerned and concluded not later than two hours prior to the event's start.</td>
<td>ISU Short Track Speed Skating TDs will communicate the positive case to the Beijing 2022 Short Track Speed Skating Manager, ORIS, OBS, ATOS VRM and OMEGA. Director General will inform IOC Sports Department.</td>
<td>Result Service Provider will receive the information on the change of the skater and produces the new documents according to ORIS.</td>
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<td><strong>After Qualification event</strong></td>
<td>The skater will effectively be withdrawn for the remaining part of the event, and according to general procedures, also withdrawn from other (not yet started) events where the skater was entered. For other events, see Scenario 3 above.</td>
<td>ISU Short Track Speed Skating TDs will communicate the positive case to the Beijing 2022 Short Track Speed Skating Manager, ORIS, OBS, ATOS VRM and OMEGA.</td>
<td>The affected round will be conducted with a reduced number of competitors, otherwise no impact. If there are a large number of COVID-19 positive cases, the number of races (heats) would be reduced, Start Lists rearranged, and progression criteria adjusted.</td>
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**COVID-19 positive case of any ITO a few days prior to competition**

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<td><strong>If an ITO is confirmed positive a few days prior to the competition</strong></td>
<td>ISU will check whether it is possible for a new person to fly into Beijing to substitute the positive confirmed ITO – if time still</td>
<td>ISU (ISU President, ISU Director General, ISU Short Track Speed Skating TDs) will check the availabilities and options.</td>
<td>The competition should not be impacted.</td>
<td>ISU President, ISU Director</td>
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<td>If an ITO is confirmed COVID-19 positive 3 days or less prior to the competition</td>
<td>ISU will check what alternatives there are onsite to find a possible replacement of the respective Official.</td>
<td>ISU (ISU President, ISU Director General, ISU Short Track Speed Skating TDs) will check the availabilities and options. The appointed ITOs are generally assigned to Competitions for one gender only. In such a scenario, it is feasible to consider additional duties for some ITOs.</td>
<td>Depending on the replacement, a different accreditation card is needed if the respective person is attending the OWG in a different function.</td>
<td>General, ISU Short Track Speed Skating TDs</td>
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