COVID-19: OPERATIONAL VADE MECUM FOR UIPM EVENTS
PREAMBLE

UIPM emphasizes its commitment to keep safe of all involved in its events during the pandemic. The already published COVID-19: UIPM EVENT ORGANIZERS INFECTION PREVENTION GUIDELINES widely covers the main aspects to be observed when it comes to the organization of the events. However, and due to the dynamism and fast adaptability required during the pandemic, this document complements the above-mentioned Guidelines with operational details and practical actions. Therefore, this Vade Mecum intends to clarify and provide operational details to LOCs and all involved in UIPM events aiming at minimizing infection risks.

COMMUNICATION

The efficiency of communication plays a key role in detecting and preventing the spread of the virus. Clear communication using multiple available channels linked to a well-articulated reporting policy is a must for the success of sports events nowadays.

- A document containing all Covid-19 prevention measures established following UIPM and local rules and regulations should be distributed to all participants by the LOC.

- A declaration of duties and responsibilities (template to be provided by UIPM) should be distributed by the LOC and signed by all participants upon their arrival and registration at the competition hotel. Delegations, LOC members, judges, staff, volunteers, and providers should be included in this distribution list.

- Dedicated signage to encourage people to act responsibly as well as to create awareness and guide the public and participants should be placed in the competition venue by the LOC.

- Updates and additional notice should be provided during the Technical Meetings by both LOC and UIPM representatives.
REPORTING CHAIN

Contact persons

LOC COVID Officer  LOC Medical Officer  UIPM Medical Delegate  UIPM Compet Manager

- The authorities above are the designated contact persons to receive any report about suspicious cases.
- The Heads of Delegations should receive from the LOC upon their arrival a list with the name, email, and phone of the above contact persons as well as the address and phone of the reference hospital to be used by competition participants.

In case of COVID-19 suspicious case or related symptoms:

1. The Head of Delegation or any person must inform one of the designated contact persons.
2. The contact person will give to the reporter instructions ensuring the suspicious case person will be immediately isolated.
3. The contacted person will inform the local authorities and the other contacts of the reporting chain.
4. A COVID-19 test will be performed according to the local regulations and UIPM procedures at the expense of the delegation/organization responsible for the suspicious case person.
5. In case of a negative test result: no further action is needed, continue to follow safety precautions.
6. In case of a positive test result (PCR):
   a. A quarantine/isolation must be respected according to local regulations (any accommodations extra costs will be at the delegation/organization responsible for the person expenses).
   b. Other team members/people in close contact to be assessed according to local health authorities guidance (e.g., tests, isolation).
   c. An evaluation made by the UIPM Medical Delegate, the LOC Medical and COVID Officers, and the UIPM Competition Manager considering preventive measures for leaks takes place.
TESTING

LOCs must make all efforts to provide a PCR test point during the competition period either at the hotel or the competition venue (tests at delegations’ expenses) to ease the delegations to fulfil their own requirements when leaving the country and returning home.

SCREENING

The daily health screening of participants must take place at the competition hotel or venue and each accreditation card must be validated daily following the basic health screening (measurement of temperature) to avoid double procedures.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Teams of the same nation should have their rooms located on the same floor.

A special effort should be made to have separate dining rooms for delegations and buffet style for meals is not recommended. If only possible a buffet, it is recommended that hotel staff should prepare the dishes, avoiding using a self-service system.

The situation covered by this point also applies to UIPM staff and providers, LOC, volunteers, etc.

TRANSPORTATION

When planning all commutes, the LOC must consider a limited number of persons per vehicle, also with members of the same team in the same vehicle.
HYGIENE

The LOC shall display health information at the venue and in all possible facilities and access routes, reminding everyone of basic principles and encouraging the maintenance of high levels of personal hygiene, including advice on hand washing and minimising physical contact. Also, the LOC must ensure a regular and efficient cleaning plan for catering zones, changing rooms, doping control room, offices, tribunes, and hospitality areas.

TECHNICAL MEETINGS

Only one delegation member per nation can be present specially for semi-finals, unless the venue offers enough space to accommodate two delegation members per nation.

COMPETITION VENUE FLOW

The competition venue must display clear signage assuring the one-directional flow of people.

COMPETITION ATTENDANCE BY NON-COMPETING ATHLETES

On female competition days, only female athletes can stay at the competition venues, while on male competition days, only male athletes can be at the competition venues.
RESULTS

Competition results will be presented only via UIPM App or UIPM website. No hard copies will be provided for delegations. A reliable internet Wi-Fi connection shall be provided by the LOC at all competition venues.

MEDAL CEREMONIES

Other than wearing face masks, medal ceremonies participants should keep social distance while waiting for the ceremony. Dignitaries presenting the medals should disinfect hands ahead of the ceremony and shaking hands will not be allowed. Besides, if possible, award podium should have separated stages split 2m apart.

INSURANCE

It is extremely important that the insurance contracted by the delegations (mandatory as per Art 1.22.6 of UIPM Competition Rules) must cover COVID-19 infection cases. UIPM and the LOC disclaim any liability, financial or otherwise, for any illness suffered by any member of a delegation entered for a UIPM competition.