Communiqué from the Higher Sports Council on: COVID-19. Action protocol for the return of official competitions at the state level and non-professional (Season 2020-2021).

Signed by all the Autonomous Communities, the Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces, the Spanish Sports Federations, the Spanish Sports Association, the Spanish Paralympic Committee, the Spanish Olympic Committee and other sports interlocutors and competition organizers integrated into the Task Force for the Promotion of Sports of the Higher Sports Council.

#### I) GENERAL ASPECTS.

#### 1. Introduction. (one)

In the framework of the current COVID-19 pandemic and the new normal that has followed the confinement and de-escalation stages during the current year 2020, this protocol (hereinafter, the Protocol) establishes a general framework related to medical procedures, sanitary and hygienic, as well as the operational protocols that must be applied in the organization of official competitions at the state level and of a non-professional nature. Additionally, and with prior agreement through the Higher Sports Council (hereinafter CSD), it may serve as a reference and lowest common denominator for the Autonomous Communities (CCAA), in the regulation and control of sports competitions of its competence, which favours the necessary inter-territorial harmonization and between Administrations, and contributes to a fair and sportingly equal development of all competitions. Previously, it should be noted that the Spanish sports federations (FFDDEE or FDE, hereinafter), under the coordination and supervision of the CSD, exercise the public function of an administrative nature corresponding to "qualify and organize, where appropriate, the activities and competitions state level officials", and it should be borne in mind that the organization of such competitions" is understood to refer to the regulation of their general framework ".

The evolution of the COVID-19 situation is being unpredictable in the health aspect, which requires the necessary constant adoption of measures in the central Government, the Governments of the CCAA, those of the Local Entities and the FFDDEE themselves to deal with to the same. To date, under the leadership of the CSD and its Task Force for the Promotion of Sport (GTID), all the actors in the world of sport have worked in a coordinated way to equip themselves with an emergency regulatory architecture that has allowed, on the one hand, the return to training for athletes and clubs, and on the other, to preserve professional competitions, thus avoiding aggravating

the economic impact of the pandemic on the sector. This Protocol will be a continuation or complement, depending on the case, of those already existing and in force, and those for the reinforcement of sports modalities, when they have been previously proposed by the FFDDEE and accepted by the CSD. Although this Protocol, from the health point of view, will have the value of a preferential frame of reference for those official competitions of a state level and non-professional nature, it must always be interpreted, whenever possible, taking into account the recommendations and good practices derived from the other texts, particularly in those areas not explicitly covered by this document, when the situation that arises raises initially unforeseen difficulties or when the evolution of the pandemic requires exceptional measures.

It is based on the fact that it is impossible to guarantee a completely risk-free environment and, therefore, the objective is not and cannot be other than to reduce it as much as possible, applying the recommendations made at all times by the health authorities. In any case, the highest good to be preserved must always be health safety, of course of sport and athletes, but also of society in general, and specifically of that part that lives with athletes and their environment, especially exposed to contagion risks.

To minimize this risk in the competitions that are under the supervision of the FFDDEE and are developed in the CCAA, a Protocol of clear minimums is required, but it is also essential that the participants in the development of the competitions strictly respect all the recommendations, instructions and precautions set forth in this document, as well as recommended standard good practices.

The athletes, technicians, assistants and other personnel who participate in the organization of the competitions must remember that their actions, and in particular, compliance with the requirements of social distancing, not only guarantee a safe environment in these competitions, but also allow the normalized development of the same. All members of the FFDDEE have a collective duty to show their leadership and to set an example in the rigorous application of these measures.

The specificities of athletes with a disability must be taken into account, such as the impossibility of meeting the safety distance for people with severe disabilities who need support or special treatment for competition wheelchairs, etc. In this sense, the FFDDEE must provide in their reinforcement protocols the needs of these athletes and offer solutions to allow the development of training and competitions under equal conditions. In addition, all the information related to the protocols and health security measures must be provided in an accessible format, compatible with compliance with hygiene measures.

The CSD regulated at the time the staggered return to training, and this return framework, given that its provisions are of a general nature, is still in force, in the current new normal, and except in the field of professional competitions, it is the responsibility of The autonomous governments, in coordination with the pertinent local authorities, set the requirements and protocols for the use of sports equipment and training in a safe manner. In any case, and in relation to training, it has been decided to incorporate some general criteria, guidance, that allow to establish continuity with respect to the start of competitions, establishing a series of generic guidelines and recommendations that allow connecting, in a coherent way.

This Protocol also seeks to contribute to the establishment of prevention and safety standards that must be developed during competitions subject to the supervision and supervision of the FFDDEE, as well as at competitions when they involve teams or athletes from different Autonomous Communities or in those who participate in teams / athletes from other countries.

Finally, it should be clarified that the validity, material and temporary, of this Protocol will always be conditioned to the evolution of the pandemic, and may consequently undergo changes, of national or regional scope, depending on the cases, which will be proposed by the CSD and decided in the GTID framework and the new GTID-CCAA Interterritorial Coordination Platform, created, at the proposal of the CSD, on August 25.

## 2. Objectives.

The objective of this document is to establish a minimum and common health and operational basis for all official competitions at the state level and non-professional, or international competitions that are under the organizational tutelage of the Spanish sports federations. The changes that take place in the global context and in the regulatory conditions will almost certainly oblige us to periodically review and adapt these bases in the coming weeks or months as the conditions of the pandemic in Spain may change, as as has been advanced in the previous section.

This document, as it cannot be otherwise, will be subject to and subsidiary to any regulations that, with a general or specific nature, may be dictated by both the central government and the CCAA, either for all sports activities, or for the sports competitions organized by the FFDDEE.

In any case, the Protocol must also be subordinate to the priority and mandatory criteria that may be promptly dictated by the local Authorities in each of the municipalities where the COAE must be developed, considering, in addition, that the Local Entities are the holders of practically all of the sports facilities where they take place.

The principle shall govern that any adaptation of the provisions of this Protocol shall be to reinforce health security based on the evolution of the situation.

#### 3. Scope of application.

The Protocol will apply:

- a) To the official competitions of state scope and non-professional character (hereinafter: COAE) approved by the respective FFDDEE in their different categories.
- b) To official international competitions that are held in the territory of the State, provided that they are included in the calendar of the corresponding international Federation in which the FDE is integrated or affiliated, and this, in coordination with possible protocols established by the International Federations.
- c) To the concentrations and activities carried out in the territory of the State by Spanish athletes who are classified, or with the possibility of classification, for the Olympic or Paralympic Games.
- d) The basic principles of this Protocol will be extended to all national and international federative activity under a concentration regime. Understanding the need to provide a framework of special protection to competitions or activities aimed at the lower categories, each FDE, in coordination with the authorities of the CCAA of the place where the COAE is held, may establish specific measures for the surveillance and control of the safety and hygiene measures of this Protocol. Such specific measures will include the appointment of a person responsible for the FDE and a representative of the Autonomous Federation, who must be present during the development of the competitions to ensure compliance with the measures established for that purpose. This specific measure recommended to the FFDDEE may not be applicable to each game of regular league sports during their development.

#### 4. Procedure

- a- The CSD coordinates this Protocol agreed with the FFDDEE and the competent authorities of the Autonomous Communities, with the aim of serving as a reference document containing the issues that must be observed by the FFDDEE in the preparation of their protocols.
- b.- Once this Protocol is in force, each EDF may have its own reinforcement protocol, mirroring the current one, in which all the points of this Protocol will be reflected, as well as, where appropriate, the specifications or particular aspects of each sport discipline, modality or specialty. The CSD will continue to validate these "own protocols" to reinforce all FFDDEE.
- c.- The CSD must validate the protocols presented by the FFDDEE within a maximum period of 10 calendar days, when possible (where appropriate, the reasons to the contrary will be proven), as soon as the corresponding FDE submits it, understanding approved if the CSD does not validate it within that period.

d.- These protocols will have full effect in the sports competitions referred to in this Protocol.

## 5. Principle of "self-responsibility" and "voluntariness".

The Protocol and the basic rules derived from it are based on the principle of "self-responsibility". The responsibility of each one of the participants in the development of the competition is individual, being the duty of the corresponding FDE the supervision of its compliance and of this or of the clubs as appropriate its application, and the need / obligation of control must be extended to organizers, clubs and participating entities belonging to the different groups or estates.

In addition to being considered an essential obligation, we must include within the principle of "self-responsibility" the immediate and early communication in the event of any indication of possible suspicious symptoms of COVID-19 infection, the adoption of immediate isolation measures and the individual non-presence in training or competitions when it is suspected of being infected or has been in contact with a person who is suspected of being infected.

Of course, never go to training or participate in competitions if you suspect that you are infected or have positive evidence in the immediate environment until you receive medical authorization from the competent health authority to be able to return to training and / or to meetings or competitions.

The people and clubs that are part of the federated sports activity voluntarily and freely submit to the rules set by the authorities. In competitive sport, the minimum social distance does not exist, nor can it occur, and this implies a greater risk of contagion, which is assumed voluntarily and freely by the participants in the competition.

## 6. Roles and responsibilities.

To ensure compliance with the Protocol and ensure that it is applied correctly, that all health requirements are met and its operating principles are properly reviewed, each club / team must take the following measures:

a- Each club, when it is the organizer of the competition or in those activities necessary prior to the competition, such as the FDE, or the organizer of the competition in which they have delegated, must appoint a Protocol Compliance Delegate (hereinafter DCP) that will be responsible for ensuring that all the requirements of the preventive conditions of this Protocol are met. The DCP must be someone with sufficient prestige and authority within the club to ensure that all members comply with the obligations established in all competitions.

b- In all sports facilities or spaces where a competition takes place, the organizer must designate a Hygiene Manager (hereinafter RH) who has specific and practical knowledge about the sports facility or space and its operation, whose sole responsibility will be to review the principles Protocol

operations with local authorities pertinent, and ensure that all the principles, recommendations and hygiene measures established herein are correctly applied in the sports facility or space. The HR must have a good knowledge of the local epidemiological situation and the local measures in force. The HR is also responsible for implementing the Protocol for the entrance to the sports facility or space and its control area, which guarantees the health status of all people who enter the sports facility or space and that a form of covid-19 symptoms.

c- For strictly sanitary control, the figure of Chief Medical Officer (hereinafter JM) of each FDE is created, who will coordinate with the health managers of the clubs or competitions. It will be necessary to develop a control of health incidents at all levels and report it to the competent authorities.

It will be the responsibility of the Spanish Sports Federations to recommend to all athletes / technicians / referees and all those personnel necessary for the development of the competition the use of the tool developed by the Government Radar Covid19 so that the ordinary protocol is also activated for greater control of the pandemic.

The result of the work of these three prior control mechanisms will lead, in the first instance, to a decision of the club, or in its case of the athlete if it is an individual sport, to alert the FDE concerned. This, in turn, depending on the severity of the situation, isolated contagion or possible outbreak, will decide or not to alert the competent authorities and the CSD.

The various commitments or responsibilities to be assumed in relation to the organization and participation in the COAE are schematically accompanied:

#### a.- Commitments of the CSD:

- Coordinate and promote the adoption of this Protocol between FDE and CCAA for the restart of state competitions of a non-professional nature.
- Analyze and validate the "own-protocol" of reinforcement that each FDE may send you.
- Exercise coordination with the competent authorities of each CCAA and the GTID through the Interterritorial Platform

# b.- Commitments of the competent authorities in sports matters in the CCAA:

- Receive from the CSD the eventual protocols-own to reinforce the FFDDEE c.- Commitments of each FDE:
- Consider the development of a "self-reinforcement-protocol" to be validated by the CSD under the general conditions set forth in this protocol.
- Implement and comply with all the necessary measures contained in the "own-reinforcement-protocol" when the organization corresponds to the corresponding FDE.
- Demand the implementation and fulfilment of all the necessary measures contained in the "protocol-own-of-reinforcement" when the start-up and

development (factual or material organization) of a competition corresponds to a person or entity other than the Corresponding FDE.

- Require the entities and people participating in the COAE -and in the case of minors: father / mother / legal guardian- the mandatory signature or subscription of a document in which they undertake to comply with all the measures that are provided for in the protocol established for this purpose and in which the corresponding exemption from liability for eventual cases of contagion will be manifested in which there is no guilt or organizational negligence and that are those of the current objective risk that each person must assume.
- Have a Protocol Compliance Officer (DCP) who will be the person responsible for ensuring compliance with the established measures. In the case of the COAEs that are directly organized by the FFDDEE, the person who acted as DCP will be directly appointed by that.
- Recommend the use of the RADAR COVID application to all those involved in the competitions.

## d.- Commitments of the organizers regarding the COAE:

- Implement and comply with all the necessary measures contained in the "own-reinforcement-protocol".
- Require those who participate to implement and comply with all the necessary measures contained in the "protocol-itself-of-reinforcement."
- Require the entities and people participating in the COAE -and in the case of minors: father / mother / legal guardian- the mandatory signature or subscription of a document in which they undertake to comply with all the measures that are provided for in the protocol established for this purpose and in which the corresponding exemption from liability for eventual cases of contagion will be manifested in which there is no guilt or organizational negligence and that are those of the current objective risk that each person must assume .
- Have a Protocol Compliance Officer (DCP) who will be the person responsible for ensuring compliance with the established measures.

# e.- Commitments of the participating persons and entities belonging to the different groups or estates:

- Comply with all the necessary measures contained in the "own-reinforcement-protocol".
- Strictly comply with all the measures that are dictated by the health authorities; and, especially, in cases related to possible cases of contagion, symptoms, close contact, etc. that require isolation, test submission, provide information for tracing, or other measures established by medical professionals.
- Sign the document in which they undertake to comply with all the measures that are provided for in the protocol established for this purpose and in which

the corresponding exemption from liability for possible cases of contagion in which there is no fault or negligence will be manifested organizational and that are those of the current objective risk that each person must assume.

#### 7. Social distancing and hygiene measures.

In general, social distancing is considered the most effective way to minimize the risk of disease transmission, along with good hygiene practices, such as regular hand washing.

In all competitions, and among those who are not on the playing field / court, it is recommended to respect at all times a social distancing of 1.5 meters, and in no case, less than that established as mandatory by the competent authorities.

Strict distancing measures must be applied between athletes and other groups of people who are in the sports facility or space where the competition takes place.

The use of the mask by athletes and refereeing teams during training and competitions is voluntary. In any case, at specific times and in exceptional situations of the pandemic, the regional authorities and / or the FFDDEE themselves, if they deem it appropriate, may demand the permanent use of masks during training and competitions when they are on the field / playing court.

It is mandatory for all athletes and other team members (technicians, assistants, referee teams, etc.) to use the masks while they are not within the competition area or playing area, except for the coach when he is giving instructions to his athletes and those substitute athletes who in application of the rules of the game are permanently available to participate in the game at any time. This will be extended to the cases of non-team sports with respect to the participants when they are not participating in the competition.

Recommendations for participants, team members and sports delegations:

## a) At family and social level:

- Comply with social distancing.
- Avoid displays of affection and affection that involve physical contact with third parties outside the area of usual coexistence who may belong to a risk group.
- Reduce the number of contacts to the usual circle and reduce the number of people in social gatherings (recommended less than 10 people)
- Use of the mandatory individual mask at all times.
- Maintain exquisite hand hygiene with frequent washing with soap and water correctly.
- Use of hydroalcoholic solutions if hand washing with soap and water is not possible.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with your hands.

- If you suffer from sneezing or coughing, move away from anyone and cover yourself with your arm even wearing a mask or use disposable tissues, with subsequent hand washing.
- Replace the mask if it is damp.
- Extreme caution in crowded public places, keeping the distance of 1.5 to 2 meters.
- Avoid, as long as the health situation does not improve, public places where compliance with preventive measures may be more difficult to comply with.
- Maintain fluid communication with partners and close contacts in case any unwanted contagion arises.

## b) At the training level:

All of the above from the individual sphere and, in addition:

- Maintain a one-way flow that avoids crossing with other people.
- Keep the minimum distance in the changing room or space enabled for this purpose.
- Change, and if it is not possible to clean, the street footwear with which you access the sports facilities.
- Never use the same footwear used on the street to compete in competition and / or training. Mandatory change of footwear.
- Maintain hand hygiene when going to change.
- Place street clothes in a bag and touch it exclusively by the person concerned. Do not leave street clothes hanging in the changing room or designated space. Keep it all in a bag.
- Wear clean clothes in each training session or competition, collecting them and washing all the used ones.
- Individual washing of sports clothing is recommended.
- Collaborate in the cleaning and disinfection of all the material used for the development of sports activity.
- In situations of physical exercise, the recommended distance when there are moments of hyperventilation (breathing more times and with greater intensity) would be 5-6 meters with colleagues.
- After finishing the training sessions, avoid coinciding with other participants, establishing a sufficient time frame to carry out cleaning or disinfection tasks.
- Do not share drinks or bottles of water, as well as all those utensils for personal use (mobile, tablets, sports bags, etc.).
- Establish a sequence in the programming of the sessions. In the case of team sports, it would go from individual physical, technical, mini-group physical, technical, tactical, to small groups physical, technical, tactical, until being able to train the whole group, without contact, and if the situation allows it with him .
- Be very careful with the medical and physiotherapy treatments to be applied to athletes.

- Maintain strict medical control of each athlete.

## c) At the competition level:

All of the above from the individual and collective preventive sphere and, in addition:

- Avoid greetings and displays of affection, by other forms of contact.
- Scrupulously control the maintenance of hygiene and disinfection of the facilities and implements necessary for sports practice.
- Avoid physically coinciding with the other team or other athletes on arrival and departure from the facilities.
- If the use of clothing is necessary, those necessary to maintain safety distances must be enabled, and if this is not possible, set shifts. This is applicable to referee teams and competition judges.
- Do not share bottles of water or any other liquid, having to do an exclusive individual use.
- Do not share the necessary implements for the practice of sport.
- Be extremely scrupulous with all health, medical and physiotherapeutic care before, during and after competition.
- Have all the sanitary guarantees of all participants, including officials, referee teams and other people who participate in the development of the match.

#### 8. Medical examinations prior to the competition.

Given the evolution of the COVID 19 pandemic, the CSD recommends that in all competitions, organized by the FFDDEE (without prejudice to transferring this recommendation to the rest of the organizers) at the beginning of preseason training or, failing that, 72 hours before the start of the competitions, a specific COVID 19 test is carried out, the purpose of which will be to know the situation of the athletes and members of the registered technical teams, and the eventual early detection of possible positives or outbreaks.

Aspects such as the type of test to be carried out, its financing, the evaluation of its usefulness and whether it should be carried out more times later (including through a mechanism of unannounced random tests) will be determined with health criteria, within the framework of the existing coordination mechanisms with the Autonomous Communities. These will analyze the evolution of infections in these sports competitions on a regular basis.

## 9. Commitments of the participants in the COAE.

All the participants (athletes, technicians, judges, clubs, teams, etc.) in the COAE undertake to comply with all the measures established in section 7, as well as the general rules existing for the entire population.

It will be mandatory to scrupulously comply with the security measures and recommendations established in the protocols and to follow the instructions of those responsible for health of each club, facility or sports space.

10. Team members, individual athletes or organizational personnel present at the competition.

Teams, clubs or athletes will limit as much as possible the number of people who, without being completely essential, share training, travel, etc. At the same time and as far as possible, personnel in direct contact with athletes and / or coaches will not be shared between different teams, clubs or athletes.

The organizers will try to avoid the presence of personnel who are not essential for the start-up and development of the competition.

## II) TRAININGS DURING THE SEASON.

The return to training of all the people subject to this Protocol before the start of the competitions may be carried out when the competent authorities authorize it and in accordance with the protocols and requirements that are established in each CCAA, or of the inter-administrative agreements that exist. between the different public administrations.

The same criteria will be followed for the continuity of training during the season.

In the case of team sports, each club must accredit before the respective FDE and at the beginning of the season by means of a formalized document, compliance with all the requirements set by the competent authorities for the start of training. If the training sessions have already started, it will be done when this Protocol enters into force.

Failure to comply with this obligation will prevent all club teams from participating in official competitions.

At the same time, during the season, each club will send to the respective federation every 15 days the formalized document of compliance with all the requirements set by the competent authorities for the development of training. Failure to comply with this obligation will prevent all club teams from participating in official competitions under the organizational tutelage of the federation during the period of non-communication, in accordance with the procedure that each FDE stipulates.

## III) TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION (if applicable).

The rules or regulations that the State or the Autonomous Communities have dictated with a general or specific nature for the types of activities that are not of a sporting nature must be applied as a priority.

In order to facilitate the development within the maximum possible normality of the competitions, in the event that restrictions on interprovincial or interterritorial mobility are established by the competent authorities, the CCAA undertake to authorize the movement of athletes and the technical personnel necessary for the holding of the competitions. For the purposes of completing the above, the FFDDEE will send the list of athletes and technical personnel involved in the holding of said competitions to the competent authorities of the CCAA and, where appropriate, the CCLL.

In the case of holding international competitions that involve the entry into Spain of foreign teams / clubs / athletes or the departure abroad of national teams / clubs / athletes, the FFDDEE must arbitrate a mechanism of coordination with those of teams / clubs / athletes involved in order to quarantee the

homogeneous level of health security.

#### 1- For athletes, technical and operational personnel.

When teams or athletes travel by means of collective transport, the rules issued by the competent public administrations for this type of travel must be complied with. In any case, teams or athletes will assess whether individualized trips can reduce risks.

In any case and as a minimum, teams and athletes must meet the following requirements when traveling:

- 1. Use of masks in all public spaces during the trip.
- 2. Social distancing with any person outside the group of athletes and technical personnel who are not part of the team.
- 3. Regular use of hand sanitizer.
- 4. For bus trips when not traveling in private cars, teams must ensure that the bus has been completely disinfected before the trip.

Official delegation (eg club president, board of directors, etc.) traveling with athletes and technical staff should be kept to a minimum. Unless the FDE establishes otherwise, a maximum of 3 people from the official team delegation may attend the competition. These people will have the same obligations as the other members of the team.

## 2- For referee teams, judges, federation staff and competition staff.

The same rules as in the previous section are recommended, and the use of a private vehicle should be a priority whenever possible. The refereeing teams, competition judges, federative personnel and the personnel of the sports facility or space must exercise the utmost care and maintain strict social distancing at all times during travel.

They should wear a mask (covering the mouth and nose) throughout the trip when social distancing is not possible, or anticipated impossible, and regularly use a hand sanitizer.

#### 3- For all in common.

In the case of team sports, or those club competitions in individual sports, if the athletes, refereeing teams, competition judges or other personnel participating in the competitions must spend the night, the following recommendations will be followed:

- 1- If possible the members of the team / club / individual athletes will stay in individual rooms.
- 2- It is advisable that all members of the same team stay and eat the necessary meals in a single hotel and / or restaurant. For meals, form small and stable groups to minimize the number of close contacts.
- 3- Contact with other guests or hotel staff other than the essential should be avoided, through a specific dining room system.
- 4- The members of the team / club / individual athletes should be solely responsible for handling equipment and team clothing as well as suitcases and the like.
- 5- The DCP of the team will be responsible for ensuring that the Hotel and / or Restaurant complies with the standards established by the competent authorities for this purpose.
- 6- The members of the teams / club / individual athletes (both athletes and technical staff) should not leave the hotel unless it is under previously agreed and organized conditions and that they do not involve contacting anyone outside their group.
- 7- The team's DCP is responsible for ensuring that standard hygiene measures are met during any trip or outing by the team and during the stay at the Hotel and / or Restaurant. The Technical Committee of Referees (CTA) or the Territorial Committees will be responsible for ensuring compliance with the health protection requirements of the refereeing teams / competition judges.

The participating teams or individual athletes must commit not to start the displacements, if any of their athletes, technicians or other members of the expedition show symptoms compatible with COVID-19 infection.

In the same way, proceed if any of the members of the expedition has been in close contact with a person declared positive by test, or with symptoms pending confirmation.

Likewise, if they have not concluded the period of isolation or quarantine recommended by their medical services, or by the public or private health care services, whatever the cause that motivated it.

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The participating teams or individual athletes must undertake to carry out the correct isolation, including the use of a surgical mask, before any onset of symptoms regardless of where the production starts.

In the same way, they undertake to immediately inform both the health authorities, the autonomous Federation to which they belong and the respective Spanish Federation any incidence in the state of health of any of the members of the expedition.

The obligations derived from these aspects are extensible to any of the contacts that may have had, or may be in contact with the components of the delegation.

## IV) FACILITIES and / or SPORTS SPACES.

All sports facilities or spaces where training and / or competitions are to take place must follow the opening and / or use protocols established by the competent authorities, whether at a state, regional or local level. In the case of sports with regular leagues, the clubs will send at the beginning of the season (or from the moment of entry into force of this Protocol) to the respective FDE a responsible statement which will ensure compliance with the regulatory requirements set by the competent authorities The same must be done from the moment there is a modification of the rules applicable to sports facilities and / or spaces and within a maximum period of 48 hours from the entry into force of the new regulations.

The security and police conditions that are necessary for the organization of the competition and the supervision of safety in sports facilities and / or spaces must also be subject to state, regional or local regulations. All facilities and / or spaces Sports must have signage marked by health regulations and / or public entertainment, and there must be information posters with general hygiene measures throughout the premises.

Compliance with the regulatory requirements for hygiene and safety in sports facilities and / or spaces is considered an integral part of the technical requirements for the federal authorization of sports facilities and / or spaces, therefore, in the event of irregular situations being detected, It may involve the withdrawal of the authorization for the use of said sports facilities and / or spaces in official competition.

#### V) COMPETITIONS

The regulations applicable to competitions will be, in any case, those dictated by the FFDDEE for the COAE. All the clubs or entities organizing the competitions and the clubs or individual athletes participating in them must comply with the regulatory provisions established by the competent authorities for this type of event. In any case, and in a complementary manner, the FFDDEE will ensure that in the official competitions at the state level that are part of the competitions under their supervision, the following rules are complied with as a minimum, provided that they are not incompatible with the rules issued by public authorities competent authorities that in any case will be of preferential application:

#### 1.Programming.

All competitions will be scheduled with enough time so that all the necessary spaces for the development of the competition can be cleaned and this must be coordinated with the possible television schedules when there is a television broadcast of the meetings.

The club or the organizing entity, under federal supervision, will be responsible for verifying the proper compliance with the hygiene and security protocols of the facilities by the owner.

# 2. Conditions of access to sports facilities or areas limited by the organization in other sports spaces.

The club or the organization organizing the competition must have, at least, the following elements:

- 1- Digital thermometer for taking external temperature.
- 2- Bottles of hydroalcoholic solution for hands.
- 3- As far as possible, disinfectant mats for footwear will be placed at the entrance.
- 4- A minimum number of 5 boxes of masks to be distributed among those people who, exceptionally, must enter the sports arena and will not bring their own protection and safety material.

All participants / attendees must wear the mask when entering the facility or areas defined by the organization in sports spaces.

The organizer of the competition must guarantee:

- 1- That all those who are going to participate and enter the sports facilities or areas limited by the organization in sports spaces:
- a- Have completed an epidemiological control form.
- b- Having disinfected their hands.

c- Use the mask, unless they are athletes in the competition area or the coach and the refereeing team or judges, although its use during the competition is also recommended.

d- Maintain social distance.

If a person does not fill in said control form, cannot prove the statements made in said form, they will be denied access to the stadium.

#### 3. Masks and hand sanitizer.

Masks that cover the mouth and nose must be worn by all who operate and participate in the facility and / or sports spaces at all times.

Failure to use the masks will be reported to the DCP and the HR of the facility and / or sports spaces, and will result in expulsion from the venue. A hydroalcoholic solution must be provided at all access points to the facility and / or restricted areas in sports spaces and at the entry points to each of the different areas. All people entering or changing areas must use hand sanitizer.

It is the obligation of all people participating in the competition to wear their own mask.

## 4. Hygiene procedures in the facilities.

In general, all areas of the facility or enclosed areas in sports spaces to be used for competition should be cleaned prior to use. These areas also include media work areas, seating (depending on use), offices, meeting rooms, and toilet facilities.

Particular attention should also be paid to elements such as the timing table, computer equipment, etc., when these are necessary due to the type of sport and match.

It is the responsibility of the local club or the organizer of the competition to ensure that these procedures have been carried out properly in the moments before the start of the competition.

# VI) ACTION FOR THE DETECTION, SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL OF COVID-19

- 1. The FFDDEE must comply with and enforce the provisions of this section of the Protocol.
- 2. The presence or participation in activities and, especially, in competitions, will be avoided by people who:
- (i) show symptoms compatible with contagion;
- (ii) were infected without a resolved infection;
- (iii) their quarantine had been established for having maintained close contact with a confirmed infected person or, even though this cannot be determined, with a person presenting symptoms compatible with a possible contagion. In any case, the criteria to be applied by the Spanish sports federations must result from the provisions of the health authorities at all times .
- 3. The clubs, with respect to their members, or the participants, in the case of modalities and specialties that are not considered team sports, will have the obligation to notify the Spanish federation of the cases that, based on the mentioned in the previous section, lead to the impossibility of taking part in official federated competitions at the state level.
- 4. In cases of contagion, the return to sporting activity, and especially to competitions, will require the corresponding authorization from the Spanish federation, this being conditioned to the contribution by the interested parties of the corresponding supporting medical documentation of the objective existence of a situation that does not compromise the health, neither of the affected person, nor of other people with whom they could have or come to have contact in the sporting activity.

Failure to comply with the obligations established in the Protocol will imply the application of the sanctioning regime established by each FDE and / or, where appropriate, the organizer. In cases of well-founded suspicion of an outbreak during the pandemic period, the FDE or competent organizer will inform the CSD and the competent health authority within 24 hours from the knowledge of the cases. The FFDDEE and organizers will be equipped with the appropriate mechanisms to be able to sanction those participants who fail to comply with the provisions of this Protocol and, where appropriate, those of reinforcement, which may lead to immediate disqualification.

#### VII) PUBLIC

At the current moment of development and evolution of the pandemic, and regardless of the fact that the CSD has established the non-presence of the public as a criterion for professional competitions, the majority request of the sector is aimed at the return of the Competitions for the 2020-2021 season with a controlled and gradual presence of the public, always acting with the prudence required by the health situation itself.

In order to combine the return of the official federated competitions at the state level and non-professional with the essential health security, it is considered possible, in order to help as far as possible the return to social normality, the presence of public in the development of the competitions object of this protocol, with the following specificities:

The health competencies required for a safe return to competition, which is at the top of the objectives pursued at this time, are located in the regional headquarters, so the CCAA may adopt the necessary measures to ensure that the development of the Competitions with the eventual presence of the public, are carried out in the best possible health safety conditions, varying what is established in this section.

The sports competitions on the federated competitions of state scope and non-professional character are located in the FFDDEE, under the supervision of the CSD in attention to the delegated public functions, for which they may adopt the decisions they deem pertinent on the influx of public in the competition, together with the organizers of the same, to guarantee the development of the same under equal conditions of public when this can be considered as an essential factor by the respective FFDDEE, and all this without prejudice to respect, in any case, to the decisions adopted in this regard by the Autonomous Communities on limitations of public attendance referred to in the previous paragraph.

In the event that an Autonomous Community decides to approve the presence of the public, the Higher Sports Council recommends that the maximum number of attending public will be 500 people for covered facilities and 1,000 people for outdoor facilities, always respecting to the general requirements established by the competent authorities and incorporating the recommendations into the capacity agreed upon in the Public Health Commission of the Interterritorial Council of the National Health System. The phases or autonomous groups of the competitions at the national level will be governed in this regard by the provisions of the Autonomous Community. Given the fluid, changing and asymmetric situation of the pandemic, the Interterritorial Platform will meet before November 1 and once the official competitions at the state level have restarted, in order to assess the convenience of reviewing these capacity.

# VII) ACTION IN CASE OF POSITIVE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPETITION

In the event that a positive is detected in a team or during the development period of a non-professional national competition:

## 1. Communicate the positive to:

- to. Ministry of Health of the corresponding CCAA. Subject to the recommendations of the corresponding CCAA.
- b. Corresponding FDE.
- c. Competent local entity in the territory where the competition takes place.
- 2. Automatically follow the protocol of the Ministry of Health and / or regional health authority.
- 3. If there is any close contact within the club, in the same way, the protocol of the Ministry of Health and / or regional health authority must be followed.
- 4. The facilities should be disinfected.
- 5. The FFDDEE must establish a tracking system for possible positive cases caused by close contact in coordination with the Health Authorities.

The resolution of the development of the regular competitions (Leagues), as well as the decisions estimated in the affectation of the continuity of the same will be the responsibility of the Spanish sports federations previously established and known to all participants. In the event that for health reasons or due to a sudden alteration of interprovincial mobility or between Autonomous Communities, each Federation must provide a calendar reservation mechanism at the end of the season to recover matches, as well as a minimum objective criterion for each FDE and / or competition, depending on who is competent, to consider the competition resolved, establishing a minimum number of matches or days held or as an alternative if the situation prolongs the suspension of the competition.

(1) The Higher Sports Council guarantees the effective equality of men and women as one of its basic principles of action. To this end, the generic mentions in masculine that appear in the following protocol will also be understood to refer to its corresponding feminine, except in those cases in which it is specifically stated that this is not the case.