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1. HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN MANAGEMENT

This document presents the COVID-19 prevention measures and protocols to be implemented for the European Baseball Championship 2021. The protocols have been developed with the help of medical experts and input from numerous baseball organizations and sporting events around the world. Their objective is to mitigate the risk of contracting and spreading COVID-19 by protecting the health and safety of every event participant, while allowing the event's organization to stage a successful baseball tournament. The Protocol is set in compliance with the Sport Events and Competitions Organization Guidelines set by the Italian Government.

The plan will be implemented and monitored in coordination between WBSC Europe, FIBS and the appropriate Local Health Authorities. The event success, although challenging under the current Pandemic landscape, will require the implication, collaboration and total compliance of every single participant.

- The Health & Safety Plan for the European Baseball Championship 2021 event will englobe the implementation of the following operations:
 - COVID-19 Prevention Protocols;
 - First Aid Services;
 - Medical Assistance for participants; and
 - Competition Anti-doping Services.

1.1. HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

- The Health & Safety Committee (HSC) in charge of implementing and monitoring the plan includes the following medical and non-medical representatives from the following organizations:
 - WBSC Europe
 - FIBS (LOC);
 - Italian Ministry of Health and subsidiary bodies; and
 - Host Venues;

1.2. HEALTH & SAFETY MANAGER

- FIBS will designate a Health & Safety Manager with medical background, who shall be in charge of overseeing the implementation of the Health and Safety plan; and
- Adequate support staff and facilities needed will be coordinated with the Local Health Authorities.

1.3. TEAM COVID-19 LIAISON OFFICER

- Each participating team shall appoint a COVID-19 Liaison Officer (CLO);



- Once appointed, the Team CLO will start communicating with a designated responsible person from FIBS, and always align and collaborate with regard to COVID-19 countermeasures for their delegation;
- The Team CLO is responsible for ensuring that all members of their delegation are fully informed of the contents of this document;
- The Team CLO is responsible for monitoring the implementation of all COVID-19 countermeasures established in this document;
- The Team CLO is responsible for ensuring and supervising the implementation of pre-departure health reporting and COVID-19 testing by the delegation members;
- The Team CLO is responsible for ensuring that the members of their delegation follow their respective activity plans and comply with the Health & Safety Plan during their entire stay in the Event. The Team CLO will collaborate with the WBSC Europe, FIBS and relevant parties with regard to any consequences imposed upon members of the delegation in case of non-respect of this document, of a COVID-19 positive test among the responsible delegation members and for contact tracing;
- In case a member of their delegation is tested positive for COVID-19, the Team CLO is responsible for informing all relevant parties without any delay, collaborating with the WBSC Europe, FIBS and relevant delegation members in responding to the situation, and ensuring the instructions of the Local Health Authorities are being followed; and
- The Team CLO is responsible for supporting the Local Health Authorities in their response to a positive case, including supporting interviews with the person who tested positive, identifying people who have been in close contact, tracing the positive tested person's activities/movements, drafting necessary documents, providing language support, etc. in collaboration with FIBS;

2. PRE-ARRIVAL REQUIREMENTS

- National Federations (NFs) must have travel medical insurance that covers accidents and any expenses associated with treatment for COVID-19 infection, including hospitalization, mandatory isolation, changes in airline tickets and repatriation of the body in case of death.
- National Federations (NF) must identify the list of delegation members that will be traveling 10 days prior to departure. The total number of delegation members shall be kept strictly to the essentials;
- NF shall identify the delegation member assigned as Team CLO 15 days prior to departure;
- Individuals testing positive during the training camp period should be given proper medical attention and be isolated from the group for at least 10 days. The corresponding protocols should be followed before the individual can re-join activity with the group;
- Team delegation members shall complete a symptom and exposure questionnaire (see



Appendix 1) and share certain personal information (such as information on general medical history, flight information and local transportation) aiming to assist medical personnel in the event of a participant showing COVID-19 symptoms;

- A negative PCR test or antigen test issued 48 hours prior to departure for each delegation member is mandatory to travel to the event location (this is valid for any international and national travel, regardless of if by plane, car, bus, etc.). Additionally, it is strongly recommended to take an antigen test prior to boarding for all those that are flying.
- While the rollout for COVID-19 vaccinations to the general public varies significantly from country to country, all tournament participants will be strongly encouraged to get vaccinated prior to traveling, if possible;
- Eating, shopping and otherwise interacting with others at the airport shall be avoided. Group meals shall be programmed following strict prevention protocols; and
- All participants shall be required to sign a compliance with COVID-19 testing/prevention measures agreement before arrival to the host country. Any behavior by an individual that constitutes a breach in the agreement may result in the removal of the participant's accreditation, exclusion from the organizational protected environment, expulsion from the tournament and potential life-time exclusion from any future WBSC/WBSC Europe events. Furthermore, the Member Federation may face strong sanctions by WBSC associated to the breach of any of its delegation members, including financial penalties and participation exclusion from future WBSC events.
- The following general timeline determines the Event's Official Tournament Dates (OTD) and the testing schedule:

DATE	ACTIVITY
Pre-travel	Test 1 - Pre-travel departure PCR or antigen
Arrival Day	Test 2 - Arrival to Protected Environment
11 September	Official arrival day for Officials/Technical Meetings Test for Officials
12-19 September	Competition Dates
18 September	Test 3 - Departure PCR
20 September	Departures

3. UPON ARRIVAL PROTOCOLS

- Delegation members shall show their pre-departure negative test to the port authorities if so required;
- Only transport services organized or approved (team's bus) by FIBS shall be used to transfer to the hotel. There shall be no other interactions with third parties at the arrival airport; In case of individual arrival, this needs to be coordinated with and approved by FIBS at least 5 days in advance.



- Upon arrival at the hotel, in coordination with the local authorities, each delegation member shall take a COVID-19 test (see procedure details in section 4.2);
- Individuals testing positive during arrival will not be allowed to enter the organizational protected environment and will need to be separated. In coordination with the Local Health Authorities, they shall be given proper medical attention and be isolated from the group for the number of days to be determined with the Local Health Authorities (see procedure details in section 4.2). Isolated individuals will be lodged in a separate room;
- Any delegation member will not be allowed to interact with third parties outside of the organizational zones; and
- The use of face masks will be mandatory for all delegation members and organizational personnel involved in the tournament. Field of Play (hereby FOP), personal hotel rooms and meal rooms shall be the only spaces where wearing a face mask is not mandatory. Face masks must cover from above the nose to below the chin. Neither gaiters nor masks with exhalation valves meet the definition of a face mask for purposes of these protocols. Gaiters may be worn on the field by players if they wish.

4. EVENT PROTOCOLS

4.1. TESTING PROTOCOLS & CONTACT TRACING

- The Testing Agency responsible for the sample collection and service management for the entire event will be indicated by FIBS one week before the beginning of the tournament ensuring maximum reliability, efficiency, and time-response in the process;
- A total of three scheduled tests will take place, as detailed in the general OTD timeline in section 2. More testing may be required following the protocols established in this document or as considered by the HSC.
- A dedicated testing area will be identified and maintained at each official hotels and competition venue. Testing areas will be private with enhanced ventilation. All individuals involved in the testing process must wear proper personal protective equipment (PPE);
- An isolation area, where an individual who develops symptoms or learns of a positive test result for COVID-19 can isolate temporarily, pending relocation as determined by FIBS and Local Authorities, will be identified and maintained at each official hotel and competition venue. Dedicated Isolation Areas must be separate from any other room that is used to treat non-COVID-19 illnesses or injuries, supplied with appropriate PPE and supplies (e.g., seating, bottled water, medical supplies), and easily accessible to local first responders in case emergency evacuation to a medical facility is required.
- Any individual who during a Health Screen at the hotel has at least one temperature reading of 38.0 degrees Celsius or above, or otherwise develops symptoms must immediately self-isolate in his or her room away from other event participants. Alternative retesting (i.e. oral thermometer vs. handheld thermometer) within a few minutes of initial temperature reading may be permitted to verify the individual's temperature.



- If an individual develops symptoms for the first time while inside a venue competition, that individual must immediately isolate himself or herself from others in the dedicated isolation area and contact the Teams CLO to follow the established protocol. Symptomatic individuals will also be provided with and wear a FFP2 or double surgical mask until they are safely isolated;
- Once the symptomatic individual is safely isolated away from other participants, the FIBS will immediately arrange to test the individual. Pending the results of the test, the symptomatic individual must self-isolate.
- During the period that the test results are pending, the symptomatic individual will be remotely monitored while avoiding any direct, in-person contact with any other participant.
- In the event of a positive test for COVID-19 by a tournament participant, FIBS/WBSC, in coordination with Local Health Officials will:
 - (i) conduct a contact tracing investigation to identify all other individuals who had close contact with the infected person;
 - (ii) notify those individuals of their potential exposure and the need for quarantine in accordance with the protocols; and
 - (iii) arrange for those individuals to take an immediate PCR test (unless already tested that same day) at NF's charge.
- FIBS will appoint a Contact Tracing Officer responsible for contact tracing, who will coordinate with each Teams CLO an interview of the infected person and the identification of individuals who have had close contact with the infected person, and closely monitor them for any changes in their health or signs of potential COVID-19 symptoms.
- Based on the circumstances and timing of the close contact, all of those individuals who have had close contact also should be administered a PCR test at NF's charge.
- The Contact Tracing Officer must assess as part of its identification of close contacts:
 - The amount of time a participant spent with an infected individual while such individual potentially was infectious.
 - The location(s) of the interaction(s), including whether or not the interaction(s) occurred indoors or outdoors.
 - For interactions that occur indoors, the ventilation of the applicable setting.
 - The amount of distance between the participant and the infected individual during the interaction(s).
 - Whether the infected individual had symptoms during any interaction(s).
 - Whether the infected person was likely to generate respiratory aerosols, including whether the individual was coughing, singing, or shouting.



- Whether and how face masks were properly worn, including the type of mask(s), and any mask removal to eat or drink.
 - Whether the infected individual has previously tested positive for COVID-19 or presents separate evidence of a prior positive PCR test result for COVID-19, or is otherwise potentially immune to further infection (e.g., via vaccination), as well as the time period that has passed since any such positive test or immunization.
 - Other circumstances deemed relevant by the Local Health Authorities and/or the HSC.
- The corresponding cleaning and disinfecting of all hotel/venue areas where the symptomatic/positive individual has recently been (including any equipment used) will be coordinated immediately, notifying everyone that may have been exposed.
 - While in isolation following a positive test, a participant must be in daily communication with and receive remote care from his or her Team medical staff, who will remotely monitor symptoms (including using increasing severity or progressing of symptoms as a trigger to escalate care) and arrange for any follow up with FIBS.
 - A participant who tests positive will not be allowed to have direct or close contact with any other participant (other than medical staff for purposes of any necessary treatment) unless and until each of the following occurs:
 - (i) the individual isolates for a number of days to be co-determined by the Team medical staff and the HSC, but no fewer than 10 days from the date of the positive PCR test (for asymptomatic individuals);
 - (ii) the individual has been afebrile for at least 24 hours without fever reducing medications;
 - (iii) any other symptoms are improving (as documented by his or her treating physician or Team medical staff);
 - (iv) the Medical and Health Local Authorities conclude that the individual no longer presents a risk of infection to others and approves (in writing) him or her to return to his or her responsibilities;
 - (v) any local regulations or requirements are satisfied.

4.2. PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT

- Each Team shall have its daily schedule of activities within the protected environment for all accredited participants. The schedule assigned for each team shall include meals, transportation and activities related to the competition and shall be approved by the Delegation Leader in advance;
- Delegation members will not be allowed to interact with third parties outside of the organizational zones;



- Delegation members may only transfer from hotel to tournament venues with official transport services set up or approved (team bus) by FIBS;
- Delegation members will be monitored regularly for changes in their health using the following methods:
 - Symptom screens and temperature checks recorded at least once a day;
 - Testing as identified in the timeline (section 2.1) or as considered by the local authorities upon any alert situation reported by the daily symptom screening procedure.
- Any positive test results for Delegation Members will be reported to FIBS/WBSCE, before informing the Team CLO (via secure e-mail, call, and/or text message), who will be responsible for informing the individual. All negative test results will be reported to the FIBS/WBSCE.
- A breach of protected environment compliance protocols by any individual will result in the removal of the participant accreditation, exclusion from the protected environment, cancellation of the participation of such individual in the WBSC Event, sanctions to the individual and the participating Member Federation.

4.2.1 ACCESS BUBBLES WITHIN THE PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT ACCREDITATION

Red Bubble

- Participants identified in their accreditation with a Red line shall be inside the organizational protected environment. The number will be very limited, and all members shall be subject to the protocols and measures set forth in this document. Red Bubble access personnel shall include:
 - Official Team Delegation Members
 - Team COVID-19 Liaison Officer.

Blue Bubble

- Participants identified in their accreditation with a Blue line are those strictly necessary for the organization of the Event that may require access to restricted areas when Red Bubble individuals are present. The number of such individuals shall be limited to the essential, being subject to the protocols and measures set forth in this document. Furthermore, Blue Bubble personnel must always keep physical distancing from any participant in Red Bubble. Blue Bubble access personnel shall include:
 - FIBS/WBSCE essential Organization Personnel;
 - Security personnel assigned to conditional areas;
 - Local service providers (e.g., field maintenance, cleaning service and security staff);
 - Game Officials (Umpires, Technical Commissioners, Scorers);
 - Event Organizers;
 - Volunteers;



- Rightsholders Media;
- Transportation staff.

Yellow Bubble

- Participants identified in their accreditation with a Yellow line are the Non-Rightsholder Media Operators accredited to the Event that may require access to restricted areas when Red Bubble and Blue Bubble individuals are present. The number of such individuals shall be limited to the essential, being subject to the protocols and measures set forth in this document. Furthermore, Yellow Bubble personnel must always keep physical distancing from any participant in Red Bubble and Blue Bubble. Yellow Bubble access personnel shall include:
 - Printed Media;
 - Radio;
 - TV;
 - Web.

Green Bubble

- Participants identified in their accreditation with a Green line are the Guests and Authorities accredited to the Event that may require access to restricted areas when Red Bubble and Blue Bubble individuals are present. The number of such individuals shall be limited to the essential, being subject to the protocols and measures set forth in this document. Furthermore, Green Bubble individuals must always keep physical distancing from any participant in Red Bubble and Blue Bubble. Green Bubble access personnel shall include:
 - Local Authorities;
 - Sport Authorities;
 - Sponsors and Guests;
 - Hospitality Lounge accredited spectators.

4.2.2 ACCESS PROCEDURES FOR RED BUBBLE AND BLUE BUBBLE INDIVIDUALS

- Venue entry checkpoints shall include verification of accreditations, security control and medical/temperature checks for all individuals;
- Sanitizing gel shall be provided or, where appropriate, a hand washing station with running water and soap (in a liquid soap dispenser), with paper and a trash can with a lid, which must be routinely emptied and disinfected by the cleaning staff;
- All venue entrance points shall also have sanitizing gel or a hand washing station and a noncontact thermometer for temperature measurement;
- All checkpoints shall be cleaned and disinfected regularly;
- An exclusive entrance shall be designated for Red and Blue Bubbles, respectively. If there is no separate entrance, specific times shall be scheduled to avoid overcrowding. This entry point shall be cleaned and disinfected before and after use; and
- FIBS shall designate an exclusive parking area for Red and Blue Bubbles, respectively.



4.1.2. PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT EXIT/RE-ENTRY PROTOCOL FOR RED BUBBLE INDIVIDUALS

- Participants may be allowed to exit the protected environment due to extenuating circumstances and/or emergencies (i.e. an injured player in need of significant medical assistance accompanied by a team physician) as approved by the HSC;
- Individuals permitted to exit the protected environment will need to be tested with a rapid antigen test prior to re-entry. Upon a negative result, the individual will be allowed back into the protected environment and must follow all other protocols accordingly;

4.3. VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS

- The WBSC and WBSCE fully supports the IOC in their encouragement and assistance for athletes, officials and Games stakeholders to get vaccinated in their home countries, in line with national immunization guidelines, before they travel to the Event host country. This action aims to contribute to the safe environment of the Event, but also out of respect for the residents of each respective host country;
- While getting vaccinated prior to the Event is strongly encouraged, if available, it is currently not mandatory; and
- Understanding vaccinated individuals can still transmit the virus and become infected again, they must follow the same protocols in the protected environment as non-vaccinated individuals.

4.4. ACCOMMODATION

- The official hotels for the tournament are: Novotel Torino Corso Giulio Cesare, the Rivoli Hotel and the J|Hotel for teams; Holiday Inn Corso Francia for the Event Officials. The hotels have established and approved appropriate cleaning and sanitation protocols for COVID-19;
- Event participants may not congregate in public areas of hotel, unless previously approved by FIBS;
- In order to avoid unnecessary contact between participants and hotel personnel, FIBS appointed Accommodation Manager (Treemme Sport Travel Market Agency) will be in charge of pre-registering the rooms and will deliver the keys to the Delegation Leader. Teams shall pre-assign and send their rooms distribution in advance to Treemme Sport;
- Upon arrival to the hotel, participants will go to a designated area, at the hotel or Event venue, where they will undergo a COVID-19 test;
- Participants may not exit the hotel premises under any circumstances other than to attend official scheduled practices, games, emergencies and/or other reasons previously approved by FIBS; and
- A Team Attaché will be appointed to all team to assist the Delegation Leader.



4.5. MEALS

- Group meals will be programmed following strict prevention protocols in restricted spaces, securing preferred outdoor spaces when available at the Teams and Officials hotels;
- The set-up of the space will limit the amount of people to ensure proper physical distance for all participants;
- Physical distance shall always be observed (e.g., lines, dining tables, etc.); There will be an exclusive dining area (room) for each team;
- Accreditation must be presented to access the dining room/area;
- Participants shall wear face masks at all times, except while eating; and
- FIBS and WBSC will establish a meal schedule with specific time slots for each team to avoid crossing and interaction among groups.
- All eating areas will be sanitized appropriately before and after each use.

4.6. TRANSPORTATION

- Only official or FIBS approved (team bus) transportation services shall be used during the event;
- All vehicles used for transportation service shall be used in compliance with the Local Authorities dispositions;
- Passengers shall wear a face mask at all times;
- All vehicles will be cleaned and disinfected before and after each service;
- FIBS shall encourage all participants to use hands sanitizers before boarding vehicles;
- All vehicles shall be well ventilated. If permitted, keeping windows open while in use is encouraged;
- All transportation services shall be scheduled by FIBS; and
- Participants may only use transport services scheduled and managed or approved by FIBS, except in case of emergency or previously approved by FIBS/WBSC.

5. COMPETITION VENUE PROTOCOLS

- Delegation members shall have their temperature checked at the facility with a noncontact thermometer administered by FIBS personnel before being permitted entry;
- Participants may satisfy the Venue Health Screen requirements for individuals by administering the Venue Health Screen at the Hotel prior to departure to the facility, provided that the screen takes place within two hours of arrival at the venue. The health screen shall always be conducted by assigned FIBS personnel.



- Disinfection and cleaning protocols of all competition venue spaces (i.e., clubhouse/dressing room, dugouts, bullpens, training room, WBSCE/Tournament Officials workspaces, doping control stations, etc.) will follow the Local Health Authorities guidance;
- Sanitation stations with hand sanitizers will be available across the competition venue;
- Security protocols and access control check points will be established across the competition venue;
- Space allocation for tournament personnel will ensure that physical distancing is respected;
- Physical barriers will be installed, if needed, across the team areas and WBSCE/FIBS workspaces to ensure physical distancing;
- Locker rooms' showers shall not be used at any time by Teams or Officials; and
- The grounds crew must stay in a separate space on the field level and are not permitted in the clubhouse or dugout while Team members are present. To the extent possible, the grounds crew should conduct work when players are not on the field. Players must maintain physical distance during grounds crew activities that need to occur while they are on the field (e.g., dragging infield, fixing wet mound). The grounds crew must wear face masks, and physically distance, at all times.

5.1. TEAMS

- Players are recommended to change into uniform at the hotel before going to the venue;
- Only one team shall be on the field at a time prior to the game. If unavoidable, players for opposing teams shall not interact and always keep a physical distance of 2 meters minimum;
- Teams shall limit the number of delegation members in the dugout at any given time;
- Team representatives in Red Bubble shall have access to the FOP during the warm-up, nevertheless, the number of people shall be kept to a minimum;
- Each team member shall have their own personal equipment (helmet, gloves, batting gloves, etc.) and those items shall not be shared under any circumstance;
- Teams equipment sanitation devices will be available at any venue in a dedicated area and teams must have their equipment sanitized upon arrival at the venue;
- Physical interactions shall be avoided (high fives, fist bumps, hugs, etc.) by all Team Delegation Members;
- Spitting, chewing tobacco, eating sunflower seeds and others are strictly prohibited in clubhouses, dugouts and FOP;
- Teams shall establish physical distancing protocols that allow players to maintain a two meters safe distance from each other;



- Sharing indoor hitting tunnels shall be avoided when possible, during the Event;
- Water bottles/containers and towels for all Team Delegation Members shall be properly identified and under no circumstance shall be shared;
- Players and coaches should avoid sharing equipment, including gloves, batting gloves, helmets and catcher's equipment. They must disinfect their own equipment at the end of each game.
- Pitchers shall have their own set of balls to warm-up in the bullpen;
- Teams shall place all bats and helmets outside the dugout for inspection if required by the game Officials; All players and team delegates shall leave the dugout area while inspection of equipment is being carried out;
- Teams shall encourage hand hygiene after use of shared objects such as bullpen and dugout telephones, baseballs, rags, etc., and routinely throughout the game;
- Any communal equipment must be disinfected before the game, regularly during use and after each game; and
- Teams must bring their own set of practice/warm-up balls and shall not be shared with other teams.

5.2. FIBS/WBSCE MEMBERS

- All FIBS/WBSCE Members (i.e., Tournament Officials, FIBS/WBSCE Staff, tournament personnel, volunteers, guests, etc.) inside the protected environment shall wear face mask at all times;
- Personal devices, such as mobile phones, tablets, computers, etc. shall not be shared, unless previously cleaned and disinfected;
- FIBS/WBSCE tablets/electronic devices shall be cleaned and disinfected before and after usage;
- Physical interactions shall be avoided (high fives, fist bumps, hugs, etc.) between FIBS/WBSCE Members;
- Spitting, chewing tobacco, eating sunflower seeds and others, are prohibited;
- Water bottles/containers and towels for all FIBS/WBSCE Members shall be properly identified and under no circumstances shall be shared;
- All FIBS/WBSCE Members shall establish physical distancing protocols that allow them to maintain at two meters distance from each other; and
- FIBS/WBSCE Members shall remain in their working areas during the games.

5.3. BASEBALL STORAGE & HANDLING PROTOCOLS

- Ball preparation (mud rubbing) shall be done by appointed personnel;



- Balls removed from the game shall be cleaned properly before being reused (when applicable);
- Ball handlers shall wear face masks and keep at least a two meters physical distance from Team Delegation Members and umpires (except when handling balls to umpire).

6. COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

6.1. GAME PROTOCOLS

- Pre-game protocols will be adjusted to always maintain physical distance among participants and game personnel (i.e., on-field cameraman covering line-up presentations, grounds crew, etc.);
- Delegation members should stand at least 2 meters apart during team presentation and National Anthems. Following the playing of National Anthems, teams will return to their respective dugouts. No handshakes or gift exchanges will be allowed;
- The duties normally handled by bat boys/girls shall be performed by adult Team Delegation Members;
- Players, umpires, and other on-field personnel should practice physical distancing to the extent possible within the limitations of competition and the fundamentals of baseball;
- First and Third Base Coaches should remain in or behind the Coach's Box and shall not approach a baserunner, fielder or umpire on-field;
- Players on opposite teams should not socialize, fraternize, or come within two meters of each other before the game, during warm-ups, in-between innings, or after the game;
- A maximum number of 2 NFs Members are allowed to attend other teams games for scouting; in order to obtain these access to the facility and scouting area, each Delegation must send at least 24 hours before the game the names by email to ebc2021@fibs.it .
- Handshake lines between teams will not take place following games.

6.2. MODIFICATION OF TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

- In order to restrict the people involved in meetings, only 2 members of each Delegation can take part in the Technical Meeting;
- In the opening ceremony, for each Delegation, just the teams' captains and, for the Officials, just the Technical Director, Umpires in chief and Scoring Director should take part in the ceremony;
- All on-field personnel (including players) must wear face masks appropriately (i.e., fully covering the nose and mouth) at all times in the dugout and bullpen (except players on-field during the game and pitchers and catchers warming up in the bullpen);



- All non-playing personnel (i.e., base coaches, umpires, grounds crew, ball boys, etc.) must wear face masks while on the field;
- There will be no pre-game exchange of line-up cards. The Technical Commissioners assigned to the game will take a picture of each line-up card and make copies while wearing rubber gloves. Upon reviewing them, they will print and deliver cards to the Umpire Room approximately thirty minutes prior to the start of the game. At the plate meeting (while 2 meters apart), Teams should confirm their line-ups with the Home Plate Umpire and inform him of any changes made since it was printed;
- Spitting is prohibited (including but not limited to, saliva, sunflower seeds or peanut shells, or tobacco) at all times in venue facilities (including on the field). Chewing gum is permitted but must be disposed in a sanitary fashion (i.e., not spit out onto the field).
- In the event that a team has a COVID-19 outbreak, defined by Local Health Authorities as 10% of the group (more than 3 out of 24 players testing positive to a COVID-19 test), once the competition has started, the entire team shall be quarantined and re-tested. Upon confirmation, the team will be eliminated from the competition. Other appropriate course of action will then be determined and coordinated by the HSC.
- Any games forfeited due to elimination of a team from competition following a COVID-19 outbreak will be settled as a 9-0 final score.

6.3. UMPIRES

- Umpires must wear a face mask at all times while on the field of play. In case of extreme heat, they may remove it when there are no runners on base while maintaining physical distance at all times;
- Umpires shall practice physical distancing by maintaining a distance of two meters between themselves (about two arms' length) and others during the pre-game plate meeting, mound visits, pitcher/catcher conferences and video reviews;
- Coaches must maintain a distance of two meters between themselves to approach an umpire to ask a question about a call. Umpires must also keep a physical distance of two meters when approaching a Coach to speak;
- Umpires should avoid making contact with player equipment at all times; and
- Use of showers is forbidden any time at the Event facilities.

7. COVID-19 PREVENTION MEASURES AND PROTOCOL ACCEPTANCE

- All National Federations participating in the tournament must sign the attached acceptance document (Appendix 2) and return it immediately to ebc2021@fibs.it.



Appendix 1

WBSCE/FIBS Health & Safety Screen Form

All Official Team Delegation Members, FIBS/WBSCE Members and Competition Venue personnel are required to complete the following COVID-19 symptom and exposure questionnaire before entering a Competition Venue for the first time in the tournament and at any change of the conditions declared.

1. General Information:

Name:
National Federation:
Date:

2. Please check, if in the past 72 hours, you have experienced any of the following symptoms:

Cough		Rash or "COVID toes"		Fatigue	
Sore throat		Diarrhea		Muscular pain	
Nasal congestion		Nausea / Vomiting		Abdominal pain	
Difficulty breathing		Headache		Chest pain	
Fever		Irritability and confusion		Joints	
Chills		Loss of taste or smell		Joints	
Runny nose		Swelling of the toes or lower extremities		Swollen lymph nodes or glands	

If you marked "Yes" to any of the above, please provide details:

3. Have you had a fever at or above 38.0 degrees Celsius (100.4 degrees Fahrenheit) or taken any fever reducing medications within in the last 72 hours?

Yes	No
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If you answered "Yes," please provide detail below (including temperature readings, if available):

4. Do you have reason to believe that you, or anyone with whom you have had close



contact may have been exposed to COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

Yes	No
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5. Please list below any countries in which you have spent time over the last 30 days.

NOTE: If your answer to questions 2, 3 or 4 is “Yes,” please contact your Team Delegation’s COVID-19 Liaison Officer.



Appendix 2

COVID -19 Prevention Measures and Protocol Acceptance

The event will take place under the comprehensive set of Covid-19 prevention measures described in the present European Baseball Championship Piemonte 2021 Covid-19 Event Protocol, established in coordination between WBSC Europe, FIBS and the Italian Health Authorities and approved by WBSC and Major League Baseball.

A breach of the Protocol dispositions by any member of the Team Delegation will be considered a severe infraction with the potential to have serious negative effects on the game of baseball.

In such case, both the individual(s) and the Member Federation will be subject to strict penalties. Individual(s) penalties may include the exclusion from participating in the current and future WBSC and WBSC Europe sanctioned events.

Member Federations penalties may include exclusion from participating in the current and possibly future WBSC and WBSC Europe sanctioned events and financial penalties.

I acknowledge and accept the above specifications addended to the participation agreement:

Signature

Date