



The COVID-19 Task Force has met and developed guidelines and structures for the upcoming season. We understand many teams may elect to not register or compete this season and we support your decision. These are the policies for teams who hold practice, team gatherings, compete in or host an event.

While these are our current policies, we will revisit these often and the Association withholds the right to cancel gameplay at any time. Teams who register with the Association are not required to host this year. In addition to these policies written below, policies related to player preparation listed in practice guidelines must also be followed.

#### **UPDATES:**

- The committee strongly encourages teams not to practice the week before a tournament.
- Plan ahead and secure tests (order now for upcoming tournaments and post season!)
- The most restrictive guidelines between Federal/State/Local/Facility should be followed and may be more restrictive than the guidelines laid out by the Covid Taskforce.
- If someone tests positive, persons exposed should test seven (7) days from exposure. Example: The team practices on Monday night. A player test positive on Wednesday. All players should test no earlier than Sunday.
- If the team practices within the seven (7) days before an event (practice, clinic or tournament), and someone tests positive, the team must withdraw from the event. Example: Practice occurs on Saturday at 10 am. An individual who was at practice tests positive on Tuesday. The team needs to withdraw from the event.
- Anyone (player, support staff, classifier, referee) testing positive must produce a negative test no earlier than the sixth (6th) day from testing positive to return to the sport in any capacity (practice, tournament, fundraiser). Example: Individual test positive on Tuesday and therefore isolates for five (5) full days (Tuesday through Sunday) and tests on Monday. If a negative test result is achieved, individuals should continue to mask for the additional five (5) days.
- If someone shows symptoms or becomes symptomatic at an event (tournament, clinic, etc), the individual leaves the facility immediately. The Tournament Director, Head Official, Head Classifier and covid committee ([covid@uswra.org](mailto:covid@uswra.org)) should be quickly notified. The individual should get tested and share results with the covid committee ([covid@uswra.org](mailto:covid@uswra.org)).
- Teams or players who must withdraw due to COVID exposure or a positive test can petition to the commissioner and have their unplayed games count toward post season



## UNITED STATES WHEELCHAIR RUGBY ASSOCIATION

### **Tournament requirements**

Players, team staff, referees and classifiers must take a COVID 19 test within the three days prior to the start of a tournament and are required to submit a negative result. Team representative or coach must send evidence of results (consolidated into one email) to tournament director and USWRA ([COVID@uswra.org](mailto:COVID@uswra.org)) If someone shows up without test, they are not to go to venue or common area including hotel until negative test results are obtained. Failure to have a COVID 19 test or falsify a test will have penalties up to and including permanent suspension. Each infraction will be looked at on individual basis.

Tournaments shall follow the most restrictive COVID guidelines (federal, local, venue, host, etc) regarding masking, gathering and social distancing.

Tournaments will screen all individuals upon entrance to the facility daily.

Masking is **required** for: individuals serving food, individuals providing transportation, table, and bench staff. Players may be unmasked on bench or while playing – social distancing on bench is strongly encouraged.

Masking strongly encouraged for spectators.

Hand sanitizer and disinfecting supplies shall be readily available. Sanitizer shall be placed at the entrance, table, eating areas and other common areas.

### **Table considerations**

Table staff will wear masks and apply hand sanitizer before and after games and/or use gloves.

Surfaces, materials and equipment should be wiped down between games.

### **Player and staff considerations**

Coaching and support staff will wear masks at all times at the event when inside.

Players must wear masks around the facility unless their team is currently playing.

**NO** emptying leg bags on sidelines.

### **Referees**

Referees are required to submit their negative test results (at the referee expense) to the head official prior to the start of the tournament.

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Referees will sanitize prior to the start of each game, between periods and at the end of the game.



### **Hotel**

Teams should room with others affiliated with their team.

Referees and classifiers should be placed in individual rooms.

### **Transportation**

Host teams do not have to provide transportation (but may).

If a Host team provides transportation, they must find an effective mechanism for disinfectant between transport trips if providing transportation

### **Classification**

Classifiers are required to submit their negative test results (at the classifier expense) to the head classifier prior to the start of the tournament.

Classification guidelines will come out as we get closer to classification. Classification dates are still being scheduled, but will not be held prior to November, 2021

### **Meals**

Tournament hosts are encouraged to provide fully enclosed (separate) box lunch style food.

Volunteers working with food must wear gloves

### **Spectators**

Masking and testing is strongly encouraged for spectators.

### **Positive Cases**

Should a participant test positive for COVID 19 during the tournament, tournament play will continue. If someone becomes symptomatic, they should leave immediately and be tested. The individual is required to isolate themselves until the test result is received.

If someone at a tournament or who has returned home and tested positive within 5 days of the end of the tournament/practice/event, it MUST be reported to the USWRA ([COVID@uswra.org](mailto:COVID@uswra.org))