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Covid 19 protection concept for competitions

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Introduction

With the version of the COVID-19 regulation of 19 April 2021, the Federal Council has allowed the additional relaxations. Under these conditions, recreational sport competitions in archery are only now possible again for a few small groups of participants under continued strict conditions.

Legal basis: COVID-19 Federal Ordinance of 19 April 2021:

<https://www.fedlex.admin.ch/eli/cc/2020/439/en>

Contacts and information from the cantonal authorities (only available in DE, FR, IT):

<https://www.ch.ch/de/coronavirus/#kontakte-und-informationen-der-kantonalen-behoerden>

Competitions can only take place if, among other conditions, the following key points are observed:

- At competitions (outdoor as well as indoor), a distinction must be made between the following groups of people (Art. 6e Abs. 1):
 - Young people up to the age of 20 (U21 - born in 2001 and younger). In the protection concept, this group is referred to as «U21».
 - Recreational athletes born in 2000 or older. In the protection concept, this group is referred to as «adult recreational athletes».
 - Elite athletes of any age who hold a Swiss Olympic Card or Swiss Olympic Talent Card (national, regional) and/or are members of the national team of a national federation. (This also includes national federations of other countries.) In the protection concept, this group is referred to as «elite athletes».
- At competitions exclusively for young people (**U21**) there are **no restrictions on the number of participants**. At competitions for this group of people, only the capacity of the infrastructure must be taken into account (Art. 6e Abs. 1a).
- Competitions for **adult recreational sports** (outdoor as well as indoor) are subject to a limitation of the group size to 15 persons. (Art. 6e Abs. 1b)
- In **elite sport competitions**, there are **no restrictions on the number of participants**. At competitions for this group of people, only the capacity of the infrastructure must be taken into account (Art. 6e Abs. 1c).
- U21 athletes and elite athletes competing in adult recreational sports follow the rules for recreational athletes and are also subject to the group size restriction.
- At competitions for the U21 group and at elite sport competitions, masks are not compulsory during competition, but the distances must be observed or effective protective measures such as barriers must be implemented. If this is not possible due to the circumstances, the contact details must be collected by the organiser. (Art. 4 para. 2d). However, it is imperative that priority is given to keeping the distances! Of course, it is still possible for all athletes to wear a face mask out of a personal sense of safety and only take it off on the shooting line.
- At competitions for adult recreational sports, the wearing of masks is compulsory.
 - At outdoor competitions, the mask may be taken off on the shooting line, provided that the minimum distance of 1.5m between the athletes can be maintained. (Art. 6e Abs. 1b 1.)
 - At indoor competitions, the mask can only be taken off on the shooting line if the distance between the athletes is at least 4.4m (15m² space for sole use, according to Annex 1 to the Ordinance, paragraph 3.1^{quater} b). If the masks can be taken off on the shooting line, the organiser must collect the contact details. (Art. 6e Abs. 1b 2.)

- All persons present (especially organisers and helpers) must wear face masks indoors. (Art. 3b para. 1). This also applies outside of competition to groups of athletes who are exempt from the mask requirement. Exceptions are defined in Art. 3b para. 2. In outdoor areas, masks are only to be worn if there are accumulations and the required distances of 1.5m cannot be maintained.. (Art. 3c para. 2)
- Legislation does not currently provide for any relief for vaccinated persons.
- In areas where participants can stay and move freely, an area of at least 10m² per person must be available (Annex 1 to the Ordinance, section 3.1^{bis} f).
- A shooting mode A/C (or AB if space is generous) with two athletes per target is possible at recreational sport events, but this then leads to a doubled space requirement in the waiting area per target. Otherwise, only one person per target can shoot.
- **Spectators** are only allowed at elite sport competitions (Art. 6. Abs. 1g). At outdoor competitions the maximum number of spectators is 100, at indoor competitions a maximum of 50 persons. Seating is compulsory and no more than one third of the (pre-installed) available seats may be occupied. (Art. 6 Abs. 1^{bis} a. & b.)
- It must be taken into account that the cantons have the competence to further tighten the rules (Art 8). Therefore, the **organisers must observe and comply with the regulations of their host canton**. In return, the cantons also have the basic option of granting relief from the measures defined in Art. 4, 5 and 6 if the organiser submits a protection concept that guarantees a level of protection equivalent to that of the ordinance. (Art.7)

Furthermore, the organisers must continue to develop and implement a **protection concept** (and be able to present it on request) that complies with the national and cantonal requirements (Art. 4 and Art. 9). **Contact details** must be collected if the required minimum distances are not maintained for more than 15 minutes (Annex 1 to the Ordinance, section 3.1bis f) or if it is permitted to take off the mask on the shooting line at indoor competitions. Contact details must be kept for 14 days after the end of the event and then destroyed (Art. 5). Finally, the authorities have the right to punish organisers with fines in case of wilful non-compliance with the obligations (Art. 13).

1 Risk evaluation and participation in the competition

Participation in a competition, its organisation or attendance as a spectator is at one's own risk. Each person decides on the acceptability of the personal risk in the sense of personal responsibility.

Participation or a visit is only possible if the following conditions are met:

1.1 Signs or evidence of infection

Persons with the corresponding symptoms are not allowed to enter the competition area and should contact their doctor. If an illness is only detected after being present on the competition site, persons who have fallen ill must immediately inform the organisers of the competition so that they can, if possible, inform all persons who have been in contact with the person who has fallen ill.

1.2 Negative COVID-19 Test

It is recommended to be tested or self-tested before participating in sporting events. However, such a test is not a mandatory requirement for participation. We do, nevertheless, ask that this recommendation be followed, especially at elite sporting competitions.

2 Organisation of the infrastructures and the competition site

2.1 General

2.1.1 Control and obligations

The organisers must develop and implement a **protection concept** in accordance with Article 4 of the currently valid COVID 19 Ordinance. The present protection concept of SwissArchery can serve as a basis, but must take into account any stricter ordinances of the cantons. The organiser must designate a **responsible person** in the protection concept who is responsible for compliance with the protection concept.

Competitions, the related temporary infrastructure and the organisational procedures shall be designed in such a way that the minimum distance of 1.5m between the persons present can always be maintained. Where persons are present and can move freely, an area of 10m² must be available per person (Annex 1 to the Ordinance, section 3.1bis f). In indoor areas, basically all persons present wear face masks. Children under 12 years of age and persons who can prove that they cannot wear a mask for special reasons are exempt from the mask requirement (Art. 3b para. 2). Furthermore, young athletes born in 2001 or younger (U21) and competitive athletes are exempt from the basic obligation to wear masks in their competition. However, the distances must still be observed and masks must still be worn away from competition.

It should be noted that the minimum distance for shooting without a mask is different for outdoor and indoor competitions for adult recreational sports. At outdoor competitions a minimum distance of 1.5m applies. At indoor competitions, shooting without a mask is only possible if the athletes can keep a distance of 4.4m (!), as here an area of 15m² per person must be available for sole use. In this case, however, the organiser is obliged to collect the contact details.

All persons must be enabled to clean their hands regularly. Hand disinfectants must be available for this purpose and soap must be available at publicly accessible washbasins. (Annex 1 of the Ordinance, No. 2)

The organisers will display the current rules of conduct of the FOPH (<https://www.bag-coronavirus.ch>) at entrances and places where people may gather. Disinfectant will be made available at central locations such as food stands, entrances to the athletes' area, the field crew's recreation area, etc..

2.1.2 Communication of the rules

Each organiser is responsible during the conduct of the competition for making the guidelines known to the participants and for enforcing compliance with these rules. In particular, the Rules of Conduct for Athletes in Section ***Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden.***. In addition to a reference to this document in the programme booklet, the public address system on site may be used for this purpose.

2.1.3 Compliance with rules

It must be possible to hold the competitions in compliance with the applicable competition regulations of SwissArchery and WorldArchery. This is with the background of keeping results, awards and records comparable to the normal situation.

Adjustments to the competition regulations are described in the relevant sections of this document..

2.1.4 Contact points / Ticket office

If the organiser has the possibility to accept cashless payments (prepayment, EC, Twint, etc.), this should be offered preferentially. The athletes will be informed about the possibility of cashless payment in the programme booklet.

Swiss Competition Rules Article 3.2.1: The time limit of 24h is waived during the validity of the protection concept. In case of illness, the athlete will not be charged the entry fee. However, a deregistration before the start of the competition is always required.

2.1.5 Restaurants and shops in meeting zones

Restaurants, shops, lounges and terraces are subject to the requirements of the Federal Council and are not defined in this document. The rules laid down in the COVID-19 ordinance 818.101.26 and the protective measures of the FOPH, or any more stringent measures of the canton, apply to the sale of food and beverages.

In its general guidelines for competition activities, Swiss Olympic states that catering establishments must take into account the currently valid protection concept for the hospitality industry.

Food stalls and shops may not be set up in the athletes' zone.

2.1.6 Award ceremony

Sufficient space must be available for the award ceremony so that all those present can comply with the spacing rules. The medals and prizes will not be handed out, but may be collected from a table on the way to the podium, or will be provided by the organisers on the podium. The athletes may go up on the podium. The podium will be provided so that the winners can keep a distance of 1.5m from each other. For team titles, only one representative per team will go to the podium. Group photos should be avoided.

2.1.7 Cleaning of sports facilities, toilets, showers and changing rooms

The organisers or the sports ground operators must ensure that the facilities and rooms are cleaned regularly.

2.2 Outdoor and indoor target competitions

A general mask obligation and the general distance rule of 1.5m apply in all indoor areas. In outdoor areas, only the distance rule applies. If there are gatherings of people in the outdoor area where the distance rule cannot be observed, the mask requirement also applies.

At competitions, exclusively for young athletes born in 2001 or younger (**U21**) as well as for **elite athletes** are exempt from the basic obligation to wear masks and to observe distance during competition in the athletes' zone. The masks must continue to be worn and distance be observed when not in competition.

At competitions for **adult recreational sports**, a distinction must be made in the rules between indoor and outdoor:

- Outdoor: Mask wearing is compulsory, (only) if the minimum distance of 1.5m cannot be maintained.
- Indoor: Masks must be worn and the minimum distance of 1.5m must be observed. If the distance is smaller, additional protective measures such as partition walls must be taken. On the shooting line the mask can only be taken off if the distance between the athletes is at least 4.4m

2.2.1 Limited number of participants

There is **no limit to the number of participants** at competitions for the **U21** group of people and **at competitive sports competitions**. However, the required area of 10m² per person in the waiting area must be respected..

At **recreational** sport competitions, the maximum number of athletes allowed per round/session is **15 persons**. This also includes U21 and competitive athletes as well as coaches and judges who participate in this recreational sport competition.

If the organiser stages several rounds/sessions, the competitors in one session must have left the athletes' area before the competitors in the next session are allowed to enter. Exceptions apply to athletes, coaches and judges competing or being part in both consecutive rounds. The organiser must ensure that there is no increased gathering of people in the access area or outside area when changing groups of competitors, or that there is sufficient space available for this purpose.

2.2.2 Attendance list

Only registered athletes, their coaches, the judges and organisers or volunteers are allowed in the athletes' zone.

Contact data on persons present must be collected if there is a shortfall in the required minimum distance for more than 15 minutes without additional protective measures (Annex 1, section 4.1), or if at indoor competitions masks are permitted to be taken off when respecting the increased minimum distance of 4.4m between athletes. Attendance lists must be available for inspection at the request of the health authorities for 14 days after the event.

2.2.3 Shooting line

2.2.3.1 U21 and competitive sports competition

Competitions for U21 only and competitive competitions can be held with four persons per target. However, the capacity of the infrastructure must be taken into account. There must still be 10m² available per person in the waiting area.

2.2.3.2 Recreational sports competitions

Two persons per target are permitted. Shooting may be carried out in two stages in "A/C" mode, provided that the athletes have the necessary space available in the waiting area in the athletes' zone. If there is ample space, the AB mode is also possible with both persons on the shooting line at the same time. However, at 18m indoor competitions it must be taken into account that the tolerances of the shooting distances (across the diagonal) are observed.

The minimum distance between athletes on the shooting line is generally still 1.5m. At indoor events, the wearing of masks on the shooting line may only be waived if the minimum distance of 4.4m is maintained.

2.2.4 Athletes' and waiting zone

The flow of people is to be directed in such a way that the required distance of 1.5m can be maintained between all people.

The organiser takes into account that more space than usual must be provided for the athletes' area. The area of 10m² must be available per person.

2.2.5 Spectator area

Spectators are only allowed at competitive sports competitions (Art 6. Para. 1g). At outdoor competitions the maximum number of spectators is 100 persons, at indoor competitions the maximum is 50 persons. Seating is compulsory, whereby the seats must be allocated to the spectators. Seating is also compulsory during breaks and the consumption of food and drink is prohibited (Art. 6 Abs. 1^{bis}). In the case of pre-installed seats (grandstands), a maximum of one third of the available seats may be occupied.

Recreational competitions and competitions for U21 must continue to take place without an audience.

Adults may accompany children and youths who are not able to travel to the competition venue on their own. However, they are only allowed to stay in the sports facility when bringing and collecting the children and youths. In between, they must leave the facility. (Source: COVID FAQ of the FOSPO)

2.3 Course competitions

Course competitions are in general also subject to the fixed maximum total number of participants. It must be taken into account that the lifting of the maximum number of participants for U21 and competitive athletes only applies to competitions in which only these groups of people can participate. If adult recreational athletes are also allowed to take part in a competition, the restrictions on group sizes, the distance rule and the obligation to wear masks apply to all participants.

While the group size of up to six persons on the course is no problem and these groups do not approach each other, the total number of participants comes together at the assembly points. The extent to which this number can be increased by dividing the competition into several non-intersecting rounds (on the same day) must be clarified with the respective canton.

In all indoor areas, the general mask obligation and the general distance rule of 1.5m apply. In outdoor areas and on the course only the distance rule applies. If there is a gathering of people in the outdoor area outside the course where the distance rule cannot be observed, the mask rule also applies.

The distance rules must also be observed during shooting within the group. Groups shall keep their distance from each other and not approach each other. If a group blocks closing groups due to a material defect, overtaking of this group is only permitted if there is sufficient space available for crossing.

2.3.1 Attendance list

Only the registered athletes, their coaches, the judges and the organisers or volunteers are allowed on the course. Contact details only have to be recorded if the minimum distances are exceeded outside the course for more than 15 minutes. Attendance lists must be available at the request of the health authorities for 14 days after the event.

2.3.2 Common areas

The athletes, organisers and visitors present at the assembly points and in the waiting areas shall comply with the distance rules or, if the distances are not observed, with the obligation to wear masks.

2.3.3 Spectators

Spectators are only allowed at competitive sports competitions (Art 6. Para. 1g). The rules as described in the corresponding chapter for target competitions apply. Because course competitions in Switzerland are only held as recreational sporting events, the public is still not allowed at course competitions.

Adults may accompany children and youths who are not able to travel to the competition venue on their own. However, they are only allowed to stay in the sports facility when bringing and collecting the children and youths. In between, they must leave the facility. (Source: COVID FAQ of the FOSPO)

3 Rules for the groups of persons involved

Each participant is responsible for adhering to the guidelines. Everyone is expected to follow and enforce the rules. Everyone is responsible for protecting themselves and others.

3.1 Athletes in target competitions

3.1.1 General

At recreational sport competitions the following applies: In the outdoor area, masks must be worn as soon as the minimum distance of 1.5m cannot be maintained. At indoor events, the obligation to wear masks applies in general.

These rules are waived at competitions exclusively for U21 and/or competitive athletes. However, if the minimum distances cannot be maintained for more than 15 minutes without further protective measures (e.g. on the shooting line), the organisers are obliged to collect the contact details.

3.1.2 Shooting line

3.1.3 In adult recreational sports, the mask may only be removed on the shooting line at outdoor competitions if the distance between the athletes is at least 1.5m. In indoor competitions, the mask may only be taken off on the shooting line if the distances between the athletes are at least 4.4m.**Athletes' and waiting zone**

In the athletes' and waiting zone, athletes shall continue to comply with the distance rules in accordance with the federal and cantonal regulations. They shall always stay in the area of their shooting position and avoid unnecessary circulation.

3.1.4 Scoring and drawing the arrows

The athletes shall observe the distance rules in front of the target. The athlete scoring his/her arrows steps up to the target, the other person remains behind it at the required distance and notes down the arrow scores. Then the positions are changed. A short crossing with less than the required distance is unavoidable.

The scorers do not exchange the documents and leave them with the disc. When using electronic scoring devices, the device shall remain with the athlete operating the device.

3.2 Athletes in course competitions

3.2.1 Shooting position

At the shooting pegs, the two athletes of a pair may shoot at the same time, provided that the space allows this. The normal rules on distances to the shooting peg apply. The distance rule must still be observed. Slightly exceeding the maximum permitted distance of one metre to the shooting peg is tolerated if this allows two athletes to shoot at the same time.

3.2.2 Scoring and drawing the arrows

When drawing the arrows, each athlete draws his/her own arrows in compliance with the distance rules. When touching the target or the 3D animal **it is recommended to use a cloth or glove** to avoid direct contact with the target.

3.3 Judges

The judges will adhere to the distance rules when officiating and additionally to the mask requirement at indoor competitions. Explanations and instructions are given without direct contact with the athletes and at a distance.

During the validity of this protection concept, the material control before the start of the competition is waived. According to the current regulations, the judges may check the equipment of the athletes at any time during the competition.

3.4 Field Crew

Helpers in the field shall adhere to the distance rules and, in addition, to the mask requirement indoors. Before and after handling target faces and targets, volunteers wash or disinfect their hands..

3.5 Results management team / Office

The staff in the competition office shall observe the distance rules and the obligation to wear masks indoors. If possible, the staff in the competition office will only work with their personal equipment (PC/laptop, writing utensils)..

In order to avoid gatherings of people in front of the lists, it is recommended that the lists are also made available to the participants electronically (e.g. QR code link on ianse.net or own corresponding website.) Before handing out score cards and posting lists, the staff in the competition office will wash or disinfect their hands. Likewise after collecting and processing stand sheets.

After use of electronic input devices, they will be stored dry and isolated for at least 72 hours. For events lasting several days, the equipment will be cleaned or disinfected between competition days.