



Dear Members, Affiliates and Individual Members,

On 8 September 2021, the Federal Council announced new measures on the use of COVID certificates that came into effect from 13 September 2021 and until 24 January 2022 or earlier if the situation in the hospitals improve. A certificate (on paper/pdf or official App) documenting a COVID-19 vaccination (valid 1 year), a previous illness (valid 180 days after the positive test result) or a negative test result (valid 72h for PCR tests and 48h for rapid antigen tests) will be required.

We understand the implications for Swiss Netball to be the following:

a) **Outdoor:** No restrictions, regardless of age

b) **Regular indoortraining events involving max 30 people** (same recorded list of people and not mixing with other groups in the same room – gym with the partitions down are ok); No requirement for athletes and coaches, except that coaches/managers/etc. need to wear a mask if distance cannot be maintained and everyone needs to wear a mask if using rooms (e.g. WC) and other areas accessible to other groups. If spectators or parents/guardians are expected to enter the indoor premises, then please apply the rules under “other indoor sport events” or, when applicable, ask the parents/guardians to wait outdoor for their children.

c) **Other indoor sport events (e.g. games, trials, etc.):** Obligatory COVID certificate for all athletes and coaches aged 16 and above with no mask wearing requirement for anyone and no need to collect names. U16 athletes can enter without a COVID certificate.

When spectators, parents/guardians are expected to participate, the rules for events apply, i.e.:

1) If entrance is restricted only to those with a valid COVID certificate or aged below 16, then there is no requirement for masks, contact details, distancing, etc.

2) In other cases, obligatory masks must be worn by all over 12 year old spectators/parents/guardians, sufficient distancing from athletes and coaches must be in place with no close interaction, contact details must be collected from all participants, etc. Please see [here](#) for all precautionary measures required. Please note that for events of 1000 people or more, the COVID certificate is always required. Moreover, the hosting Canton must authorize it.

Swiss Netball recommends implementing the first option or to ask parents/guardians to wait outside the premises if they need to pick up their child.

As before, indoor facilities need to ensure effective ventilation.

The general frequently asked questions (FAQ) for sport events are available at this site: <https://www.baspo.admin.ch/de/aktuell/covid-19-sport.html#faq>

We will keep you informed of developments. If you have any question please do not hesitate to contact us by email at admin@swissnetball.ch

Swiss Olympics and Swiss Netball encourages all eligible members to vaccinate.

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