

Dear Members, Affiliates and Individual Members,

The Federal Council is constantly updating measures to fight the COVID epidemic. The latest ones were issued on 17/12/21 and will be valid until 31 March 2022.

Based on the latest measures and adhering to the guidance received from the Swiss Federal Government and Europe Netball, Swiss Netball requires the following for its activities and competitions:

a) **Outdoor events:** No restrictions, regardless of age up to 300 participants (players, spectators, etc.).

b) **All indoor sport events can take place under the following conditions:**

- All participants (e.g. players, coaches, etc.) who are 16 years old and above must be, within the last 4 months, fully vaccinated and/or have recovered from COVID which falls under the 2G+ category. If the last vaccination or the recovery is older than 4 months, an antigen test must be taken in the 24 hours (or PCR in the 48 hours) in a Covid centre, preceding the event/match/activity to prove negative COVID status. A certificate is required and self-tests are not valid. Swiss Netball will not admit participants that are not fully vaccinated/recovered unless exempted from vaccination for documented medical reasons.
- All participants (e.g. players, coaches, etc.) who are under 16 years old but playing in the Senior League are not obliged to provide proof of full vaccination or recovery. However, an antigen test must be taken in the 24 hours (or PCR in the 48 hours) preceding the event/match/activity to prove negative COVID status. A certificate is required and self-tests are not valid. If an U16 athlete has had covid or been fully vaccinated, within the last 4 months, and therefore fall under the 2G+ category, they do not need to present a verified negative test.
- All participants (e.g. players, coaches, etc.) who are under 16 years old playing in the U15 League are not obliged to provide proof of full vaccination or recovery, nor present a verified negative test. However, it is highly encouraged to take an antigen test in the 24 hours preceding the event/match/activity.
- However, if a participant experiences one of any such symptoms, a cough, sore throat, fever, headache, runny nose, muscle ache and/or stomach-ache, a negative self-test is not sufficient. The player should not attend the event.

All spectators (not players or coaches) need to follow the above measures, subject to specific rules the hosting institution might put in place (e.g. limit access only to players).

As before, indoor facilities need to ensure effective ventilation.

The general frequently asked questions (FAQ) for sport events are available on the following link: <https://www.baspo.admin.ch/fr/aktuell/covid-19-sport.html#faq>

Please note that specific facilities may adopt more restrictive rules. In particular, it appears that the Geneva municipality facilities have been instructed to allow the non-use of masks only for elite athletes holding a Swiss Olympic Card and for combat sports (e.g. boxing).

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