Amendments to the IJF COVID-19 Protocol (v. 10 February 2022)

The following changes (in red) apply to IJF events from the Tbilisi Grand Slam (3-5 June 2022).

Continental unions and national federations may apply the amendments with immediate effect.

2.2 IJF COVID-19 Specific Conditions of Participation

All participants, whether they are delegation members or staff, international or local, MUST:

C) Always wear a mask. Exceptions: masks are not obligatory on the Field of Play tatami, in the coach box, on the warm-up tatami whilst warming up or on the training tatami whilst training, or while eating in designated dining areas.

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C) Mask wearing is optional*, unless it is mandated by the host country's government with the exceptions of: competing/refereeing/coaching/medal ceremonies, on/at the Field of Play tatami, on the warm-up tatami whilst warming up or on the training tatami whilst training, or while eating in designated dining areas.

*The IJF Medical Commission still recommend the wearing of masks in areas where social distancing is not possible.

4.13. Awarding Ceremony

- The protocol for the awarding ceremony must have social distancing.
- No physical contact, no handshake, only judo bow allowed.
- All athletes, VIPs and hostesses involved must wear a mask.
- VIPs and hostesses shall keep 1.5 m distance.
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Further softening of the IJF COVID-19 Protocol will be made once the vaccination and/or recovery levels reach 85% or higher. Therefore, we encourage the judo family to continue to report/upload their vaccination documents.

APPENDIX 1 - DELEGATIONS' TESTING PROTOCOL

Athletes ONLY	
Timeline	Action
	Maximum 4 days (96h) before arrival to the bubble: 1 PCR test.
FULLY VACCINATED Arrival and entry to event bubble	Upon arrival to the bubble: 1 PCR test (isolate until negative result received).
	Before weigh-in: 1 rapid antigen test.
	Maximum 4 days (96h) before arrival to the bubble: 1 PCR test.
RECOVERED* Arrival and entry to event bubble	Upon arrival to the bubble: 1 rapid antigen test. (If permitted by the host country's regulation, otherwise 1 PCR test).
	24h after arrival to the bubble: 1 rapid antigen test.
	Before weigh-in: 1 rapid antigen test.
NON-VACCINATED	
Arrival and entry to event bubble	Same as vaccinated until further notice.

^{*}RECOVERED is a person who has served their quarantine period as per their country regulation and the date of their positive test (a dated positive PCR test, a positive antigen test or recovery certificate must be uploaded to my.ijf.org) is within one month of the arrival to the bubble. People claiming the RECOVERED status for an event MUST contact the IJF via covid@ijf.org before they start their travel.

All others (coaches, doctors etc.) except athletes	
Timeline	Action
VACCINATED	Maximum 4 days (96h) before arrival to the bubble: 1 PCR test.
Arrival and entry to event bubble	Upon arrival to the bubble: 1 PCR test (isolate until negative result received).
	Maximum 4 days (96h) before arrival to the bubble: 1 PCR test.
RECOVERED* Arrival and entry to event bubble	Upon arrival to the bubble: 1 rapid antigen test. (If permitted by the host country's regulation, otherwise 1 PCR test) 24h after arrival to the bubble: 1 rapid antigen test.
	48h after arrival to the bubble: 1 rapid antigen test.
NON-VACCINATED	
Arrival and entry to event bubble	Same as vaccinated until further notice.

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