



GAMES OF THE XXXII OLYMPIAD – TOKYO 2020

COVID-19 SPORT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

Hockey

This document describes the Sport Specific Regulations (SSR) outlining how a confirmed positive COVID-19 case or a close contact is managed within the Hockey competitions on the occasion of the Games of the XXXII Olympiad Tokyo 2020.

The following documents are in force and contain elements related to the SSR:

- FIH Rules of Hockey ([LINK](#))
- FIH Competition Regulations for the Games of the XXXII Olympiad ([LINK](#))
- Tokyo 2020 Playbooks (Athletes & NOCs, IFs, Workforce and Olympic Family) ([LINK](#))
- Late Athlete Replacement
- Qualification System

The content of this document has been confirmed by the IF on 9th July, 2021 and will continue to be reviewed in operational readiness exercises between the IOC, Tokyo 2020 and stakeholders throughout July. It therefore remains subject to change and stakeholders will be notified when it is finalised.

If an athlete, or team, are not able to continue to compete in the competition because they have not followed the Playbook, they will be subject to the appropriate sanctioning as detailed by the IOC and Tokyo2020 in the Playbook V3.

A. SPORTS REQUIREMENTS

Tournament size

Both the men's and the women's tournaments contain twelve (12) teams each.

Official team size

At the Olympic Games, each qualified team is entitled to 16 athletes (Aa) and two (2) Ap alternate athlete plus a reserve goalkeeper

Use of Ap athletes – following the IOC communication on Wednesday 30th June, about the new flexible approach to the use of Ap athletes, this overrides the Hockey Regulations.

In order to provide teams with flexibility, it has been decided by the IOC that teams are entitled to reconstitute their teams ahead of every match. The number of athletes in a match day squad will remain as 16, but teams will be able to select their matchday 16 from their 18 (Aa and Ap) athletes. The process will not have to follow the Late athlete Replacement process and is therefore allowed without justification or medical certificates.

As per the Hockey Regulations, the matchday squad must be entered via TMS at least one hour prior to the start of a match.

Note: The Reserve Goalkeeper is **not** included in this more flexible approach, so can still only be brought in to a matchday squad as a permanent change due to illness or injury of the squad Goalkeeper, and the process of replacement will have to follow the existing Late Athlete Replacement policy.

Minimum team size

In accordance with the Regulations, there is no minimum number of athletes required in order for a team to take part in a match.



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Team Officials and Additional Team Officials (Ao, Ac and ATO),

There may be five (5) team officials per team on the field of play: a. the Team Manager for the match; b. the Coach on the team bench for the match; c. Physiotherapist (if any); d. Medical Doctor (if any), e. an additional person as required (if any).

However, there is no minimum number of team officials required to start a match.

Technical Officials (J and NTOs)

The following officials are required in order for the events to go ahead: two (2) match umpires, one (1) reserve umpire, one (1) video umpire, one (1) technical officer (TO), two (2) judges

B. COMPETITION PROGRESSION

All sport competition events should start and end as defined by the official Tokyo 2020 competition schedule, to ensure effective running of competition and operations, and that broadcast schedules are unaffected.

During the pool matches:

In case a team or teams cannot participate in a pool match, it will be recorded as a 5-0 loss but the team will not be withdrawn from the competition. The pool rankings will be determined in the usual way, including the 5-0 loss(es) for any matches not played for this reason. The said team/teams will be allowed to play it's/their remaining pool matches if they are able to.

In case two teams are unable to participate in the pool match between them, the match will be recorded as a 0-0 result but no points will be awarded to either team. The teams will not be withdrawn from the competition and the pool rankings will be determined according to the Tournament Regulations. The said teams will be allowed to play their remaining pool matches if they are able to.

In case one or more team(s) is unable to continue in the competition before the end of the final match in the pool stage, they will be ranked in the pool according to their results, with 5-0 losses for any matches they have not been able to compete in, but they will not be considered for progression to the knockout stage. If they are ranked in the top 4 teams, the top 4 teams not including the withdrawn team(s) will progress to the knockout stage.

During the knockout stages:

Teams that are not able to continue to compete in the competition will be considered DNS and will be awarded the minimum ranking they have achieved.

After the pool stage is complete and the quarter final teams confirmed, in case a team that has qualified for the quarter finals is not able to participate in a match, if time allows, the next ranked team from their pool will replace them in the quarter final. If there is not sufficient time (at the sole discretion of the FIH) their opponent will be awarded a 5-0 victory and proceed to the semi-final. The team which was not able to participate in the match will be considered to have lost the match 5-0 and will be ranked 8th in the competition.

If both teams due to play against each other in a quarter final are unable to compete, and there is insufficient time to replace them, then neither will advance to the semi-final and both teams will be ranked as if they had lost the quarter final.

In case of the semi-finalists, if a team withdraws or is unable to participate prior to the match and there is sufficient time to replace them, they will be replaced by their quarter final opponent. If there is not sufficient time for a replacement team then their opponent will advance to the final. They will be ranked in the competition as the losing semi-finalist and the loser of the bronze medal match, ie 4th



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If both teams due to play against each other in a semi-final are unable to compete, neither will advance to the final and both teams will be ranked 4th. In this case, the winner of the other semi-final will be awarded the Gold medal, and the loser of the other semi-final will be awarded the bronze medal.

If a team withdraws or is unable to participate in the Bronze medal match, such team will not be replaced, and the remaining team is allocated the Bronze medal.

If both teams due to play against each other in the bronze medal match are unable to compete, both teams will be awarded a bronze medal.

If a team withdraws or is unable to participate in the final, if there is sufficient time then their opponent from the semi-final will be promoted to the final. In this situation, no bronze medal match will be played and the other losing semi-finalist will be awarded the Bronze medal. The withdrawing team will be awarded a Silver medal and the loser of the Gold medal match will also be awarded a Silver medal.

If both teams due to play against each other in the final are unable to compete, both teams will be awarded a gold medal.

A team that is unable to compete or is deemed to have withdrawn from a match or the competition, may be subject to further disciplinary action as determined by the FIH Executive Board.

C. DECISION MAKING AND COMMUNICATION

In case of a team being unable to compete or withdrawing, the following decision-making group will gather to agree the next steps:

Designated IF Personnel

- FIH Event Director
- FIH Sport Director
- FIH Head of Media
- FIH Technical Delegate

Timelines

The decision-making group should gather within 30 minutes of a person being notified by their Covid-19 Liaison Officer.

Distribution of the final decision of team participation should take place momentarily to the following groups:

- FIH Medical Officers
- Team Managers and Doctors
- Tokyo 2020 Hockey Manager
- FIH CEO

Communication Distribution of the Decision

- Sports Operations Centre
- Main Operations Centre
- Results Manager, Media Manager



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