



CV-19 Safety Protocol for 2021 World Para Ice Hockey World Championships B-Pool Östersund

The Parasport Sweden and Swedish Paralympic Committee and the Local Organising Committee (LOC) is glad about being able to host the 2021 World Para Ice Hockey World Championships B-Pool in Östersund, Sweden. To make this possible, the LOC, in agreement with local government, health authorities and Parasport Sweden, have decided to design and implement a Safety Protocol to minimize all possible risks to an acceptable level. The main goal of this Protocol and its rules/procedures is to create a safe environment for everyone involved in the championships, regardless of being the athlete, official, LOC, volunteer, etc. However, this protocol does not provide a guarantee, it is only a monitoring and helps us to react as soon as possible.

The protocol should be considered alongside any and all guidelines and regulations from local public health authorities for the duration of their stay in Sweden. In the event of a conflict between requirements of local public health authorities and the Safety Protocol, the more stringent requirements apply.

The Safety Protocol and its procedures described in this document, are subject to change according to the local and global COVID-19 pandemic situation development. The Swedish Government has an opening plan of five stages. Stage 4 is expected to start in September, which means the Government will ease a number of restrictions and recommendations. Depending on if that happens or not, we have to modify this Safety Protocol for adapting the restrictions and remain prepared to handle any new situation.

The most important and effective measures for personal protection as well as for the protection of others are:

- Social/physical distancing (stay away at least 1,5 meter from each other)
- Proper hand hygiene
- Wearing a face mask covering the mouth and the nose
- Correct cough etiquette
- No sharing (food, towels, water bottle, etc.)

Face covering:

Wearing a face mask is mandatory in all public areas (indoor / outdoor) at all times, except for these situations:

- While consuming food or beverages.
- Unless you are the only occupant of a closed-door room / with your team in the locker room.
- Doing physical activity (warm-up)



- On the ice during practice/game.

The face mask suggested by the Ministry of Health of Sweden for the purpose of this championships Safety Protocol should be preferably surgical masks and face covering with minimum protection class CE-marked that meet the quality requirements in the standard SS-EN14683: 2019, which is mandatory while travelling. Mask should be changed on a regular basis according to the type of mask. Home made fabric masks are not allowed in Sweden.

Proper hand hygiene

Proper hand hygiene is required at all times. All participants need to wash their hands for 20 seconds with soap and water after using toilet, after sneezing or coughing and before eating. Use of alcohol-based hand sanitizer is recommended.

Correct cough etiquette:

Cough etiquette must be followed – always cough or sneeze into a tissue or the bend of your elbow.

Social / physical distancing

All participants are required to always practice social/physical distancing. It is important to minimise social interaction, wear a mask, and avoid enclosed spaces and crowds where possible. Keep 1,5 metres distance from each other.

Training camp Bubble

As a part of the Safety Protocol, the LOC together with local authorities and designed secured zone called “Game bubble” and its requirements.

Vaccination

Due to insufficient evidence on the duration of protection and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines, all participants of the Event should continue to practice Safety Protocol and public health measures for prevention and control of SARS-CoV-2 infection and transmission regardless of vaccination status.

Tournament Infection Control Officer

The LOC assigned a Tournament Infection Control Officer (TICO) who will be responsible in coordination of all necessarily arrangements with the Swedish local authorities (e.g. Ministry of Health, Regional Hygienic Station, etc.) and who will implement and regulate the Safety Protocol.

TICO will be the key person for all related COVID-19 issues during the event.

Should you have any question regarding safety requirements connected with the COVID- 19, please do not hesitate to contact TICO by e-mail: tommie.jirhed@parasport.se

All participants of the 2021 World Para Ice Hockey World Championships B-Pool should be aware that the successful, enjoyable and safe tournament depends on compliance with the Safety Protocol and the discipline of all participants before the start and during the tournament.

The LOC thanks the participating teams, officials, staff, volunteers, and all other participating staff for compliance with this Safety Protocol so as we all can enjoy the tournament.



Entry Sweden:

The following types of tests for covid-19 are approved: Antigen test, PCR test, LAMP test and TMA test. Antigen testing is available in the form of rapid tests for ongoing covid-19 infection, and is usually the test referred to as rapid testing. The following information must be on the certificate for it to be valid:

- The name of the person who has been tested, passport number or social security number.
- Time of sampling
- The type of test that has been performed.
- The test result
- Name, telephone number and address of the issuer of the certificate or of the laboratory that carried out the test.

The information must be clearly stated in Swedish, English, Norwegian, Danish or French. The Swedish Public Health Agency recommends that everyone who travels into Sweden, regardless of citizenship, should test themselves upon entry and to avoid contacts for seven days. This applies regardless of whether you are covered by the requirement to present a negative covid-19 test before entry or not.

Sweden will always apply entry regulations according to the last country you enter from, even if this is only a transit country. See the Swedish regulations for more information here:

<https://polisen.se/en/the-swedish-police/the-coronavirus-and-the-swedish-police/travel-to-and-from-sweden/>



2021 World Para Ice Hockey World Championships Time Line

September



Living your home country.

Sending one RT-PCR testing to tommie.jirhed@oarasport.se The test cannot be older than 48 hours old.

14th of September



Traveling to Sweden, tentative to the competition schedule.

All participants will conduct a Antigen covid test on arrival at the hotel

Self-isolation at the Team hotel room until training /game

14th of September



Entering Tournament Bubble (only with negative RT-PCR test result)

17th - 22th September



2021 World Para Ice Hockey World Championships B-Pool. First PCR-test is conducted. After that all participants need to complete a PCR-test every 5 days.

23th of September



Travel back to your home country. NPC delegation and ITOs in consultation with the LOC accredited medicine agency for tests and conduction for each arrival destination including transfer destinations.

Before travelling to Sweden

The teams are kindly asked to name their Team Covid-19 Coordinator to be in contact with the Tournament Infection Control Officer tommie.jirhed@parasport.se and deal with all matters connected with the Safety Protocol and any COVID-19 suspicion before the start as well as during the World Championships no later than 17 August 2021.

Clearance of the Players, Coaches, Team Staff & IPC Officials –

- All participating teams' players, coaches & staff members must show proof of one



negative RT-PCR tests that were taken before entering game World Championships; no later than 48 hours. (depending on the day of traveling to Sweden). Certificates with negative COVID-19 test result of each participants from both COVID-19 tests must be sent to tommie.jirhed@parasport.se one day before travelling to Sweden.

- The test result certificates must be in English writing.
- The LOC will send to the teams COVID-19 Coordinator the excel sheet with a layout of all necessary information to be filled in, at the beginning of September.

Travelling to Sweden

- All participants must have valid passport and a valid travel document (visitor visa), if required, to enter Sweden.
- When entering Sweden, everyone must show proof of a negative RT- PCR test not older then 48 hours. The entry form will be send to the team CV-19 Coordinator and then send back to: tommie.jirhed@parasport.se must be in English writing.
- It is the NPC's responsibility to secure COVID-19 protection for their players, coaches, and staff during travel to Sweden.
- A face mask must be always worn during any kind of transport. The alcohol-based hand sanitizer must be used frequently.

Covid countermeasures:

Tommie Jirhed will be the Covid Officer for the 2021 World Para Ice Hockey World Championships.

1. All athletes, assistants, coaches and ITOs (participants) to be posted a Covid test to be done at home within 48 hours of travelling to the 2021 World Para Ice Hockey World Championships. The NPCs will be charged for their tests in Sweden by credit card or invoice. If a test is positive, they will not be permitted to attend the tournament. Test results have to be sent back to tommie.jirhed@parasport.se prior to travelling. All participants will conduct an antigen covid test on arrival at each hotel. If a test is positive, athletes will have to isolate in their rooms for the required period at their own cost.
2. Those who stay longer than 5 days will conduct a new PCR-test.
3. Athletes will be temperature tested daily with a gun.
4. All participants are to wear face masks
5. All coaches are to wear face masks
6. Social distancing rules will be applied when off court.
7. Participants will not be permitted to leave the facility for the duration of the tournament

If any individual develops symptoms:

If an accredited person displays any of the symptoms or returns a positive COVID-19 test, then the individual and close contacts must self-isolate in their hotel room/s.



If any individual develops symptoms, irrespective of any previous test outcome, then they must self-isolate and contact the Tournament Infection Control Officer. Should any individual develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19 they must self-isolate in their room for 10 days from the day the symptoms started or date the positive test was taken.

As a result of any isolation periods The LOC will liaise with the hotel and support the team with requirements. As previously stated, athletes and team officials must ensure they have appropriate medical insurance to cover routine medical healthcare, including COVID-19 care if reciprocal home country arrangement do not apply.

For clarity, all scenarios that may require a period of self-isolation are stated below.

Scenario	Symptoms?	COVID-19 test result	Identified as close contact?	Action	Notes
1	Yes	Positive	No	Isolate for 10 days from start of symptoms or day of test whichever comes first	Can end isolation after 10 days if does not have symptoms
2	No	Positive	No	Isolate for 10 days from day of test	Can end isolation after 10 days if does not have symptoms
3	Yes	Negative	No	Isolate until negative test result is returned.	
4	No	N/A	Yes	Isolate until negative test result is returned	
5	No	Negative	No	No Action	

As a safety measurement the LOC recommend everyone traveling to the World Championships to minimise social interaction, wear a mask, and avoid enclosed spaces and crowds where possible the week before traveling to Sweden.

Compliance & Sanction

By registering for the Event, all participants agree and commit to strictly follow these stated rules and procedures.



Any participant who breaks the Tournament Safety Protocol will have his or her accreditation privilege revoked and will be expelled from the tournament bubble (Team Hotel and Competition Venue)

Sanctions are applicable to all participants (athletes, coaches and team staff, LOC staff, IPC/WPIH delegates, ITOs and volunteers).

In case of violations, a disciplinary procedure will be opened. In case of 1 or 2 bubble violations in a team, the concerned members will be expelled from the bubble, in case of 3 or more bubble violations, the disciplinary panel will need to consider expulsion from the tournament of the entire team.