

U19 WFC 2021 Qualifications – COVID-19 Status Update

16th June 2020

Dear Floorball friends,

The IFF Central Board decided in its meeting 15th June 2020 the Go / No-go dates for the U19 WFC 2021 qualifications as follows:

AOFC - organiser: 3rd August, teams: 10th August

EUR – organisers: 21st August, teams 31st August

AMERICAS (if played during the international weekend in November) – organiser 21st August, teams 31st August

Re-assessment of the COVID-19 situation should begin during the first week of July with updates every second week. The re-assessment will need to consider both the restrictions that will limit the possibility of participation in the event as well as how the event itself would be run. The following factors are those that will need to be considered:

FOR TEAMS

Travel restrictions

- What travel restrictions are still in place?
- What is the likelihood of these changing in a way (positively or negatively) that would impact on the possibility of your team to travel?
- Even if travel restrictions are eased, how is the situation for actually making travel bookings? Are there flights available at reasonable prices?

Health restrictions

- Are there associated restrictions with travelling, such as the need to undergo COVID-19 testing prior to travel?
- Even if travel is allowed will participants still need to quarantine when they return to their home country?

Team preparations

- Will your team have adequate opportunities prior to the event to prepare properly?
- Will you be able to secure a sufficient number of participants for your team? (As this is an U19 event many parents may not be willing for their child to travel, no matter if restrictions have been lifted)

FOR ORGANISERS

Travel/entry restrictions

- What are the quarantine restrictions for travellers arriving to the event?
- Are there restrictions on arrivals from any specific countries?
- Do the restrictions differ for arrivals from different countries? (eg. some have to quarantine, some don't)

Government guidelines

- What are the guidelines on mass gatherings?
- What are the guidelines on indoor events?
- What official approval will you need, if any, for your event to go ahead?

Medical restrictions

- What guidelines will be in place for team interaction in the venues / accommodation / transport?
- What happens if a participant (player, team official, volunteer, IFF staff) gets sick during the event? How would that effect the event as a whole?

Venue restrictions

- Are spectators allowed? If yes, how many?
- If limited numbers, are there requirements for them to be distanced? Are they kept separate from the event participants?
- Use of locker rooms? Will teams share locker rooms or have the exclusive use of their own during the event?
- What will be the protocols for contact between the media and the teams?
- What extra cleaning protocols will be put in place?

Accommodation

- Regarding hotels that are reserved for teams and IFF, it is important that deadlines for cancellation and payments are in line with the Go/No-go dates set for the teams

Documents

- Whatever your decision regarding the event, documents from government, health authorities, city, and /or venue owners either supporting your decision to hold the event, or confirming the reasons for postponing or cancelling will need to be provided
- In the case of postponement or cancellation these formal supporting documents will be very important if teams need to make any insurance claims

FOR THE IFF

The options to be considered regarding the event:

1. Playing the event – if the situation has improved and travel restrictions have been relaxed then playing the event will be pursued as the best option, but possible problems would still need to be addressed
2. Postponement – could be considered if we could find an alternative date on which the event could be held and we think there will be a significant difference in either the ability of the organiser to host or teams to participate if we postpone
3. Cancellation – if the situation remains the same, where travel is restricted by either organising country or other government / health authorities, or has even worsened, or a majority of teams are unable to participate, or an organiser cannot host an event, then cancelling the event should be considered