



## COVID19 Position Statement

***Approved by the World ParaVolley Board on 18 August 2020  
and subject to ongoing review until further notice.***

### Introduction

This Position Statement specifies the stance that World ParaVolley has taken in relation to competitions and courses and COVID19 for the rest of the 2020 year. It is subject to ongoing review at regular intervals and applies until rescinded by the World ParaVolley Board.

World ParaVolley has the aim of protecting the health and well-being of all athletes, teams, officials and volunteers in the first instance, irrespective of costs, competition plans, grants and training courses. This is our first responsibility in the light of COVID19. At the same time, World ParaVolley must accept that a return to competition is desirable as soon as possible.

This Position Statement has been based on information provided by:

- The World ParaVolley Athletes' Commission
- The ParaVolley Europe Athletes' Commission
- The World ParaVolley Medical Advisor
- The World ParaVolley Legal Advisor
- The World ParaVolley Medical Department

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World ParaVolley strongly encourages all Zone Confederations and National Members to seriously consider the need to hold any competitions in the year 2020. Whenever possible, 2020 events should be either cancelled or postponed to 2021.

World ParaVolley does not support the staging of any 2020 sitting volleyball or beach paravolley competitions and does not encourage World ParaVolley Officials to attend such events. If any World ParaVolley ITO agrees to attend any event in 2020, World ParaVolley will not sanction such Officials but it should be made clear that the Officials do so at their own risk.



World ParaVolley will not accept any responsibility for any COVID19 outbreaks or infections that occur at any events that World ParaVolley has advised against proceeding.





If a Zone Confederation or World ParaVolley Member conducts any event despite this advice, at the very least the following procedures must be employed:

- The COVID19 processes and procedures supported by the government/national health authority of the country must be strictly followed
- The World ParaVolley volleyball-specific documents developed by and available from, the Medical Department must be strictly followed:
  - World ParaVolley Risk Assessment and Competition Mitigation Checklist Tool
  - Return to ParaVolley Sport Event Hosting Guidelines
  - Bouncing Back: Safe Return to ParaVolley Sport - Guidelines
- The Zone Confederation must place in writing to the World ParaVolley General Manager their full acceptance of the risks and consequences of proceeding with any events in 2020 and state that World ParaVolley and its Board are in no way responsible for any consequences arising from the conduct of any events
- The World ParaVolley Member must place in writing to the respective Zone Confederation their full acceptance of the risks and consequences of proceeding with any events in 2020 and state that the Zone Confederation and its Board are in no way responsible for any consequences arising from the conduct of any events
- Two months prior to the event, and one month prior to the event, a Zonal Confederation host must provide a detailed written update to the General Manager indicating how the above Plans/Processes are being followed
- Two months prior to the event, and one month prior to the event, a Member host must provide a detailed written update to the Zonal Confederation indicating how the above Plans/Processes are being followed

***This position statement is applicable until considered to be no longer required in line with medical advice.***



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