

Statutory Instrument No. 81 of 2021

BOTSWANA NATIONAL SPORT COMMISSION ACT
(Cap. 60:01)

BOTSWANA NATIONAL SPORT COMMISSION (COVID-19) (SPORT SAFETY STANDARDS) REGULATIONS, 2021
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SCHEDULE

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred on the Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sport and Culture Development by section 43 (2) (a) of the Botswana National Sport Commission Act, the following Regulations are hereby made —

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| Citation and commencement | 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Botswana National Sport Commission (Covid-19) (Sport Safety Standards) Regulations, 2021, and shall come into operation on 1st October, 2021. |
| Interpretation | 2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —
“bio bubble” means a team secluded for purposes of compliance with Covid-19 sport guidelines;
Cap. 63:01 (Sub. Leg.) “Covid-19” has the meaning assigned to it under the Public Health (Covid-19 Control Measures) Regulations;
“Covid-19 sport guidelines” means guidelines issued by the Commission in terms of regulation 7;
“non-vigorous sport activity” means a sport activity set out in the Schedule;
“participant” includes a player;
“SHE officer” means health professional or a person with a minimum qualification of a diploma in health and occupational safety appointed by a sport association for purposes of ensuring compliance with Covid-19 sport guidelines;
“sport activity” includes a game and sport event;
“team” means a group of individuals who participate in a sport activity, including a club; and
“vigorous sport activity” has the meaning assigned to it under Public Health (Covid-19 Control Measures) Regulations. |
| Appoint of SHE officer | 3. In order to prevent the spread of Covid-19, a sport association shall appoint a SHE officer for every sport activity. |
| Wearing of face mask in non-vigorous sport activity | 4. Subject to the Public Health (Covid-19 Control Measures) Regulations, a participant in any non-vigorous sport activity shall wear a face mask. |

5. In order to prevent the spread of Covid-19, a sport association shall ensure disinfection of a sport facility or premises where a sport activity takes place, as may be specified in the Covid-19 sport guidelines. Disinfection of sport facilities
6. (1) A team member shall present a negative Covid-19 PCR test result — Covid-19 test for participants
- (a) prior to taking part in a training camp for a vigorous sport activity; or
- (b) before any game or sport event where there is no training camp for a vigorous sport activity.
- (2) Subject to the Covid-19 sport guidelines, a team in subregulation (1) shall maintain a bio bubble for the duration of the training camp.
7. (1) In order to prevent the spread of Covid-19, the Commission shall issue Covid-19 sport guidelines. Covid-19 sport guidelines
- (2) Without limiting the generality of sub-regulation (1), the guidelines may provide for —
- (a) Covid-19 testing, including random Covid-19 testing during training or a sport activity;
- (b) safety standards for a training camp and bio-bubble;
- (c) safety standards for a sport activity;
- (d) disinfection of a sport facility;
- (e) safety standards for non-participants; and
- (f) any other measure as the Commission may consider necessary for controlling the spread of Covid-19.
- (3) A team may suspend a participant who contravenes the guidelines issued under subregulation (1) from the training camp for a period not less than seven days:
- Provided that such participant may return to the training camp on —
- (a) expiry of the suspension period; and
- (b) presentation of a negative Covid-19 PCR test result, undertaken at the participant's cost, from a facility recognised by the Commission.
- (4) A sport association may suspend a team which contravenes the Covid-19 sport guidelines issued under subregulation (1) from a sport activity.
- (5) In the case of subsequent contravention of the Covid-19 sport guidelines, and notwithstanding subregulations (3) and (4) —
- (a) a team may suspend the participant for the duration of the training camp or disqualify such participant from participating in the sport activity; and
- (b) where, in spite of the suspension or disqualification of the participant in subregulation (a), there is grave risk of the spread of Covid-19 —
- (i) a sport association may disqualify a team from the sport activity, or
- (ii) the Commission may suspend the sport association or sport activity.
- (6) In addition to the suspension or disqualification in sub regulation (5), the participant or team contravening the Covid-19 sport guidelines shall pay a penalty fee not exceeding P5 000.
8. Where, for purposes of an international sport activity, international requirements are more stringent than Covid-19 sport guidelines issued under these Regulations, such stringent requirements shall take precedence. Application of international requirements over the Regulations

SCHEDULE
(regulation 2)

NON-VIGOROUS SPORT ACTIVITY

- (a) chess;
- (b) bridge;
- (c) darts;
- (d) golf;
- (e) bowling; and
- (f) other sport activities as the Commission may determine.

MADE this 28th day of September, 2021.

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Culture Development.*