

MINISTRY OF SPORTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE: GUIDANCE FOR RESUMPTION OF SPORTS ACTIVITIES DURING COVID 19 PANDEMIC

1. The Ministry of Sports, Culture and Heritage has now released the revised guidelines for resumption of Sports activities during the Covid-19 pandemic May,2021
2. March, 2020 the Ministry called for cessation of Sports competitions and group Sport activities.
3. In June 2020,the Minister approved the Resumption of Sports Advisory Committee to draw up protocols for resumption of Sports activities in Kenya
4. The protocols guided the gradual resumption of sports with safety restrictions
5. The May, 2021 revised guidelines place more emphasis on athlete safety, containment measures and vaccination.

Frontline staff:

- Refers to the staff involved directly in the event logistics and deal with the athletes, equipment, apparel, security agents, medical personnel, Covid 19 liaison officers attached at the event and any other person actively participating in sports event.
6. Sports stakeholders are advised to have plans in place to modify execution of sports activities
 7. Resumption of any sport and recreation activities will be preceded by key and necessary areas as follows:
 - Information sharing with the athletes participants/officials
 - Education to athletes, officials and venue staff
 - All sport Federations/organizations to domesticate these guidelines
 - Provision of these domesticated guidelines currently in use, read and understood
 8. All organizers and venue operators should appoint Covid -19 compliance contact person (preferably sports officials) and response team.
 9. Ensure availability of:
 - Hand washing facilities
 - Alcohol based sanitizers
 - Temperature screening on entry
 - Physical distancing
 - Mandatory masks wearing

ALL VENUES FOR SPORTS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE:

- Safe environment
- Documented regular routine cleaning and disinfection of venues
- Equipment to meet safety threshold
- Officials and all staff working in Sports venues will have to take the Covid-19 tests as per Sports Medical Consortium/Protocol
- Downing masks
- Face shields for flash interviews

- Meetings, Briefings and Notices are highly recommended to be carried out on digital platforms
- Handshakes, hugs to celebrate achievements during and after event is prohibited
- Exchange and sharing of uniforms/kits is prohibited
- Medical team on standby
- Covid-19 response team on standby with PPE
- Signage at every entrance and strategic locations to remind all persons the Covid 19 measures
- Body temperature checks shall be conducted to all persons at the entry to the venues

VENUE PREPAREDNESS

1. Identification and appointment of Covid 19 Sports Champions and Response Personnel Teams
2. Health checks, testing and screening for athletes, athlete support personnel, sport officials, venue staff, sport goods suppliers
3. Fully endorsed by MOSCH action plans by organizers
4. Isolation and medical rooms to be availed in every venue
5. Sufficient water supply, soaps, trash cans, and alcohol based sanitizers to be availed.
6. Venues should be thoroughly disinfected prior to any event
7. Seating spaces should show social distancing markings
8. Entry and exit points should be clearly marked.
9. Signage about covid -19 should be clearly displayed at the venue as recommended by the public health guidelines
10. Designated places for PWDs and other vulnerable groups must be clearly set
11. Cooling down places should be identified and not in the changing rooms

NB:

Camps, private sports clubs, training and talent academies should adhere to same protocols

PREPARATIONS TO TAKE THE TRANSITION

1. Provide vaccination to the participants
2. Promote desirable behaviours
3. Complete risk assessment of the transition to be made.
4. Management of numbers involved
5. Strategies to limit time
6. Maintenance of social distancing
7. Cleaning of equipment and any other shared facilities used e.g. (toilets)
8. Identification of a safe place for isolation

Safe to return training committee by Federation/Organization should be in place.