



Specific operational provisions and guidelines applicable to UEFA Futsal matches

Version 3

1. Preamble

The UEFA Return to Play Protocol (UEFA Protocol) sets out the framework of medical, sanitary and hygiene procedures and operations protocols to be applied when staging UEFA senior competition matches, but there are differences in the preparation and delivery of UEFA futsal competition matches which must be taken into consideration.

2. Objectives

The aim of this document therefore is to complement the UEFA Protocol with the specific operational provisions and a dedicated testing programme applicable to competitive futsal matches organised by UEFA (UEFA futsal matches).

3. Scope of application

These specific provisions apply to all UEFA futsal matches set out under the Objectives of this document until further notice, in conjunction with the applicable relevant competent national/local authority legislation and requirements.

Non-compliance with the obligations set out in the UEFA Protocol and these specific provisions may lead to disciplinary measures in accordance with the *UEFA Disciplinary Regulations*.

7. Testing

The following text replaces in its entirety the corresponding text of Section 7 of the UEFA Protocol as applicable from time to time.

It is recognised that physical distancing or other infection preventative measures may not be possible in all circumstances, not least between the opposing team players during a match as well as between a team's players and technical staff. For this reason, UEFA will implement a rigorous testing programme to increase security and confidence for everyone involved in a UEFA futsal match.

7.1. Type and definition

Prior to each single match, or prior to the first match of a mini-tournament, the target groups as outlined in Section 7.3 below will be subject to a pre-departure or pre-match (as applicable according to whether they are a travelling team or a home team) SARS-CoV-2 RNA test conducted by analysing swabs of an individual's nasopharyngeal and, if applicable, oropharyngeal (throat) cavity walls for SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acids, using a PCR (polymerase chain reaction)-based test or equivalent clinically validated test based on nucleic acid amplification technology (PCR Test). A PCR Test is defined as positive on detection of viral RNA (genes) at the threshold defined in the manufacturer's instruction of the particular test cleared by UEFA. A PCR Test with at least two viral target genes must be used. At least two targets must yield positive signals for a sample to be determined to be positive.

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For matches played in mini-tournament format, once onsite, target groups may be required to perform additional rapid lateral flow antigen tests (Antigen Test) as determined in Section 7.6. below. An Antigen Test is defined as positive on detection of targeted viral protein at the threshold defined in the manufacturer's instruction of the particular test cleared by UEFA.

7.2. Sample collection and laboratory diagnostics service provider

UEFA will appoint a sample collection and laboratory diagnostics service provider (hereinafter "Testing Service Provider" (TSP)) as the entity in charge of sampling and testing for all PCR Tests related to UEFA futsal matches. The relevant target groups must comply at all times with the instructions of UEFA and/or the TSP in relation to the implementation of efficient procedures related to the sample collection or testing of PCR Tests.

Antigen Tests will be provided by UEFA to each mini-tournament host for distribution to Groups 1 and 2.

Team doctors will be responsible for the sampling, performing the tests, and interpreting the results of the Antigen Tests for their own team delegation. These tests must be carried out in the presence of the UEFA Match Delegate and/or other UEFA-appointed representative.

The host association must appoint a doctor or nurse to all members of Group 2 with their Antigen Test sampling and testing.

7.3. Identified target groups

The following two identified target groups will be subject to the UEFA testing programme:

Group 1:

- **Teams:** All players potentially participating in a UEFA futsal match together with the technical and operational staff such as coaches, assistants, physios, doctors, main contacts, press officers and match managers.

Group 2:

- **Referees:** The referee, second referee, third official, timekeeper and, when appointed, a reserve referee
- **UEFA match officers (when appointed):** UMD, Referee Observer, Security Officer, Doping Control Officer, Venue Director and Media Officer
- **UEFA venue team members (when appointed):** Venue Operations and Broadcast Manager, Venue Media Manager and Venue Services and Sponsorship Manager

Group 3:

A third group providing local support to the match delivery has also been identified. For single matches, any person appointed to a role in this category must provide and carry with them at all times onsite a certification from a test institute accredited by the authorities confirming a negative result from a PCR Test carried out not earlier than MD-3.

For mini-tournaments, any person appointed to a role in this category must provide before the first match of the mini-tournament a certification from a test institute accredited by the authorities confirming a negative result from a PCR Test carried out not earlier than MD1-2. Subsequently, each person must also perform an Antigen Test (from the list of Antigen Tests approved by UEFA) the day before the 3rd matchday of the relevant mini-tournament.

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For single matches and qualifying round mini-tournaments, this group will not be included in the UEFA testing programme unless directly appointed by UEFA. For UEFA-organised event matches (e.g. final tournaments or single match finals) UEFA may also organise testing for participants from Group 3.

- **Local support:** relevant local liaison and support staff (e.g. referee liaison officer, delegate liaison, doping control chaperones, team liaison officers etc)
- **Pitchside medical team:** Pitchside emergency doctor and stretcher teams (4-8 stretcher bearers). This target group may already have been tested by the national health authorities.
- **Broadcast staff:** Host broadcast (HB) staff operating in Zone 1 on MD-1 and MD
- **Supplier staff:** UEFA partners and suppliers operating in Zone 1 or with close contact to tested members of Group 1 or 2 (e.g. VIR (Video Instant Replay) Operators).

7.4. Pre-competition screening

To reduce the risk of positive PCR Tests immediately before competition matches, all members of Groups 1 and 2 who are not at that time undergoing a domestic PCR testing regime are strongly encouraged to undergo at least one round of pre-screening PCR testing. For single matches this pre-screening should take place between MD-7 and MD-5 of the first leg match of the tie, while for mini-tournaments this pre-screening should take place between MD1-7 to MD1-5 prior to the relevant mini-tournament. In such cases, testing must be organised by each team with a testing institute accredited by the authorities.

UEFA may from time to time organise pre-screening PCR Tests for some Group 2 match participants before competition matches.

7.5. Single match testing schedule

The various groups will be tested for individual matches according to the following standard schedule:

7.5.1. Group 1:

Teams will be subject to testing before each match in the relevant competition. The team MLO is responsible for booking the test for the whole team delegation and must make contact with the TSP Contact Manager in the country where the test will take place, at least seven days before the requested sampling date.

- **Visiting team:** sample collection and testing will take place with the TSP before leaving their home country. The sample collection will take place on MD-3 or MD-2 according to the time required to organise the sample collection logistics, testing and deliver results in the country in question – a list of the turn-around times (time to deliver results from the end of sampling) by country will be produced to be shared with all teams. The sample collection must be organised to allow the results of this test to be delivered to the MLO prior to the departure of the team to the match location so as to ensure that the MLO removes any persons who tested positive from the delegation that will travel. Teams and tested persons shall ensure that UEFA is granted access to the individualised negative test results in a timely manner for purposes of the UMD being able to cross-check venue access processes.

If the team travel plans and/or turn-around time requires the pre-departure PCR Test to take place before MD-3, the pre-departure test must still be organised with the TSP. An additional PCR Test will then be required, which must take place not earlier than MD-3.

- **Home team:** sample collection and testing will take place with the TSP on MD-2 or MD-1 only, depending on the time required to organise the sample collection logistics, testing and deliver results

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in the country in question (a list of the testing deadline by country will be produced to be shared with all teams). Teams must arrange a sampling time with the TSP that will allow results to be delivered at the latest 6 (six) hours prior to kick-off time (local time) on the day of the match. Teams and tested persons shall ensure that UEFA is granted access to the individualised negative test results in a timely manner for purposes of the UMD being able to cross-check venue access processes.

7.5.2. Group 2:

Sample collection and testing for Group 2 will take place in the home country of the person in question. In principle the person will be required to go to a local sampling location of the TSP on the agreed day and time. In cases of proven difficulties, UEFA may exceptionally allow members of this group to use other testing providers. The test for venue team members must take place on MD-3, while for all other groups (referees, delegates etc), testing will take place on MD-3 or MD-2 depending on the time required to organise the sample collection logistics, testing and deliver results in the country in question (a list of the sampling deadline by country will be produced to be shared with relevant match participants). In principle results will be delivered prior to the departure of the person in question to the match venue. Anyone involved in MD-1 activities at the match venue or interacting with tested members of Group 1 on MD-1 must plan their sampling time to receive their results before the MD-1 activities start, but in no case may testing be earlier than MD-3.

If the individual's travel plans and/or turn-around time requires the pre-departure PCR Test to take place before MD-3, the pre-departure test must still be organised with the TSP. An additional PCR Test will then be required, which must take place not earlier than MD-3.

7.5.3. Group 3:

Sample collection and testing for Group 3 will, in most cases, take place in the match venue country and must take place on MD-3 at the earliest. Tests must be arranged by the organisation responsible for appointing the person in question (for example, the National Association must organise a test for the referee liaison officer no earlier than MD-3). Group 3 participants must have a certificate from an accredited test institute confirming a negative SARS-CoV-2 RNA test result for presentation upon arrival at the match venue for their relevant activities on MD-1 and MD, or before their first interaction with tested persons from Group 1 or 2.

The HB is responsible for testing of camera operators and assistants working in Zone 1. Testing must take place on MD-3 or MD-2 to ensure these persons have received their results in time to participate in the MD-1 media activities.

7.6. Mini-tournament testing

Testing for Groups 1, 2 and 3 will take place according to the following schedule:

7.6.1. 4-team mini-tournament

- All members of Group 1 and Group 2 will be tested using PCR Test on MD1-2 of the relevant mini-tournament before departure from their home country, or no earlier than MD1-2 for a host team, with sample collection taking place according to the time required to organise the sample collection logistics, testing and deliver the results in the country in question. Test results must be delivered before the participant's departure for the host city.
 - This test will be sufficient for MD1 and MD2 of the mini-tournament.
 - However, if the pre-departure PCR Test took place earlier than MD1-2, an additional Antigen Test for Group 1 and referees from Group 2 will be necessary on arrival in the host city or on MD1-1.

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- If Group 2 working staff need to depart for the host city earlier than MD1-2, they must be tested using PCR Test by the TSP between 24-48hrs before departure to the host city. Any potential additional testing between their arrival and MD1-2 will be determined as needed.
 - If their pre-departure PCR Test took place earlier than MD1-2, Group 2 working staff will be tested using Antigen Test on MD1-1 before going to the match venue.
- Group 3 working staff must be tested using PCR Test in time to allow results to be delivered ahead of their first interaction with the tested members of Groups 1 and 2 (e.g. TLOs and RLOs to be tested in time to receive results before teams and referees arrive onsite), but in no case may this test be earlier than MD1-2
- All members of Groups 1, 2 and 3 must then carry out Antigen Tests on MD3-1 of the mini-tournament
 - Group 1 Antigen Tests must be carried out in the presence of the UEFA Match Delegate or other UEFA-appointed representative

7.6.2. 3-team mini-tournament

- All members of Group 1 will be tested using PCR Test on MD-2 of their respective first match of the relevant mini-tournament (i.e. either MD1-2 or MD2-2 depending on the specific match schedule) before departure from their home country, or on MD1-2 if a host team, with sample collection taking place according to the time required to organise the sample collection logistics, testing and deliver the results in the country in question. Test results must be delivered before the participant's departure for the host city.
 - This test will be sufficient for Team 2 and Team 3 who play two matches on consecutive days
 - However, if the pre-departure test of Team 2 or Team 3 took place earlier than MD-2 of their first match of the mini-tournament, then an additional Antigen Test must be carried out on MD-1 of their first match
 - Team 1, who have a rest day, must carry out an Antigen Test on MD3-1
 - Group 1 Antigen Tests must be carried out in the presence of the UEFA Match Delegate or other UEFA-appointed representative
- All members of Group 2 will be tested using PCR test on MD1-2 before departure from their home country
 - If Group 2 working staff need to depart for the host city earlier than MD1-2, they must be tested using PCR Test by the TSP between 24-48hrs before departure to the host city. Any potential additional testing between their arrival and MD1-2 will be determined as needed.
 - If their pre-departure PCR Test took place earlier than MD1-2, Group 2 working staff will be tested using Antigen Test on MD1-1 before going to the match venue.
 - All members of Group 2 must carry out an Antigen Test on MD3-1
- Group 3 working staff must be tested using PCR Test in time to allow results to be delivered ahead of their first interaction with the tested members of Groups 1 and 2 (e.g. TLOs and RLOs to be tested in time to receive results before teams and referees arrive onsite), but in no case may this test be earlier than MD-2 of the first match they are involved in
 - All members of Group 3 must carry out an Antigen Test on MD3-1

7.6.3. Final tournament testing

The testing schedule for Groups 1, 2 and 3 will be communicated to the participating teams in due course.

7.7. Management of test results

In view of the current pandemic circumstances, to safeguard the health of all persons involved in UEFA competition matches and the general public, only those in Group 1, 2 and 3 that have tested negative may be entitled to travel to or take part in the relevant UEFA match. Each person entering Zone 1 will be required to provide confirmation of a negative COVID-19 test result. For single matches and the first matchday of each mini-tournament each person entering Zone 1 must present a confirmation of a negative PCR Test – issued by the TSP for all members of Groups 1 and 2 – accompanied by a photo ID, on arrival at the match venue on matchday in order to be granted access to Zone 1 (or a declaration form for an onsite Antigen Test for any team in a mini-tournament who had their PCR test earlier than MD-2 of their first match). During mini-tournaments for subsequent matches where Antigen Tests are required, after each Antigen Test the Team Doctor for Group 1, and each individual for Groups 2 and 3, must complete a declaration form provided by UEFA to confirm they have carried out an Antigen Test and received a negative result in order to have access to Zone 1 (see Annex C).

Any person who has been exempted from the SARS-CoV-2 RNA testing requirement by the authorities must instead produce a written confirmation of their exemption from the relevant aforementioned authorities). Any person from these Groups not in possession of such a confirmation will not be allowed to enter Zone 1, which includes persons whose results are 'inconclusive'. Depending on the applicable local legislation/regulations, a negative test result or confirmation from the authorities of exemption from testing may be required to enter the country where the match takes place. In such circumstances, team MLOs must download and print the negative test certificates or applicable exemptions for each member of the travelling delegation, as well as, if existing, any related UPAP recommendations that have been provided.

Teams and tested persons shall ensure that UEFA is granted access to the individualised negative test results of all PCR Tests in a timely manner for purposes of the UMD being able to cross-check venue access processes.

PCR Tests

If someone in Group 1 or Group 2 tests positive, the TSP will immediately inform the authorities as required. In cases where the TSP is not obliged to inform the authorities, the TSP will inform the team's MLO in question of his/her duty to do so and will provide the relevant contact information. In such a case, the MLO shall confirm in writing to UEFA that the authorities have been duly contacted, and provide UEFA with any decision taken by the latter. The TSP will also inform the team's MLO, who must be aware of any obligations required by the authorities that need to be followed either by the team or the person in question. Teams must ensure that no person testing positive can travel to the match venue or take part in the match. Test results are not subject to challenge.

Antigen Tests

Before each mini-tournament, the host national association must announce a point of contact with the authorities that teams must liaise with in case of positive Antigen Tests.

In case of a positive Antigen Test from someone in Group 1 during a mini-tournament, the team MLO must immediately inform the identified contact person, and UEFA, of this test result.

In case of a positive test result from someone in Group 2 during a mini-tournament, the person concerned must contact the UEFA MLO, and must also inform the nominated contact person within the authorities as communicated before the start of the mini-tournament.

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Any person receiving a positive Antigen Test result must immediately be quarantined, and then must undergo a PCR Test to confirm or not the positive result. In this regard the host national association must assist the relevant team (Group 1) or individual (Group 2) with contacting an accredited PCR testing institute. The result of the PCR test will define if the individual can or cannot attend the match.

In the event of a positive PCR Test result, teams may be asked to produce the results of their contact tracing programme (see Section 8 of the UEFA Protocol) and evidence of any physical distancing regimes that have been implemented within the team. Failure to produce evidence of a proper contact tracing programme and best practice distancing behaviours may prevent mitigation or minimisation of the impact of a positive result on the team group.

The members of the team delegation shall only be tested once ahead of their UEFA competition match as per the testing schedule stipulated under sections 7.5 and 7.6. above (except in cases where a mandatory SARS-CoV-2 RNA test is required in the country where the respective match takes place, or if the travel schedule/turn-around time requires a team to do a pre-departure test ahead of MD-3, and therefore a second test is required for the match). In principle, positive tested individuals may not be retested and therefore cannot participate in the match following the delivery of a positive COVID-19 test result.

However, individuals may be retested in the following circumstances:

- (i) If the test result of the relevant member of the team delegation is declared as '*inconclusive*' by the TSP; and/or
- (ii) If an additional test was ordered by the authority, for instance to retest:
 - one or more positive or '*presumed positive*' tested individuals;
 - individuals who initially returned a negative COVID-19 test result but who were isolated/quarantined as part of the contact tracing procedure of the authority;
 - individuals for any other reasons as deemed necessary by the authorities.

In both circumstances (i) and (ii), the team is required to immediately inform UEFA of such additional testing. Furthermore, whenever a new test is ordered by the authority, the team must provide UEFA with written confirmation of the request. Unless decided otherwise by the authority, the additional test(s) must always be conducted by the TSP.

A '*presumed positive*' result is treated as a positive result and any instructions from the authorities must be followed.

If any person from Group 1 is notified of an '*inconclusive*' test result, it is recommended to isolate the person in question from the rest of the team delegation until a conclusive result is delivered.

If anyone in Group 2 tests positive, the TSP shall immediately inform the concerned person and the authorities as required. The concerned person shall inform UEFA in order to expedite an efficient replacement of the person in question at the match, as well as to allow UEFA to provide any relevant support or assistance.

If anyone in Group 3 tests positive, they must follow the requirements set out by the authorities where the test took place.

If any person from Group 2 or Group 3 is notified of an '*inconclusive*' test result, that person must not go to the venue or interact with other persons working at the match until a conclusive result has been delivered.

7.8. Previous confirmed cases

It is currently recognised that those who have recovered from COVID-19 may still be at risk of delivering positive COVID-19 test results, despite having no contagion risk nor virus symptoms. Participants from Group 1 or Group 2 who have verified confirmation that they have now recovered from the virus are invited to submit documentation of this to the UPAP, including the date of diagnosis of the virus, complete relevant medical history and any other medical documents in this context e.g. PCR Test or any other laboratory tests. This must be provided at least one week before the individual's next planned UEFA sampling. This information will then be analysed by the UPAP which may provide recommendations for the affected person to be exempted from further SARS-CoV-2 RNA testing or for other possible steps to be taken, e.g. alternative testing methods.

In order to submit a request for a UPAP recommendation, teams are required to contact covid19testing@uefa.ch with a completed Illness Record Form (see Annex C) to receive further instructions on the information to be provided for the relevant case. Unless all relevant necessary documentation is submitted, the UPAP will not be able to provide a recommendation.

Any such UPAP recommendations are strictly advisory and it is the responsibility of the team to liaise with the authorities to obtain a final decision on the recommendation provided by the UPAP to the team (potentially both in the team's home country and in the country of the match venue).

7.9. Vaccinations

Full or partial vaccinations do not exempt any persons from the COVID-19 testing programme set out in this document.

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The following inclusions complement or replace the corresponding text in the UEFA Protocol as applicable from time to time.

11.2 Team official delegation

The team's official delegation (e.g. team president, board of directors etc) travelling with the players and technical staff must be kept to an absolute minimum. Unless otherwise established by UEFA, a maximum of 5 people from the team's official delegation may attend the match.

Two persons (e.g. President, GS, CEO) from this pool of tested official delegates will be given access to Zone 1 of the match venue in addition to the normal playing and technical staff delegation of 25 persons. However, these two persons may only access this area from the time of team arrival until the scheduled start of the warm-up and again from 15 minutes after the end of the match.

13 Hotels

Ideally, an exclusive hotel, or alternatively an exclusive floor or wing of a hotel, should be reserved for the sole use of each visiting/participating team during their stay. When selecting mini-tournaments hotel(s) and allocating teams to hotel(s), hosts must consider the hotel(s)' ability to:

- implement all applicable principles set out in this document and the UEFA Protocol;
- segregate players/technical staff from different teams.

The visiting team (single matches) or the host team (mini-tournaments) must make arrangements to prevent any close contact between the teams and other guests or staff. This should include:

- Where possible, one private individual dining area for each team
- If the above is not possible, one large private dining area divided into four areas i.e. one area for each team

Food should be served by the team's own staff and/or as few hotel staff as possible, with food placed on a table and collected by the players/coaches/trainers. Where buffets are served, one station per team should be prepared. No clean-up is to take place until the entire delegation has left the dining areas so that the smallest number of hotel staff is present in the dining room during meals.

14 Match Venue Operations

In this section "stadium" is replaced by "match venue".

As a specificity for futsal mini-tournaments, hosts sometimes choose to schedule two matches on the same day in the same match venue (double-header matches). In this case, when setting kick-off times for double-header matches on the same day in the same hall using the same dressing rooms and technical facilities, hosts must ensure there is enough time between matches so that Zone 1 can be thoroughly cleaned, disinfected and aired out after teams have left after the first match, and before teams arrive for the second match. In practice this may require allowing up to approximately five hours between the kick-off times of the two matches.

14.1.2 Face masks and hand sanitiser

Face masks covering the mouth and nose must be worn by anyone present in the match venue at all times. Failure to comply with wearing masks will be reported to the UMD and the venue HO and may lead to ejection from the match venue.

The requirement to wear a mask includes, but is not limited to, the following target groups: all members of team delegations including official delegations of team executives, team technical and medical staff seated on the substitutes bench (except substitute players and head coach when seated on the substitutes bench), UMD, UEFA venue staff, all members of Group 3 testing group, venue operational staff, stewards, catering and cleaning staff, broadcast staff, media (except commentators during the match and presenters presenting to camera), photographers, signage and LED teams and independent medical staff (pitchside emergency teams, medics).

14.2.1 Match venue zones

- **Zone 1** – The ‘team zone’ includes the dressing room areas (team and referee dressing rooms, doping control station, medical room, delegate’s office, tunnel), the player benches, any additional seats in the stands used to extend the benches and for the additional delegation members not part of the match sheet, the pitch and pitch surroundings up to the pitch perimeter advertising boards (or, if possible, up to 4m from the pitch markings) and the warm-up areas including, if possible, a distance of 1.5m around the warm-up areas. This zone is for the groups required exclusively for match operations (players, substitutes, coaching, technical and medical staff, referees, doping control officers and assistants, pitch medics, security, hygiene staff) but also people fulfilling the minimum delivery obligations, such as limited HB staff, technical suppliers, signage, pitch cleaners and moppers etc. Only those who can present a confirmation of a negative COVID-19 test (PCR or Antigen as applicable according to the testing schedule in Section 7.6 above) will be allowed to enter Zone 1, and no more than approximately 80 people are allowed to be in Zone 1 at any one time. The total amount of persons in this zone must be limited and reduced to an absolute minimum and the match venue configuration must be taken into account when defining the total number of persons allowed.
- **Zone 2** – The ‘pitch surroundings’ means the area between the pitch perimeter advertising boards and the tribunes. Along the side of the benches this zone extends from 2m from the outer limit of the warm-up area to the tribunes. This zone is for manned camera positions, HB staff (e.g. pitch reporters), photographers, ball children, groundskeepers, LED operators, etc. During preparation times (T1) no more than 60 people are allowed in Zone 2, but while the teams are in the stadium on MD-1 and MD (T2) no more than 30 persons are allowed in this zone.

14.4 Team personnel and numbers at the match venue

Teams are permitted to come to the match venue with a Zone 1 tested group of a maximum of 25 persons, and in principle only this group may access Zone 1. UEFA may reduce or extend this number on a competition-by-competition or round-by-round basis. This allocation must include everyone from the team who will need access to Zone 1, which means players, coaches, technical and medical staff, logistics support (kit manager and security) and key operational staff (team main contact / match manager, press officers etc.). Zone 1 accreditations will only be issued on production of a negative test confirmation (PCR or Antigen as applicable according to the testing schedule in Section 7.6 above) from the last relevant test, together with a photo ID.

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In addition, the match organiser or host association/club (mini-tournament) may grant five Zone 1 access passes to staff who may need access to this Zone for operational reasons but who are not linked to the playing/coaching delegation. This must include the HO, match manager/match director, any match venue facilities staff needed for emergency maintenance, and security staff or stewards who need access to Zone 1. The match organiser or host association/club is responsible for ensuring these persons are all tested before each match.

The team's official delegation (president, board of directors etc) are permitted to come to the match venue (up to a maximum of 5 persons although UEFA may reduce or extend this number on a competition-by-competition or round-by-round basis.). They will be provided seats in the tribune and will not be allowed to enter Zone 1 at any time, with the exception of the two people described in section 11.2 of the UEFA Return to Play Protocol.

14.6.1 Dressing rooms

Dressing room areas for the teams and technical staff must optimise physical distancing and air circulation. Depending on the actual size of the dressing room, additional nearby rooms or spaces may therefore also have to be used. Ideally, a room or area should be set aside for the team's technical staff and equipment that is separate from the player's changing areas.

If additional rooms or alternative solutions cannot be found at the match venue to respect the physical distancing and air circulation, the teams and referees' team are strongly encouraged to:

- Prepare the match tactics at the hotel
- Arrive at the arena already wearing the playing attire
- Use of the dressing rooms in alternance without going over the maximum capacity
- After the match, if possible, take the shower in the hotel unless this poses a risk to the player's health due to the climatic and temperature conditions

Cleaning of dressing rooms, team benches and technical areas

The dressing room areas, team access routes (corridors, door handles, handrails, etc.) team benches and technical seats (including any additional seating used to maintain physical distancing) must be thoroughly disinfected before the team arrives on MD-1, between the team training sessions on MD-1 and prior to the match. Once the dressing rooms have been disinfected prior to team arrivals, no one may enter until the teams arrive other than tested team support staff, e.g. team kit staff.

For double-headers (see Section 14 intro above), Zone 1 must be disinfected again immediately after T2 of the first match.

Dressing room catering

Teams must agree with the home team (single matches) or host association/club (mini-tournament) on the supply of food and drinks to the dressing rooms and each team is responsible for ensuring that any food and drink deliveries adhere to all hygiene requirements and minimise any risk of contamination.

14.6.2 Team benches and additional seats

Substitutes and coaching / technical staff must remain at least 1m apart on the bench. Solutions must therefore be found to extend the team benches or separate each seat on the bench. Solutions to adapt this seating may include the use of adjacent seating in the tribunes if accessible, or two rows of chairs if space permits.

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Up to 5 additional seats (with 1m spacing between each seat) must be earmarked in the tribune next to the benches for members of each team's tested pool who are part of the matchday Zone 1 delegation.

Teams are strongly recommended not to switch sides following the initial coin toss. Nonetheless, in the event that the captain requests this, teams are asked to carry their own chairs/benches and all their belongings (towels, medical bag, bibs, etc.) to the other side, making sure that the configuration remains the same (respect of 1m distance between the chairs/players in the bench).

Should the chairs or benches be fixed, the immediate action of the cleaning crew would be required. No team would be entitled to switch sides until the disinfection is complete.

During half-time, no action is required from the teams. The cleaning crew will be responsible for disinfection of the benches.

14.6.3 Player warm-up areas

Substitutes should warm up behind their team bench if space permits or next to the team bench towards the goal lines.

15 Match operations

15.1 Match Venue/Zone tours and organisational meeting

Single matches

As per UEFA Protocol

Mini-tournaments

Before the first match of each mini-tournament, the host association must organise a tour of all the halls used during the tournament for the UMD, the match/venue manager and the HO. On request of the visiting team(s), the host association may also organise a Zone 1 tour for them.

The number of people attending the mini-tournament organisational meeting must be limited to the strict minimum. The UMDs, the main contacts of the participating teams, the teams' PCOs and the host's HOs must attend the meeting. All other participants must attend remotely in a videoconference organised by the host.

15.2 Official reception and education seminars

The official lunch/dinner is not mandatory. The event and the number of participants should be agreed between the teams in advance and due consideration should be given to physical distancing. It is recommended that any person either part of, or in close contact with, the team's tested pool should not attend this event.

It is not recommended to organise official events, such as receptions (e.g. players party). In any case, the event(s) and the number of participants should be agreed between the host and the teams in advance and due consideration should be given to physical distancing. No one who is either part of, or in close contact with, the team's tested pool should attend these events.

Educational seminars, such as match-fixing prevention presentations, will be held. Teams must ensure all players have access to and participate in these sessions.

Specific operational provisions and guidelines applicable to UEFA futsal matches

If official events are organised, they must adhere strictly to the rules and requirements of the national health authorities.

15.3 Ball Children and Moppers

Ball children

The home team (single matches) or host association/club (mini-tournaments) decides the ball recovery and replacement system to be used for the matches based on the match venue configuration.

Moppers

Moppers will be appointed by the host and positioned on the side of the team benches, on each of the corners. They will be requested to wear a mask at all times and disinfect their hands before and after warm-up as well as before and after each half. Referees should be briefed to keep social distancing between moppers and players.

Annex A – Testing requirements

1. Testing coordination

1.1. Pre-departure testing

The procedure for Group 1 coordination for PCR Tests is as follows:

- UEFA will confirm to the TSP the teams participating in the relevant round of the competition, together with contact details of each team's MLO.
- The TSP will contact the team MLO as early as possible (exact date depends on date/time of previous match) to arrange a time for the pre-departure test to be shared with UEFA as well for information.
 - The MLO must also organise an appropriate sampling facility at the team's training ground, match venue or other appropriate facility.
 - The testing will be organised to take no more than approximately 2hrs for the entire testing pool to be sampled.
- Following the relevant player registration deadline, UEFA will provide to the TSP with an initial list of persons to be tested for each team to allow the sampling kits to be prepared.
- On the morning of the test, UEFA will provide to the TSP with the final list of persons to be tested, with copy to the team MLO.
 - The TSP testing will take place with the number of staff present necessary to ensure all samples can be taken within approximately 2hrs.
 - The team MLO must ensure the presence of all persons listed on the final list according to the schedule agreed with the TSP and shall ensure that all consents and other formalities for which the samples for testing should be taken are signed upfront to avoid delays in the sample collection process.
 - Any players or staff not tested will not be able to travel or enter Zone 1 of the match venue and will not be able to take part in the match.
- The team MLO is responsible for ensuring that, in case of emergency, appropriate medical staff are present during the testing procedure.
- All members of the TSP testing team must wear appropriate PPE for the testing procedure, and any team staff present must wear a mask at all times.
- Teams and individuals will be required to sign any relevant documentation allowing the TSP to carry out SARS-CoV-2 RNA testing in accordance with this Protocol.
- After the testing, the team MLO and the TSP will be requested to sign a document stating that all tests were successfully performed.
- UEFA may appoint a representative to oversee the testing procedure and to report any issues to UEFA directly.
- Once all tests have been analysed, the TSP will share the results;
 - With the team MLO, who will receive the full list of results including positive and negative test results. Teams and tested persons shall ensure that UEFA is granted access to the individualised negative test results immediately upon receipt so the UMD can cross-check venue access processes;
 - With the authorities in case of positive results, if necessary.

1.2. Testing at match location for mini-tournaments

The procedure for coordination of Antigen Tests is as follows:

- UEFA will source Antigen Tests for each mini-tournament for all members of Group 1 and Group 2 for any Antigen Tests required under the schedule set out in Section 7.6. above, and provide them to the mini-tournament host for distribution to each target group

Group 1

- Team doctors will be responsible for the sampling, performing the tests, and interpreting the results of the Antigen Tests for their own team delegation
- The team doctor is responsible to ensure that all members of the team delegation, including any team executives, are tested ahead of each match in accordance with the schedule set out in Section 7.6. above
- UEFA may appoint a representative to oversee the sampling and testing procedure and to report any issues to UEFA directly

Group 2

- The host association must appoint a sample collection nurse or doctor to assist all members of Group 2 with their Antigen Test sampling and testing, in accordance with the testing schedule set out in Section 7.6. above

Annex C – Antigen Test Declaration Form



Declaration Form

COVID-19 Rapid Lateral Flow Antigen Test – Group 1

COVID-19 Rapid Lateral Flow Antigen Test Declaration Form

I, the undersigned, Dr _____, team doctor of _____, hereby certify that all members of the team delegation included in the attached list, related to the match _____ vs _____ do not show any signs of COVID-19 related symptoms at the present time and that each of those members has returned a negative rapid lateral flow antigen test in accordance with the Testing Programme for UEFA futsal matches.

In the event any of the above requested information is incorrect, inaccurate or incomplete, UEFA reserves the right to take further actions against the undersigned doctor and, if necessary, their respective team organisation.

Date: _____ Place: _____

Signature (team doctor): _____

Name (UEFA delegate / UEFA-appointed representative): _____

Signature (UEFA delegate / UEFA-appointed representative): _____

[NB: This form must be signed on MD-1 by both the team doctor and the relevant UEFA representative. If not attended by the UEFA Delegate, the form must be provided to the UEFA Delegate at the latest by 10:30am MD morning. The UEFA Delegate must email a copy of each form to covid19testing@uefa.ch including the match name and "Antigen Test declaration" in the email subject line.]



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