



2021 INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Procedures and Protocols

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS



**WASH
HANDS**



**WEAR
MASKS**



**SANITIZE
HANDS**



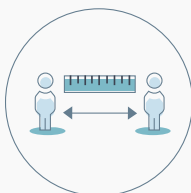
**AVOID CLOSE
CONTACT**



**COVER YOUR
COUGH**



**AVOID
CROWDS**



**SOCIAL
DISTANCE**



**WIPE
SURFACES**



**AVOID
TOUCHING**

OVERVIEW

This document details operational procedures and protocols at the 2021 USBC Collegiate Intercollegiate Team Championships in light of COVID-19. Many of these rely upon rules and regulations set forth by public health authorities.

These may change as regulations set forth by public health authorities change and will be updated as necessary.

These have been developed specifically for the 2021 USBC Collegiate Intercollegiate Team Championships and are not mandates for certified local and regional events. The information provided in this document does not, nor is it intended to, substitute for legal or medical advice. You should contact your attorney and your local health professionals before conducting any mass gathering or event.

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) has created a tool for locating health officials in your area. This resource can be found [here](#).

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS NOTICE

Participants should be aware of any travel restrictions imposed by governmental authorities that may impact this event. The CDC has posted on its website international travel restrictions which either place a ban on travelers from specified foreign countries or impose self-quarantine requirements on inbound travelers upon arrival. State and local governments or public health authorities also have varying restrictions as of this writing and may require travelers from coronavirus hot spots to self-quarantine upon arrival to a local jurisdiction.

All full-time USBC staff assigned to this event are required to test negative for COVID-19 within 72 hours of departure for the event.

COVID-19 SUMMARY INFORMATION

- COVID-19 is an infectious disease caused by the most recently discovered coronavirus. This new virus and disease were unknown before the outbreak began in December 2019.
- COVID-19 is caused by a virus that can spread from person to person.
- COVID-19 symptoms can range from mild (or no symptoms) to severe illness.
- You can become infected by coming into close contact (about six feet or two arm lengths) with a person who has COVID-19.
- You can become infected from respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.
- You also may be able to get it by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it, and then touching your mouth, nose or eyes.

TOURNAMENT OPERATION PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS

General

1. Event Attendees – Attendance at the 2021 USBC Collegiate Intercollegiate Team Championships (ITC) will be limited to approved ITC entrants and designated coaches, event staff and venue staff. All approved individuals will be required to always follow these procedures and protocols throughout the event's entirety. Failure or refusal to comply with the procedures and protocols may lead to disciplinary action such as warnings, suspension, and/or disqualification or removal from the event.

- a. Spectators – Spectators will not be permitted.
 - i. Minors - Minors may be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Guardians shall be an immediate family member 18 or older and athletes are limited to one member for the event. Immediate family shall be defined as a sibling, stepparent, or grandparent. Guardians shall always be required to wear a mask

- 2. Health Requirements – All USBC staff, participants and coaches will be required to be compliant with the following health requirements while participating in the ITC, including, but not limited to, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) COVID-19 testing.
 - a. Health screening and COVID-19 testing
 - i. Prior to arrival at sectional location
 - 1. All individuals are required to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR based test taken no earlier than Monday, April 12th, prior to traveling to the sectional location to obtain clearance to participate.
 - 2. The results of the PCR based test must be submitted to USBC Collegiate on or before the practice session on April 17th.
 - a. Exception
 - i. Per CDC recommendations any non-symptomatic individual with a laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19 within 90 days of the event should not be re-tested. Individuals must provide appropriate documentation of a laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19.
 - b. Individuals with a laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19 within 14 days of an event will not be permitted to participate.
 - i. Any individual with a confirmed case of COVID-19 is required to provide any additional information related to travel and personal interactions to contact tracers at the state and local level. Any information you share with public health workers is confidential.
 - ii. In the event of a positive test conducted with USBC, the Participant may request confirmatory testing at no cost. The Participant must be asymptomatic and produce two consecutive negative COVID-19 PCR test results in order to be permitted to participate in the event. If for any reason, two negative COVID-19 PCR test results are not returned prior to competition, the participant is not allowed in the venue. There will be no further review after a positive test result has been confirmed (or where time does not permit to negative confirmatory test results).
 - 3. All individuals are suggested to self-isolate 5-7 days prior to arrival.
 - 4. Individuals who do not provide the required negative test results prior to the respective events official practice session will not be permitted to participate in the event.
 - ii. COVID-19 contact tracing



1. Upon an individual testing positive for COVID-19, tournament management will gather information from the individual and seek to identify all other individuals who have been in Close Sustained Contact. (Close Sustained Contact is contact within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period, whether or not masks are worn). Those individuals who have been in Close Sustained Contact will be notified and not allowed in the venue.
 - a. EXEMPTION: Participants that document they have had a COVID-19 infection in the past 90 days or are fully vaccinated are exempt from Close Sustained Contact exclusion.
 2. To rebut a finding that a participant was in Close Sustained Contact with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19, the removed participant may present evidence to Tournament Management about their whereabouts and any other relevant information, including evidence of qualifying exemption. Based on all the evidence, Tournament Management will make a final determination.
- iii. While in host city/area
1. All individuals are expected to monitor their own health while in the sectional host city. This includes a daily self-administered COVID-19 symptom screening and questionnaire.
 2. All individuals are encouraged to have minimal contact, interactions and/or group settings with non-approved event attendees.
- iv. While at the sectional center
1. All athletes and other attendees should screen daily for potential symptoms and will be screened for temperature and symptoms prior to entering the venue. Should an athlete experience a fever above 100.4°, or exhibit one or more symptoms, he or she shall be isolated immediately and referred to the appropriate healthcare resource for additional evaluation.
 2. Individuals with symptoms and/or a temperature of 100.4° or higher will:
 - a. Be administered a secondary screening observed by the tournament director.
 - b. Individuals who do not meet the requirements following the initial and secondary screening will not be permitted to enter the facility and will be asked to isolate and quarantine at their hotel.
 - c. Seek the appropriate healthcare resources available (state, local and/or CDC guidelines, Medi-docs, etc.) for additional evaluation.
 - d. Following healthcare evaluation, an additional COVID-19 screening and/or a negative PCR COVID-19 test may be required to be removed from isolation and quarantine.
 - e. Upon a negative result screening and/or a negative result PCR COVID-19, the individual may return to the competition.
 3. Any individual with a confirmed case of COVID-19 is required to provide any additional information related to travel and personal interactions to contact tracers at the state and local level. Any information you share with public health workers is confidential.



3. All individuals are required to wear an approved face covering, completely covering their nose and mouth at all times, including during competition.
 - a. Exceptions
 - i. Brief removal of mask to eat or drink.
 - b. Individuals must wear masks recommended by the CDC.
 - i. Face masks must be a well-secured cloth or mask that fits snugly against the face and covers an individual's nose and mouth. It must be made of a material that prevents the discharge and release of respiratory droplets from a person's nose or mouth.
 - c. Examples of prohibited face masks that are not recommended by the CDC:
 - i. Face masks with exhaust valves
 - ii. Masks made from loosely woven fabric or that are knitted.
 - iii. Masks that do not fit properly (do not cover the nose and mouth)
 - iv. Plastic face shields as a substitute for a face mask.
4. Athletes are not permitted in the building except during their assigned squad times.
5. Athlete services – All athlete services shall be conducted electronically whenever possible.
 - a. Membership – Athlete membership will be confirmed electronically prior to the event. Athletes who are not current members will be required to purchase membership electronically prior to competing in the event. Execution of the event waiver must be completed prior to an athlete competing in the tournament.
 - b. Waiver and Release – All approved event attendees will be required to submit a waiver/release prior to being allowed in the tournament venue. Waivers must be submitted electronically.
 - c. Walk-ins – Walk-in registration is not permitted for this event.
6. Paddock –
 - a. The Paddock will be available to teams. Teams are requested to use social distancing when entering and leaving the paddock.
7. Roll Call
 - a. Roll call will be conducted by visual inspection of the athletes on the lanes prior to the start of competition.
8. Recaps
 - a. Recaps will be distributed prior to teams arriving on the lanes. Teams must provide their own personal writing instrument.
9. Awards Presentations – Awards presentations will be conducted in a socially distanced manner.
10. Administrative functions
 - a. Media interviews will occur in a designated location with adequate ventilation and conducted in a socially distanced manner.
 - b. Local media must request access through the USBC and are subject to COVID-19 testing and screening prior to approved attendance.
 - c. Competitors will receive communications with event-specific regulations in advance of the event.

Competition



1. General
 - a. Staff will maintain social distancing by keeping six (6) feet of space between each person and follow any specific local guidelines.
 - b. One bowler per pair will be designated to make score corrections and/or operate the console to call center desk.
2. Number of teams per pair/pairs in use:
 - a. There will be two teams assigned to a pair of lanes.
 - b. There will be at least one empty pair to the left and right of the lanes in use.
 - c. Teams will use the space behind their lane and on the adjacent empty lane to socially distance. This will allow for teams to limit interaction during practice and competition.
3. Pair rotations
 - a. All teams will move to their next pair at the same time once each game is completed by the entire squad.
 - b. Teams will be assigned different pairs for each four-game block of competition.
 - c. Teams will switch to the opposite lane on their assigned pair after the completion of their first 2 games of the four-game block.
 - d. One representative from each team should be appointed to report scores to tournament officials after each qualifying block.
4. Athlete seating
 - a. When seated between shots, athletes must maintain proper social distance with others on their pair.
5. Ball cleaning/disinfectant
 - a. The use of isopropyl alcohol for bowlers to clean their equipment during competition is permitted. Bowlers must provide their own alcohol and towel. This equipment may not be shared.
6. Squad transitions
 - a. Transitions are designed to allow for one squad to exit the building prior to the next squad arriving.
 - b. Squads may enter the building only during their scheduled registration time.
 - c. Squads must exit the building no later than a half hour after the last ball is thrown.
 - d. Athletes not competing are not permitted in the building except during their assigned squad times.

Venue Operations

1. Spectators/seating – Spectators are not permitted. See spectator limitations under general.
2. Public areas – Tournament staff has collaborated with the venue operator on cleaning and sanitizing protocols including:
 - a. All common areas, such as restrooms, concourse, and dining areas.
 - b. All athlete areas, such as the locker room and settee.
 - c. Facility will be thoroughly cleaned each evening using cleaning products and protocols which meet EPA guidelines for use against the virus that causes COVID-19 and are effective against viruses, bacteria, and other airborne and bloodborne pathogens.



3. Food & Beverage – Food and beverage service will be available by the host venue during the event.
4. Medical - All individuals will follow the procedures and protocols as defined in section General-3 (Health Requirements detailed above) regarding COVID-19 and/or its symptoms. In emergency situations, the appropriate emergency medical personnel will be contacted.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

World Health Organization Website [Coronavirus Information](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [Coronavirus Information](#)

National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) [Directory of Local Health Officials](#)

Worldometers website [Coronavirus Information](#)

Washoe County Health District website [Coronavirus Information](#)

