



COVID-19 PROCEDURES FOR REFEREES

Call Room

- Wash your hands before entering.
- Wear your mask at all times.
- Coin toss: winner chooses the colour; loser chooses whether to warm up first or second.
- Avoid touching balls unless necessary except for the verification of the balls;
 1. Wash your hands: test the red balls
 2. Wash your hands: test the blue balls
- Balls are checked the usual way while observing distancing.
- If athletes want to check their opponents' balls, they (and those who help them) must disinfect their hands before and afterwards.

COVID Assistant

- BC1: The Performance Partner is also the COVID Assistant
- BC2, BC4, BC5 Open & Junior: have the right to a COVID Assistant on the court
- BC3: have the right to a Ramp Operator and a COVID Assistant on the court
- Roles of the COVID Assistant;
 1. Push the athlete into the throwing box once it is their turn; immediately return to their place.
 2. Remove the athlete from their throwing box once it is no longer their turn; immediately return to their place.
 3. Push the athlete into the playing area when they would like to see the balls or when taking measurements at the end of an end; immediately return to their place.
 4. Pick up the balls between ends and at the end of the match, including the jack; immediately return to their place.
 5. When the referee show the color indicator, the COVID Assistant can immediately start to move the athlete; they do not have to wait for the athlete's signal.
 6. The athlete cannot ask their COVID Assistant to place their chair in a specific location in their throwing box, nor to adjust the wheelchair.
- For BC3 athletes, the COVID Assistant is only there if they need assistance to see the balls in the playing area. The Ramp Operator or coach picks up the balls between ends.
- The COVID Assistant cannot, under any circumstances, communicate with their athlete or help them in any way (example: by giving them water), even between ends. This does not apply for BC1 athletes since their COVID Assistant is also their Performance Partner.
- **If an athlete does not have a COVID Assistant**, it is up to the linesperson or referee to assist them if needed.
- COVID Assistants will be seated behind throwing boxes 1 and 6 for all divisions of play.

On the Court

- Always wear your mask (only athletes can remove their masks to play).
- Have your own small bottle of disinfectant with you.
- Bring your own pen.



Warm-Up

- Start the warm up as fast as possible since it lasts longer than usual.
- When arriving on the court, the athlete warming up first positions themselves in the throwing box; the second athlete remains off the court, behind their throwing box.
- The first athlete warms up and their COVID Assistant or Ramp Operator picks up the balls. Next, the second athlete warms up.
- When the red side finishes, they bring the jack with them to their throwing box.
- When the blue side finishes, they place the jack on the score table.

During the Game

- Show the athletes the colour; wait until the 4 wheels of the athlete/team/doubles that are to play are in their throwing box and the non-playing side has come out of their throwing box before showing the color to the timekeeper.
- For Teams and Pairs, the athletes must move as simultaneously as possible to avoid contact with the other side.
- If the side takes too long to move into their box, go ahead and show the color to the timekeeper.
- If the side goes straight into the playing area, quickly show the color to the timekeeper.

At the End of the Game

- Performance Partners/COVID Assistants pick up the balls and place them in the athletes' ball holder(s).
- Perform a visual inspection of all the balls without touching them. If there is a ball or balls that seem suspicious, ask the Performance Partner/COVID Assistant to show it to you.
- If a ball is found to be suspicious, conduct a further ball check.
- If needed, ask for the head referee.

Dead Balls

- Leave a dead ball as is unless it disturbs the game or the athletes.
- If you must move a ball, wash your hands before and after moving the ball.
- Ideally, never move a ball with the colour indicator.
- For ball(s) not thrown: ask the COVID Assistant or the Ramp Operator to put them in the empty throwing box beside the athlete.

Other

- Penalty ball: the COVID Assistant (or Ramp Operator for BC3s) will present the balls to the athlete and keep the chosen ball with them.
- Tie-break: Ask the athlete if you can take the jack to position it correctly on the cross. ** Wash your hands before picking up the jack and after placing it on the cross ***
- Indicate the score to the athletes from the V line. Speak loudly because of the mask.
- Stay on the V to call "1 minute" between ends. At this signal, the COVID Assistants can enter the playing area.
- If the COVID Assistant commits a violation: give a friendly warning first but then, if the situation repeats, will give the appropriate penalty.
- Score sheet: use your own pen to complete the score sheet and sign for the athletes with their permission (unless they have a stamp). Wash your hands after returning the clipboard to the call room.