

COVID-19 SCENARIO PLANNING REGARDING COMPETITION PROGRESSION

2022 PAHF Pan American Cup

The following COVID-19 Specific Regulations should be read with the COVID Protocols for the 2022 Pan American Cup and are also subject to local government and health laws and regulations. In any disagreement between local laws and these Regulations, the local health laws take precedence.

a) During the pool matches:

In case a team or teams cannot participate in a pool match due to COVID-19, it will be recorded as a 5-0 loss but the team will not be withdrawn from the competition. The pool rankings will be determined in the usual way, including the 5-0 loss(es) for any matches not played for this reason. The said team/teams will be allowed to play it's/their remaining pool matches if they are able to. No goals shall be attributed to any player.

In case two teams are unable to participate in the pool match between them, the match will be recorded as a 0-0 result but no points will be awarded to either team. The teams will not be withdrawn from the competition and the pool rankings will be determined according to the Tournament Regulations. The said teams will be allowed to play their remaining pool matches if they are able to.

In case one or more team(s) is unable to continue in the competition before the end of the final match in the pool stage, they will be ranked in the pool according to their results, with 5-0 losses for any matches they have not been able to compete in or complete, but they will not be considered for progression to the classification stages. If they are ranked in the top 3 teams, the top 3 teams not including the withdrawn team(s) will progress to the Cross overs.

b) During the classification stages:

Classification Stage 1: First round of Classification Matches for positions 1st - 6th (see [FIH Tournament Regulations for Top Tier Outdoor Competitions Appendix 8, paras 3.3 and 3.4](#))

Classification Stage 2: Semi-Finals (see [FIH Tournament Regulations for Top Tier Outdoor Competitions Appendix 8 para 3.5](#))

Classification Stage 3: Final and Bronze Medal Match (see [FIH Tournament Regulations for Top Tier Outdoor Competitions Appendix 8 paras 3.5 and 3.6](#))

Teams that are not able to continue to compete in the competition will be considered "Did Not Finish (DNF)" and will be awarded the minimum ranking they have achieved.

Classification Stage 1

After the pool stage is complete and the classification matches are confirmed, in case a team is not able to participate in their classification matches, their opponent will be awarded a 5-0 victory and proceed to the next classification stage (if relevant). The team which was not able to participate in the match will not be replaced and will be considered to have lost the match 5-0 and will be ranked as last of the stage that they are currently involved in. For example, a team due to play in the Cross-overs will be ranked 6th. If 2 teams are unable to continue at this stage, they will be ranked joint 6th.

If both teams due to play against each other in a classification match are unable to compete, neither will advance to the next stage and both teams will be ranked as if they had lost their match, in joint position. For example, if they were due to play against each other in a Cross-overs, they would both be ranked joint 6th. In this case, if two competing Cross-over teams have to withdraw and neither therefore proceed to the semi-finals, then there are only 4 teams in the semi-finals and will be schedule based on their respective pools

Classification Stage 2 – Semi-Finals

If a team withdraws or is unable to participate prior or during a Semi-Final match, they will not be replaced, and their opponent will advance to the next classification stage. They will be ranked in the competition as losing their classification stage 2 and 3 matches. For clarity, a semi-finalist who withdraws will be considered to have lost their semi-final and the bronze medal match, so will be ranked 4th.

[Note: If this very unlikely scenario happens, the World Cup places will be awarded to the Teams that qualified to the Final from each Semi-Final.](#)

[Also, if this very unlikely scenario happens in the Women's Event, the third World Cup place will be awarded to the Team that qualified on the pitch for the Bronze Medal Match \(see Classification Stage 3\).](#)

If two teams, one from each semi-final, are unable to continue at this stage, they will both be ranked 4th. Their opponents will advance to the Final.

If both teams due to play against each other in a Semi-Final match are unable to compete, neither will advance to the Final and both teams will be ranked in joint position as if they had lost their Semi-Final match. For clarity, if two semi-finalists due to play against each other have to withdraw, then they will be ranked 4th and the winner of the other semi-final will be awarded the Gold medal. The loser of the other semi-final will be awarded the Bronze medal and there will be no Silver medal awarded.

Classification Stage 3 – Final and Bronze medal matches

If a team withdraws or is unable to participate in a Classification Stage 3 match, such team will not be replaced, and the remaining team is awarded a 5-0 victory. The withdrawing team will be ranked in the competition as losing their classification stage 3 match.

If both teams due to play against each other in a Classification Stage 3 match are unable to compete, both teams will be given the joint position as if they had lost their Classification Stage 3 match.

Note: If this very unlikely scenario happens in the Final, the World Cup places will be awarded to both Teams.

If a team withdraws or is unable to participate in the Final the withdrawing team will be awarded the Silver medal and the other finalist will be awarded the Gold medal.

If this very unlikely scenario happens in the Bronze medal match in the Women's Event, the third World Cup place will be awarded to the withdrawn Team in accordance with the ranking in FIH Tournament Regulations for Top Tier Outdoor Competitions Appendix 3 paras 2.a, b, c and d.

Should the third World Cup place still not be determined as noted above, then it will be determined by a Shoot Out Competition with players available in accordance with Appendix 10.

A team that is unable to compete or is deemed to have withdrawn from a match or the competition, may be subject to further disciplinary action as determined by the PAHF Executive Board.