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English Translation of Fact Sheet from FVNWS

Should there be any discrepancies between this translation and the original version in German, the German version prevails.

Fact sheet Covid-19 Football Association Northwestern Switzerland, based on Federal and Cantonal Regulations as of 31 July 2020.

This Fact Sheet is based on the federal and cantonal regulations in force as of 31 July 2020 and the Swiss Football Association's (SFA) model protection concept in connection with the coronavirus pandemic. Location-related, municipal deviations are possible and must therefore be observed by the individual clubs. This leaflet supplements - specified for the north-western region of Switzerland - the Model Protection Concept sent to the clubs by the SFV, the FAQ paper and previous communications. The following regulations and recommendations are subject to new legally binding provisions of the Confederation, cantons and associations and will be updated as necessary.

Arrival/departure for matches and training

It is generally recommended to travel individually to matches and training sessions whenever possible.

Group transport is possible provided that the persons in a vehicle are known to each other (contact tracing). As the minimum distance of 1.5 metres cannot be maintained in cars or mini-buses, it is recommended to wear a protective mask for the duration of the journey (just as in public transport for those over 12 years old). The same applies to carpools if people from different households are sitting in the same vehicle.

Use of changing rooms and showers

The use of the changing rooms and showers must be arranged with the owner of the facility and approved accordingly by the club using them. It can only be used in accordance with the SFV Model Protection Concept and the locally applicable protection concepts of the authorities.

Primarily, the minimum distance of 1.5 metres between the individual users must be guaranteed. In order to guarantee this, it is possible for individual teams to use the changing rooms and showers for short periods of time, or for a single team to use several changing

rooms simultaneously, provided the number of changing rooms allows this. When scheduling several matches on the same match day, care must be taken to ensure that teams arriving and departing in the cloakroom and shower areas are not mixed.

If changing rooms and showers cannot be used or can only be used to a limited extent by FVNWS clubs due to infrastructural conditions or cantonal or communal regulations, or if the club does not intend to use them at all or only for individual categories, the host clubs as well as the official referees assigned must be informed of the local conditions at least three days before a match. They are obliged to behave in accordance with the corresponding general conditions (e.g. travelling to and from the venue in match jerseys, showering individually at home). We ask here for absolute cooperation and appreciation for the local situation. The FVNWS maintains a constantly updated list of local conditions on its homepage

Player Monitoring

The visual Referee inspection of the player cards does NOT take place in the changing rooms, but only outside.

Handshake

For the time being, the traditional handshake before and after the game should be avoided. There is no handshake when the captains when they decide which end of the field to take (after toss of a coin).

Technical zone

The technical zone shall be set up in such a way that the rules of distance between coaching staff members and substitutes can be guaranteed. If necessary, additional benches/chairs shall be provided. It is recommended to limit the presence in the technical zone to the most necessary individuals. Furthermore, a list of players on the benches is to be filled in and handed in to the Referee. It is recommended to wear a mask in the Technical Zone.

Spectator area

Since 9 July 2020, the cantons of Basel-Land, Basel-Stadt, Aargau and Solothurn, which cover the territory of the Football Association of Northwest Switzerland, have had stricter regulations for public and private events. If there are more than 100 visitors, individual standing or seating sectors must be formed for a maximum of 100 people each. Contact details must be recorded for these sectors. We recommend the following variants for implementation in the competition business:

1. a general obligation to wear protective masks on the entire sports facility releases the user from further measures such as contact tracing, sector formation, etc., independently of the current upper limit of 1000 persons set by federal law. The obligation to wear protective masks outside the playing field and the technical zone also applies to active players and coaching staff members.
2. Without a general obligation to wear protective masks, up to 100 visitors must ensure that the spacing and hygiene measures in accordance with the FOPH are observed in all cases. The number of visitors can be limited (e.g. by advance notification, non-attendance of visitors, etc.). If the number of visitors exceeds 100 persons, sectors must be formed (max. 100 persons per sector) using suitable marking and barrier measures. The contact details of the persons in each sector must be recorded in full. This must be done actively by the home club in the advance of the event. It is not sufficient to put up a list at the entrance, on which the persons can register themselves. There must be no mixing of persons from the individual sectors, i.e. separate entrances and, if necessary, separate toilets or catering facilities must be provided for each sector.

According to the Federal Office of Sports, active players and coaching staff members in the technical zone are not counted as part of the permitted number of visitors, provided that a clear separation from the spectator area can be guaranteed and there is no mixing of the groups.

In club restaurants, the general protective provisions of the catering policy are applied (See catering policy). In the four cantons of north-western Switzerland, the current rule is that a maximum of 100 people may be in a single dining area.

Procedure in the event of an infection

If a case of corona infection occurs in a club or if infection is suspected at the sports facility, the club or sports facility must inform the responsible cantonal doctor. The doctor then decides on the further procedure (quarantine obligation yes or no, for whom exactly, etc.).

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Match postponements in case of positive Covid-19 cases in a team

For the scheduling or postponement of matches, Art. 45 of the SFV's regulations applies. Accordingly, postponement of a match can be requested if at least six players of a team suffer from the same infectious disease. Likewise, the same applies if at least six players of

team are in quarantine at the time of a match. The relevant medical evidence must be provided by the club.

Individual responsibility

The development of the coronavirus pandemic remains uncertain. Since 6 June 2020, training and friendly matches in regional football have again been possible under certain conditions. These conditions are inconvenient in individual cases and restrict personal freedom to a certain extent. However, they allow us all to pursue our favourite hobby. All footballers in the north-western region of Switzerland contribute in the spirit of personal responsibility to ensuring that we can maintain the current situation and do not risk further restrictions or even further interruptions to training and matches. To this end, it is essential that all those in positions of responsibility and all footballers adhere to the protective measures and make their personal contribution to positive development. We would like to thank all those who are helping to ensure that the 2019/2020 season will remain a single dark spot in history and that we all live up to our role model duties and social responsibility.