

JLPGA Pro Test: Special Regulations Relating to COVID-19

These Regulations have been specially established with respect to measures for the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) in relation to the implementation of the JLPGA Pro Test, based on the proviso of the introduction to the JLPGA Pro Test Regulations.

Article 1 (Retaining Eligibility to Participate in the Pro Test)

If a player who wishes to participate in the Pro Test withdraws their application to compete in each stage the player has applied to participate in, due to poor health, close-contact with a person infected with COVID-19, border controls, or any other impact stemming from COVID-19, such player may retain their eligibility to participate in each stage set forth in Article 2 of the JLPGA Pro Test Regulations that the player is eligible to participate in, until the following year.

Article 2 (Participation in the JLPGA Pro Test)

Players must comply with the following items and must ensure their support staff (including but not limited to interpreters and family members, and the same applies hereinafter) also comply with such items.

- (1) Players who enter Japan from abroad must follow the requirements set by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (refer to the Border Control Measures outlined on the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare’s website (<https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/covid-19/bordercontrol.html>)). Players and support staff who have not completed the requirements set by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare at least one day prior to the designated practice day at each JLPGA Pro Test stage and venue at which players intend to participate and support staff intend to accompany players (or the first day of play at each JLPGA Pro Test stage and venue if approval has been obtained from the Tournament Division) will not be permitted to participate or accompany players at that particular Pro Test, unless approval has been obtained from the Tournament Division.
- (2) Players and support staff must keep records of their temperature and activities, in accordance with instructions from Tournament Division, during the 14-day period prior to the designated practice day at each JLPGA Pro Test stage and venue at which players intend to participate and support staff intend to accompany players. Players and support staff must submit such records by a means separately determined by the Tournament Division upon arrival at the venue if instructed to submit records by the Tournament Division.
- (3) Players or support staff whose temperature is 37.5°C or higher on two consecutive days during the seven-day period prior to the designated practice day at each JLPGA Pro Test stage and venue at which players intend to participate and support staff intend to accompany players will not be permitted to participate or accompany player at that particular Pro Test; provided, however, that exceptions will be made if the Tournament Division determines that the fever is due to an adverse reaction to a COVID-19 vaccination.
- (4) During the Pro Test period in which players intend to participate and support staff intend to accompany players, players and support staff must take their temperature and undergo health checks at locations designated by the Tournament Division each time players and support staff arrive at the venue.
- (5) When instructed by the Tournament Division, players and support staff must undergo tests designated by the Tournament Division (“Designated Tests”) or arrange for tests themselves (“Self-arranged Tests”). Specific details regarding the implementation of Designated Tests shall be determined separately by the Tournament Division.
- (6) Players will not be allowed to participate in the relevant Pro Test, and support staff must leave the relevant Pro

Test venue immediately, if players or support staff refuse to take their temperature or to undergo health checks conducted by the Tournament Division during the Pro Test period in which players intend to participate and support staff intend to accompany players, or if players or support staff does not follow instructions given by the Tournament Division.

- (7) Players will not be allowed to participate in the relevant Pro Test and support staff must leave the relevant Pro Test venue immediately, if temperature checks taken during the Pro Test period in which players intend to participate and support staff intend to accompany players reveal that players or support staff have a fever of 37.5°C or higher, or if Designed Tests or Self-arranged Tests come back positive; provided, however, that exceptions will be made if the Tournament Division determines that the fever is due to an adverse reaction to a COVID-19 vaccination.
- (8) Players will not be allowed to participate in the relevant Pro Test and support staff must leave the relevant Pro Test venue immediately, if players and support staff undergo Designated Tests or Self-arranged Tests come back positive; provided, however that exceptions will be made if the negative result can be confirmed from the test which instructed by the health center before the start of the play on first day of the relevant Pro Test (meaning the start of play by the first group and the same applies hereinafter).
- (9) Players will not be allowed to participate in the relevant Pro Test if Designated Tests and Self-arranged Tests are conducted for the Pro Test in which the player is due to participate, and a negative result cannot be confirmed from a Designated Test or Self-arranged Test before the start of the play on first day of the relevant Pro Test (meaning the start of play by the first group and the same applies hereinafter).
- (10) Support staff will not be allowed to accompany players at the relevant Pro Test until a Designated Test or Self-arranged Test comes back negative if taking a Designated Test or Self-arranged Test for the Pro Test at which accompanying a player.
- (11) Players will not be allowed to participate and support staff will not be allowed to accompany players at Pro Tests if they are designated by a health center as having come into close contact with a person infected with COVID-19. Even if a subsequent test comes back negative, players and support staff should follow instructions given by the health center, such as refraining from going out unnecessarily for 14 days after coming into contact with a person infected with COVID-19.
- (12) Players and support staff must keep records of their temperature and activities, in accordance with instructions from the Tournament Division during the seven-day period after the last day of their stay at the Pro Test venue at which players are participating or support staff are accompanying players and must inform the Tournament Division promptly if they develop a fever or fall ill. Players and support staff must submit such records promptly if instructed to submit records by the Tournament Division.
- (13) Players or support staff who have tested positive may participate in the JLPGA Pro Test or accompany players if they meet the discharge or release criteria established by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (Q4 in section “5. Medical care for COVID-19” of the “COVID-19 Q&A (information for the public)” (link to Japanese site: https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/kenkou_iryuu/dengue_fever_qa_00001.html#Q5-4, Link to English Q&A Site (does not answer this question): https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/kenkou_iryuu/dengue_fever_qa_00014.html); provided, however, that this shall not apply if approval has been obtained from the Tournament Division.
- (14) Players and support staff shall follow instructions from the Tournament Division if any other abnormalities are found during health checks.
- (15) Foreign players travelling to Japan to participate in a JLPGA Pro Test: please refer to the following Ministry of

Foreign Affairs website to check whether a visa is required, as visa exemptions have been temporarily suspended for some countries and regions due to the government strengthening border controls measures in the wake of the pandemic. Players are responsible for obtaining visas if necessary.

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan: Visa page (https://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html)
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan: Section “5. Suspension of visa exemption measures” on the Border enforcement measures to prevent the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) page (https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e_001053.html)

Article 3 (Refunding Pro Test Fees)

Pro Test fees shall be refunded to players who do not participate in the Pro Test due to these Regulations.

Article 4 (Revisions)

These Regulations shall be revised as necessary by resolution of the Tournament Division to reflect changing circumstances. In such case, the Tournament Division shall promptly report the revisions to the Board of Directors.

Article 5 (Effect)

These Regulations shall take effect from April 24, 2020.

[Revisions]

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