

# Coordination Meeting for COVID-19 Countermeasures at the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 Outline of Interim Summary

- With the objective of considering and coordinating measures against COVID-19 at Tokyo 2020 from an overall perspective, the Coordination Meeting for COVID-19 Countermeasures at the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 has been held six times since September 2020 with the attendance of the Government of Japan, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government (TMG), the Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, Japanese Olympic Committee, Japanese Paralympic Committee, and infectious disease specialists.
- This interim summary clarifies COVID-19 countermeasures to be taken at each setting (e.g., entry into Japan, transportation, competition venue) in three categories: Athletes, Games stakeholder, and spectators.

## Outline of Interim Summary

### **1. Athletes**

With top priority given to athletes, the most important part of Tokyo 2020, the general direction has been decided with regard to the following:

#### **(1) Basic approach**

- To enable athletes to compete at their best condition in a safe and secure environment, infection control measures will be taken at each setting throughout the entire process—from entry into Japan, in Host Towns, at the Games, to departure from Japan—and the environment and rules will be determined after detailed discussions with relevant stakeholders.
- Contact with athletes will be kept to a minimum, while Games stakeholders coming into contact with athletes will also take measures such as testing so as to protect athletes from infection.

#### **(2) Entry/departure**

- The “Olympic and Paralympic Preparation Track for Athletes” has been in operation since November for athletes and related Games stakeholders participating in international events held in Japan in relation to Tokyo 2020 Games. In addition to this, a scheme will also be put in place for Tokyo 2020 Games itself, which will allow overseas athletes and related staff to enter Japan on the condition that necessary infection prevention measures have been taken in order to engage in various activities including training and participating in competitions during the 14 day self-isolation period after arrival.

#### **(3) Infection countermeasures and code of conduct**

- With regard to infection countermeasures for athletes and related staff at competition venues and the Olympic and Paralympic Village, etc., a code of conduct for athletes will be developed and rigorously implemented to restrict their scope and means of travel, in addition to ensuring their strict adherence to the basic infection countermeasures.

#### **(4) Testing**

- In addition to conducting testing at the point of arrival/departure in/from Japan, health screening and other necessary testing including pre-competition testing will be implemented to ensure a safe and secure environment in Host Towns, the Village, etc. after entering Japan. To accommodate this, a sample collection center and analysis facility for testing will be established within the Village.

### **(5) Health/hygiene, medical care and recovery**

- Based on the presumption that there will be cases of infection and suspected infection among athletes and related staff despite rigorous preventive measures, the Tokyo 2020 Infectious Disease Control Centre (tentative name) and health and hygiene hub will be established with the objective of performing prompt initial response to outbreak of infection, sharing information with related departments, and managing various health and hygiene responses, all in a centralized manner.
- To promptly provide athletes and related staff suspected of being infected with medical care and recovery support, a fever outpatient clinic will be set up at the Olympic and Paralympic Village Polyclinic and medical institutions for hospitalisation and accommodation for recovery will be secured.

### **(6) Para athletes**

- Guidelines for Para-athlete assistants and staff will be formulated in consideration of the type of impairment.

## **2. Games Stakeholders and Spectators**

- With regard to Games stakeholders, including the organisers, media, and Games operation staff, measures concerning entry/departure in/from Japan, code of conduct, and travel will be determined in accordance with the extent of their involvement in Games operations, the nature of their duties, and frequency of contact with athletes and related staff
- Spectator guidelines will be developed and widely disseminated; rules will be set on how to respond when a spectator feels unwell at a competition venue; and medical institutions for hospitalisation and recovery will be secured.

The final decision on the maximum number of spectators to accommodate will be made by next spring, in accordance with the domestic rules on the upper limit for sporting events, the infection situation within and outside Japan and the results of trial experiments being conducted to determine the consequences of raising the upper limit of spectators.

With regard to spectators from overseas, measures will be considered while ensuring safety for both the spectators and the local communities. As requiring spectators to self-isolate for 14 days and avoid using public transportation as a condition for entry into Japan would make it impractical for them to spectate the Games, infection countermeasures of an equivalent degree will be established. Furthermore, in view of the spread of the COVID-19 in the countries they are from, appropriate infection countermeasures will be taken in accordance with their level of risk, including maintaining the 14 day self-isolation requirement. Concrete measures (e.g., testing and health management before arrival in Japan, checking test results and written pledge upon arrival, health and activity tracking in Japan, medically required measures such as isolation, method of ensuring implementation of measures, installation of apps) will be decided by next spring after discussion with infectious disease specialists.

### **3. Torch Relay and Live Sites**

- With regard to the Torch Relay, Tokyo 2020 will formulate concrete infection countermeasures by the end of this year and the Prefecture Task Force and other stakeholders will promote their measures while ensuring the safety and security of both the spectators/torchbearers/operation staff side and local residents.
- As for the Live Sites, the Organising Committee will formulate infection control guidelines by the end of the year, and will request each municipality hosting the Live Sites to submit an infection control plan for each venue after verifying their plan again.

### **4. Host Towns and Pre-Games Training Camps**

- It is important that Host Towns engage in extensive exchange activities with sufficient infection countermeasures, which will ultimately leave a lasting legacy for the Games.
- Based on the Government's guidelines created in November to help municipalities formulate a manual for hosting athletes, each municipality will be requested to prepare a manual for hosting athletes in Host Towns and at pre-Games training camps and implement infection countermeasures.
- Municipalities will host non-contact public practices and online exchange opportunities before athletes compete at the Games, and diverse exchange sessions in line with the needs of each Host Town after they compete at the Games while taking infection countermeasures.

## **Steps to take going forward**

- Based on this interim summary, necessary concrete measures will be established in preparation for Tokyo 2020 next summer.

\* Details will be determined for the following matters:

- Implementation policy concerning testing of athletes and related staff
- Concrete plans for establishing the Tokyo 2020 Infectious Disease Control Centre (tentative name) and health and hygiene base function
- Securing medical institutions for hospitalisation and accommodation for recovery of individuals tested positive
- Operation of competitions when an athlete, etc. has been tested positive
- Concrete measures pertaining to Games stakeholders and spectators (maximum number of spectators, spectators from overseas)
- Infection countermeasures for spectators at competitions held on public roads such as the marathon and race walk
- Measures to prevent overcrowding at the Torch Relay and Live Sites
- Infection countermeasures for athletes and related staff at the opening and closing ceremonies
- Measures to take when vaccines become available