

From Mr Frédéric RUIS Interim President of CMSB

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To Presidents of F.I.B. – FIPJP - CBI

Object: Postponement of international competitions.

Dear Presidents,

As you know, a virus currently affects a large number of countries, which means that each country takes its own health, economic and other measures.

A new coronavirus (SARS-Cov-2) was identified in early January 2020 as the cause of cluster pneumonia cases in China. If the initial contamination is likely to be of animal origin, human-to-human transmission is demonstrated.

The disease is transmitted through the spitballs (sneezing, coughing). Close contact with an infected person is considered necessary in order to transmit the disease: same place of life, direct contact within a metre during a cough, sneeze or discussion in the absence of protective measures.

The maximum incubation period chosen is 14 days.

The disease called COVID-19 has the symptoms of an acute respiratory infection (fatigue, fever, muscle pain, cough, difficulty breathing, etc.). Patients with pre-existing chronic diseases as well as the elderly seem more likely to develop severe forms.

There are simple actions to protect one's health and that of others in the face of COVID-19:

- Wash hands very regularly
- Cough or sneeze in elbow
- Greet without shaking hands, avoid kissing
- Use single use handkerchiefs
- Wear a surgical mask when sick

The sports world is also affected, and some national or international federations have already made their arrangements (closed-door football matches, stopping the NBA basketball championship, etc.).

With regard to the Sport des Boules, some federations have already received recommendations from their respective ministries, and, as an example, the competition on the international calendar of the F.I.B programmed in Italy and more specifically in Alassio, which was to take place in early April, is postponed for the month of September with our agreement.

To this end, and after consulting the Medical Commission of the CMSB, I inform you that we have decided to suspend all international competitions until further notice.

Best Regards

The Président,

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Frédéric RUIS