

Restart of the championship
Information concerning the quick test strategy for referees

1. **How often do we test?**

Referees are tested before each game of the official championship. In the event of double game days where games are played on Wednesday and Saturday, test will have to be done on Tuesday and Friday.

Friendly games do not fall under these conditions, clubs are advised to procure themselves with a quick test set to be able to perform the testing. Referees may get tested on the spot if arranged with the club beforehand.

2. **Execution of the tests:**

Clubs are testing their teams almost every Friday evening before/after practice. A physio, nurse or doctor with the necessary training is present to perform the testing. ("Testperson")

Where & When these tests are done can be found in the list that we will send out as soon as the FLBB has completed it. Please contact the respective club and their "Testperson" to let them know that you will come for testing.

- If you are tested on Friday, you have to take with you the form (*Annexe n°2*) and let the "Testperson" fill it in for you. The filled form will have to be made available to the official table respectively to the Commissioner on game day.
- In case it is impossible to get the test done on Friday (for personal or professional reasons, not for convenience), which should be the exception, the referee must get in touch latest 4 days before the game with the "Testperson" (physio, doctor, etc.) of either one of the two clubs he is going to referee that weekend in order to organise the test before the game on game day.

What this means in practice:

- Make sure that a "Testperson" is on site (it does not matter from which one of the two clubs).
- Make sure that this "Testperson" is available to perform the test at least 1,5 hours before the game.
- Make sure that the "Testperson" is equipped with the quick test and all the necessary material.

Women's games are done in 2-men-mechanics. To avoid having to cancel a game because one of the referees tested positive just before the game, the referees are asked to arrange to get tested Friday night at the nearest Total League club or his/her own club. The list with the clubs performing tests will be made available as soon as the FLBB has completed it.

Men's games (TL) are done as usual in 3-men-mechanics. Here you are also asked to get tested on Friday evening. In case one of the referees was unable to get tested on Friday and his test comes back positive just before the game, the game will be called by the remaining two referees. This should remain the exception though!

A referee without a test is considered like a positive test and is not allowed to work the game!

Double game days : If the referee has a game on Wednesday and on Saturday, he has to be tested before each game. The same procedure needs to be applied with testing to be done the day before the game at the nearest TL club or exceptionally on game day. The responsibility for the organisation lies with the referee!

3. Control before the game:

- Women's games: As there is no commissioner foreseen for these games, the crew chief is responsible for controlling that only the players with a negative test marked on the "Relevé" are introduced on the scoresheet. The same goes for the crew chief and his partner, based on the filled-in form from the previous night or the test result of the quick test done exceptionally before the game.
- Men's games: The responsibility lies with the commissioner to control that only the players with a negative test marked on the "Relevé" are introduced on the scoresheet. The commissioner also controls the result of the three referees based on the filled-in form from the previous night or the test result of the quick test done exceptionally before the game.

4. Declaration of consent (Annexe n°1):

Every referee must fill in this declaration once. It should then be sent to the Commission des Arbitres (Dan KERSCHEN : luxadabl@gmail.com). Dan will then send the folder with all the declarations to the *Ministère de la Santé*. The declarations will be treated in accordance with the « RGPD ».

Q&A:

- A person having contracted the virus can still test positive after 10 days of quarantine without being contagious. Will the quick test return positive as well?

According to our information, the quick test is less sensitive than a normal PCR Test. This means that, after the mandatory 10-day quarantine, a person may still be tested positive in a PCR test without being contagious, but the quick test will return negative. This can be explained by the fact that the PCR test checks the genetic material while the quick test does not.

It is important to know that if the quick test returns positive, that is a rather serious indicator that the tested person is sick.

If there is serious doubt, you can always get a serological blood test done, which will then count.

The Ministère de la Santé et du Sport, the FLBB and the AdABL are aware that this quick test strategy does not provide a 100 percent guarantee but represents at this time the most secure setting for being able to play sports.

In case of questions regarding the quick test strategy, feel free to contact Cathy via cathy.donckel@barreau.lu.