

NGB responses to the IQA World Cup - COVID-19 survey

30 NGBs filled out the form, of which 2 NGBs filled it out twice, bringing the total responses to 32. These 2 NGBs have separate responses for their board representatives and national team management. Numerical data was averaged for these NGBs, non-numerical (checkboxes and text) responses were combined for completeness.

Currently, **24 teams** are registered to attend the World Cup in 2020.

The following NGBs have filled out the survey: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States, and Vietnam.

Situation assessment

Local containment and social distancing measures in place

All NGBs have indicated that there is some form of self-isolation, other containment, and/or social distancing measures in place. These measures vary in how strictly they are enforced.

Impact of containment measures on the national teams

- One NGB indicated the national team has not been impacted by containment measures.
- 26 NGBs indicated they currently <u>cannot practice in person</u>. Of the other 4 NGBs, 2 indicated that they currently do not have a national team and 1 is not registered to attend World Cup in 2020.
- 22 NGBs indicated they currently <u>cannot have group workouts</u>. Of the other 8 NGBs, 2 indicated that they currently do not have a national team and 2 are not registered to attend World Cup in 2020.
- 12 NGBs indicated that they <u>cannot fundraise</u>, 11 of these are registered to attend World Cup in 2020.
- 22 NGBs indicated that they currently have a <u>travel ban</u> to or within the United States. 4 of these NGBs are not registered to attend World Cup in 2020.
- 9 NGBs indicated their players <u>cannot get a visa</u> to travel to the US. One of these NGBs is not registered to attend World Cup in 2020.



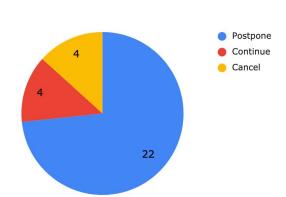
- One NGB indicated that there's a vacation ban for players due to their professional occupation and another NGB indicated that there's no travel ban, but a recommendation against traveling to the US.

Impact of containment measures on national governing bodies

- 3 NGBs indicated they are not impacted by containment and social distancing measures.
- 23 NGBs indicated their season has been temporarily suspended.
- 17 NGBs indicated tournaments have been postponed and 9 indicated tournaments have been canceled. There is an overlap between these for 4 NGBs.
- 8 NGBs indicated that they have a loss in revenue due to tournament postponement and/or cancellation.

World Cup preferences

Considering the current situation, what is your preference for the event?



22 NGBs want the event to be <u>postponed</u>. Of those, 4 are not registered to attend in 2020.

- 4 NGBs want the event to <u>continue in</u> <u>2020</u>, all of these NGBs are registered to attend.
- 4 NGBs want the event to be <u>canceled</u>, 2 of those are registered to attend in 2020 and 2 are not.

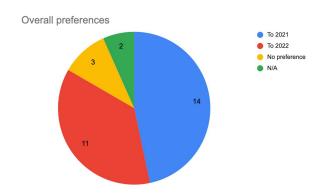
Would you prefer postponement to 2021 or 2022?

This has been split up in overall preferences, and preferences split over the IQA continental games areas: Europe, Pan-America and no continental games areas.

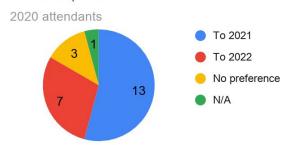
Respondent options were: 2021, 2022, no preference and not applicable, in which they were asked to select not applicable if they do not intend to attend the postponed event.



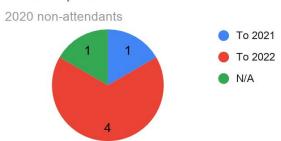
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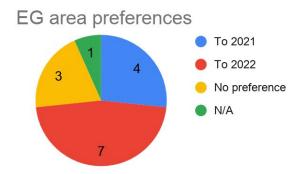
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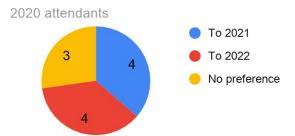
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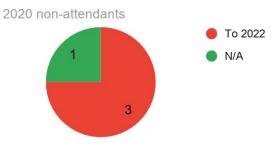
2. Europe preferences



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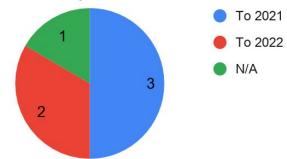
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3. Pan-American preferences

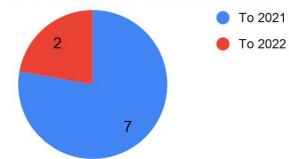




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4. Areas without Continental Games

Non Continental Games areas



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Motivation for the above

They were asked to select not applicable if they do not intend to attend the postponed event.

Postpone to 2021

- Flight tickets can be postponed by 1 year
- The current national team members might not be around in 2022
- Easier to motivate the players for an event in 1 year than an event in 2 years
- Players do not know what their life will look like in 2 years
- The IQA would lose most of its work effort on organizing if postponed 2 years
- Players plan to retire from the sport



Postpone to 2022

- More time to fundraise to attend the event
- Keep the current continental games world cup cycle
- Players are retiring this year and the NGB needs time to form a new team
- NGBs who can't attend World Cup don't have 2 years without international season
- Players can be demotivated as they won't have international competition until 2022

No preference

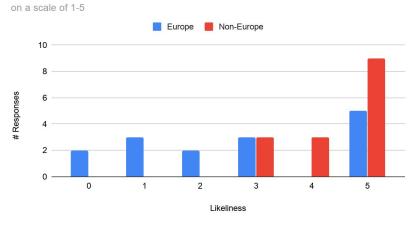
- Concerns about the continental games cycle
- Concerns about costs already paid

Likeliness to attend

We split responses between Europe and non-Europe. Both areas have an equal number of respondents (15 each).

1. In 2021





Combined (Europe + non-Europe) summary of reasoning given, sorted by likeliness (see chart above)

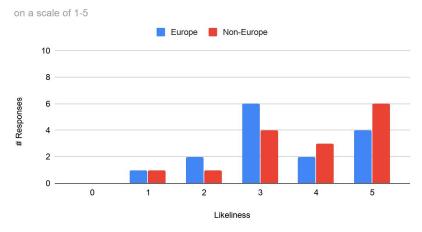
- 0: No reasons given.
- 1: Expense of the trip, players retiring from the sport, young NGB with not enough time to recruit.
- 2: Cannot afford attending both continental games and world cup in the same year, expense of the trip.
- 3: Preference to attending continental games, used as a maybe, uncertainty about player recruitment.
- 4: Ready to attend the event in 2021, would attend the event in any year.



5: Already have a fundraising plan ready, one year is good to do some extra recruitment and keep current players motivated, sufficient team applications to attend.

2. In 2022

Likeliness to attend in 2022



Combined (Europe + non-Europe) summary of reasoning given, sorted by likeliness (see chart above)

- 0: N/A
- 1: Need time to prepare to attend, cost of the trip
- 2: Loss of money and motivation, cost of the trip
- 3: Uncertainty of what teams will look like, time for fundraising, loss of motivation, loss of players, cannot commit to an event in 2 years, used as a maybe
- 4: More time for preparation, would attend the event in any year, keeps the rhythm with continental games and world cup, uncertainty of attending compared to 2021
- 5: More time for preparation, can commit for both 2021 and 2022

Other feedback

- Some NGBs indicated that a delay in decision would be ok for them.
- Some NGBs indicated that they prefer a decision sooner rather than later.
- Questions about impact on the continental games cycle, information needs to be provided in the announcement.
- Concerns about the impact of postponement to 2021 or 2022 on the NGBs.
- Concerns about possible conflicting priorities of the NGBs globally.
- Suggestion to postpone the tournament to August or September.
- Some kind words to the organizers.