



Information for students

Regulations for presence teaching from 08.06.2020

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1 Summary / Quickstart

- In principle, all courses are online events until the end of the semester (e-learning)
- Exceptions are most of the practical sports courses and a few exercises or seminars.
- In the appendix of this information letter, you will find a list of events that will be conducted as presence teaching from 08.06.2020 onwards.
- Category 1 will take place, category 2 will take place with changed teaching contents, category 3 is still being examined and category 4 will not take place for the time being.
- Certain rules of conduct apply to the conduct of events and to the stay on campus, which must be approved by the Health Department. Please also read section 9.
- Attendance at classroom events is generally mandatory (see also section 10).

2 Preliminary remarks

The German Sport University Cologne is aware of its special responsibility in the design of studies and teaching in the context of the current pandemic. In this context, it is particularly important to carefully weigh up given opportunities and scope on the one hand and risks on the other. In this consideration, courses at universities are subject to their own guidelines, which partially differ from guidelines in other areas of life (e.g. sports clubs, fitness studios).



Against this background, the German Sport University Cologne continues to pursue a cautious course. The university management is supported at decisive points by important employees (e.g. heads of institutes, study courses, the sports practice working group, heads of the research and teaching departments), for which we would like to express our sincere thanks. Based on the considerations and preliminary work of these actors, the university management has adopted the following regulations for the implementation of practical sports courses. The President's Office assumes that the greatest possible security is created during the implementation of practical courses with all participants (students, staff) showing the highest degree of conscientiousness. This safety requirement also and especially applies to conduct on campus (e.g. entering and leaving the courses, conduct during mandatory stays).

In addition, all regulations described below are in accordance with the current laws and regulations of the State of NRW. In particular, the Corona Protection Ordinance (CoronaSchVO), the general decree of the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs on the implementation of courses, practical courses and examinations at universities in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia and the Corona Epidemic University Ordinance must be observed (further information/links on [our Corona page](#)).

3 Basic decision on e-teaching

The President's Office decides on the fundamental continuation of online courses (e-learning) for the period of the 2020 summer semester with the exceptions described below. These exceptions relate in particular to the practical sports courses and, if applicable, other courses for the 2020 summer semester, which require compulsory attendance due to spatial and material conditions. The President's Office shall issue the following regulations for these courses based on the recommendations of the course directors, the Working Group on Sports Practice and the individual teaching and research areas (LFG).

4 Precondition for the implementation of classroom teaching in courses

In all cases, permission for classroom instruction is subject to the approval of a corresponding implementation concept by the responsible health authority. In particular, but not conclusively, procedures must be followed to protect against infection (e.g. ventilation, distance control during and immediately before and after the courses) and procedures that allow (potential) contacts to be traced in the event of infection (e.g. attendance lists).

5 Categories of practical sports courses

The President's Office decides on different categories of sports or courses with different treatment with regard to presence teaching from 08.06.2020. A detailed list of all individual practical sports courses with the corresponding categories is attached in the appendix.

5.1 Category 1: Practical sports courses starting on the 08.06. under the conditions in (4)

If the conditions specified under (4) are met, the President's Office shall decide from 08.06.2020 on the implementation of practical sports courses such as badminton, tennis, table tennis,



athletics, swimming, diving, gymnastics (except acrobatics and teaching; see categories 2 and 4), cycling (except excursion), Nordic summer sports, inline skating, shooting sports, outdoor exercise and adventure, sport climbing, trend sport bouldering, rock climbing, hiking (excursion Eifel), practical sports courses in BAS3 (endurance, coordination, strength, playability) and golf (see appendix for a final list).

5.2 Category 2: Practical sports courses starting from 08.06. under the conditions in (4) and restricted teaching contents

Subsequent courses will be released for classroom teaching from 08.06.2020, but with limited teaching content. These restrictions concern in particular techniques of assistance, competition in team sports or group tactical exercises. Taking into account the general development of the corona pandemic, it will be decided in the course of the summer semester 2020 whether the above-mentioned content restrictions can be lifted. The President's Office will decide upon application. The affected LFGs will decide whether cancelled content can be replaced by other (possibly digital) content or must be made up for (e.g. during the lecture-free period). The affected LFGs are (see appendix for the final list):

- Courses in the field of team sports (basketball, beach volleyball, football, handball, hockey, volleyball, baseball),
- Courses in the teacher training in the modules B4, B5, B6, B9, B10 (apparatus gymnastics, moving on apparatus, adventure sport indoor, apparatus gymnastics, trampoline gymnastics, Le Parkour, street surfing) as well as
- Courses in the field of dance (e.g. SEB/SBV, PE, teacher training).

5.3 Category 3: Practical sports courses with start from 08.06. under the conditions (4) and with further reservations

The following practical sports courses are subject to the availability of external halls or sports areas. The President's Office approves classroom teaching in the following practical sports courses subject to the conditions of section (4) and the availability of the corresponding halls or sports areas: adventure education, canoeing, equestrian sports, cycling mountain biking (incl. excursion), rowing, sailing and windsurfing (see appendix for a final list). The affected LFGs are requested to check the above availability at short notice.

5.4 Category 4: Practical sports courses, which under the given circumstances will NOT take place from 08.06.

Based on the recommendations of the LFGs, the President's Office has decided that the following practical sports courses will not take place until further notice: acrobatics, martial arts/self-defence, wrestling & fighting. The corresponding LFGs are asked to provide organizational concepts for dealing with this cancellation (e.g. postponement/replacement of the 2nd half of the semester to a later date).



6 General information on sports practice

6.1 Shared use of sports equipment

After consultation with the Head of the Outpatient Clinic and subject to the approval of the Health Department, the President's Office releases the joint use of sports equipment (e.g. balls, rackets, (gymnastics) equipment). However, we ask that the sharing of sports equipment be restricted or reduced to as few people as possible. Furthermore, sports equipment should be disinfected between courses (groups) if possible.

6.2 2-person regulation

Subject to the approval of the health authority, the President's Office has no objections to the so-called 2-person rule in individual cases where it is necessary. This regulation includes the nomination of two students who may have limited physical contact during the semester in relation to a course. These groups of two may not be changed within the individual course during the semester (not even in the event of injury or general illness of one of the two persons) and must be documented separately in the individual courses. The contact in the groups of two is to be limited as much as possible. The final approval of the 2-person regulations is subject to the approval of the Health Office via the President's Office or the Vice-President for Studies and Teaching.

6.3 Reduced meeting sizes

For reasons of health protection, the group size is reduced in certain events. Due to the high organisational effort involved, group reductions should only be requested if necessary. If additional course sessions become necessary due to reduced group sizes, the teaching organisation of DSHS will try to avoid date collisions with already existing events.

7 Approval of presence teaching outside the practical sports courses

At the suggestion of the course administrators, further exceptions were examined in which presence instruction appears to be necessary due to spatial/material conditions. The approved exercises and seminars can be found in the appendix (under category 1). These exercises and seminars (with participant sizes of up to 30 persons) can only be carried out as face-to-face instruction under the condition of course division (max. 15-20 persons per subgroup). Provided that the conditions under (4) are met and a corresponding implementation concept is drawn up (and approved by the Health Department), the President's Office approves presence teaching in these exceptional cases. Presence teaching in scientific colloquia or similar events is still not permitted after 08.06.2020 until further notice (see resolution of principle, item 3).

8 Excursions and block events in the Whitsun week (01.-07.06.2020)

Practical sports courses as excursions or block events, which are regularly scheduled in the week of Pentecost, can take place if the conditions under (4) and (5) are fulfilled or taken into account (e.g. present approval of the health authority).



9 Organisation of the stay on campus (residence management)

The President's Office will also prepare an implementation concept for stays on campus (residence management). This concept will contain the following points/requirements, among others:

1. The stay on campus before and after classes will be reduced to the essentials ("join and leave").
2. In the event of a necessary stay, common areas with supervision should be created.
3. The observance of important rules (e.g. distance rules) shall be checked by personnel.
4. The health-related behaviour when entering and leaving a place of learning (e.g. halls) should also be checked by the lecturers (on a random basis).
5. Material aids (e.g. disinfection facilities at the entrances and exits of the event rooms used for the presence training) are provided by the administration.

10 Obligation of attendance by students and absent hours

The regulations on attendance and absences listed in the examination regulations (e.g. 1/7 rule for absences) are still valid. According to the examination regulations, lecturers have the possibility to define substitute performances in case of absences, taking into account the learning objectives and the intended acquisition of competence.

If students (certified by a general practitioner) belong to a risk group, and absences arise that cannot be compensated for by substitute performances, the possibility of compensation should be created in subsequent semesters. If these students prefer to repeat the practical course completely, they will keep the LSF status of the SoSe2020 registration.

If students (attested by a general practitioner) belong to a risk group and at the same time can prove that they plan to complete their studies by the summer semester 2020, an application for compensation for disadvantages can be submitted to the examination office in the case of non-compensable absences. This application is decided upon by the respective examination board.

11 Thanks and request

The President's Office would like to thank all students for their support during the next weeks in implementing the present regulations. Finally, the President's Office asks for health-related care and mutual consideration in the coming weeks and months.

We wish you and your relatives all the best.

With best regards,

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ANNEX

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