



## Impact on sports during Covid 19

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### Abstract:

The Covid 19 pandemic had a very great impact leading to closure of business, work places, social engagement, schools & Colleges, overall which had a great impact on society. The estimate states that 18.2 Million people died worldwide because of Covid 19 pandemic. The purpose of the current study is to know about the impact on sports during Covid 19. The outbreak of COVID-19 had resulted in closure of, stadiums, gyms dance, pools, physiotherapy centres, parks and playgrounds and fitness studios. Many individuals are therefore not able to actively participate in their regular individual or group sporting or physical activities outside of their homes. The pandemic Covid 19 has caused the significant interruptions in the world wide sporting calendar. To safeguard the health of athletes and others involved, major sporting events at international, national and regional levels had been either cancelled or postponed. A study is made in this direction to know about the impact on sports during Covid 19 on cricket, Field hockey, Chess and Handball and also to know about the barriers that was on the way of sports during pandemic.

### Introduction

Sports pertains to any form of competitive physical activity or game that aims to maintain, use or improve the physical ability and skills while providing way of livelihood, enjoyment to participants and, in some cases, entertainment to spectators. Sports either it can be a casual one or it can be an organized participation. Sports improves one's physical health.

There are different career opportunities which are associated with sports activities. Wherein a person can be a Sportsperson, Sports Coach, Athletic Instructor & Trainer, Sports Physiotherapist, Fitness Nutritionist, Sports Business Manager, Sports Marketing Professionals and more. The first known infections from

SARS-CoV-2 were discovered in Wuhan, China. The original source of viral transmission to humans had infected the whole society at large and this outbreak of pandemic had resulted into closure of all the sports activities and it had affected all the areas of International multi sports events, National multi sport's governing body, Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Cricket, volley ball, Tennis, swimming etc..

### **Objectives of the study:**

1. To know about the impact of Covid 19 Pandemic on Cricket, Field Hockey, Chess and Hand Ball.
2. To analyse the situation of Covid 19 Pandemic in sports activities.

### **Methodology:**

The Method of data collection used here is Secondary Data Method.

### **Impact on Cricket during Covid 19**

The COVID-19 pandemic had caused disruption to cricket around the world various leagues and competitions had either been cancelled or postponed In July 2020, the International Cricket Council (ICC) announced that both the 2020 and 2021 editions of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup had been postponed by one year due to the pandemic Covid 19 Therefore, the 2020 tournament was moved to November 2021, and the 2021 tournament was moved to October 2022. The 2023 Cricket World Cup was also rescheduled to take place eight months later than planned, with the tournament moved to October and November 2023.

Also on 8 August, the ICC confirmed that the 2021 Women's Cricket World Cup and the tournament's qualifier had each been postponed by one year due to the pandemic

### **Impact on Field Hockey during Covid 19**

The field hockey leagues in Europe had been suspended or postponed, including in England Spain, Netherlands and Germany

The 2019–2020 Euro Hockey League Final 8 and 2020 Euro Hockey League Women seasons were suspended on 12 March. The 2020 Men's Euro Hockey Club Trophy I, 2020 Men's Euro Hockey Club Trophy II, 2020 Boys' Euro Hockey Youth Championships, and 2020 Girls' Euro Hockey Youth Championships were cancelled..

In Asia, the 2020 Men's Hockey Junior Asia Cup, 2020 Women's Asian Champions Trophy, and 2020 Women's Hockey Junior Asia Cup were postponed. The 2020 Sultan Azlan Shah Cup was originally postponed to 24 September.<sup>[406]</sup> But on 2 May the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup was officially cancelled.

### **Impact on Chess during Covid 19**

The 44th Chess Olympiad scheduled to take place in Russia from 5–17 August 2020 was postponed and rescheduled for the year of 2021.

The FIDE Candidates Tournament 2020, held in Yekaterinburg, Russia, was suspended at the mid-point of the tournament on 26 March.

## Impact on Hand Ball during Covid 19

The 25–29 March, 2020 European Women's Handball Championship qualification matches in Rotterdam, the Netherlands were cancelled.

The 2021 World Men's Handball Championship took place as planned, albeit without spectators, and was soon affected in that several teams withdrew before and during the championship.

## Barriers to sports during Covid-19.

While the coronavirus had been effected a number of sporting activities, including cricket, baseball, football, boxing, tennis and mixed martial arts, because of lockdown effect on large gatherings and social distancing.

Following are the barriers:

1. Playing like cricket, Football, hockey etc. in empty stadiums has all but removed "home advantage."
2. Playing in closed doors, home teams have won only 21.7% of matches, compared to 43.3%, according to ESPN.
3. Without spectators quality of players of came down as there was no motivation from spectators.
4. There was an increased risk of obesity, diabetes, and other chronic diseases in youths, athletes, and Children etc. due to lack of physical activity.
5. There was challenges for athletes. Mental health during the lockdown was affected as there was the difficulty in keeping training conditions, the delay or cancelation of future competitions, the social distancing from teammates.
6. Apart from the above mentioned points many of the players, athletes, children, and youngsters were under the depression during the pandemic.

## Conclusion:

Even though the Covid 19 pandemic had a great impact during the year 2019-2020 on sports activities. Apart from these two years the activities are being carried on smoothly and there is a very big way especially for sports industry. Athletes effectively coped up with uncertainty by adopting instrumental support from coaches, fitness trainer & nutritionist, emotional support from family & friends, consultant and made action plans to enhance their physical and psychological wellbeing & by increasing their efforts they are ready to face the new challenges and ignore the uncertain time and engaged themselves in the sports activities.

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