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Why did you decide to incorporate a COVID-19 Protocol based on the EDP IRAM 3820 in the club's premises and what was the process like? Could you tell us about the difficulties you encountered during its implementation?

*At Estudiantes de La Plata we are committed to the utmost sanitary care and to the responsibility of working under the conditions imposed by the pandemic. When professional soccer returned to training in August 2020, it was necessary to establish hygiene and distancing protocols.*

*At the Country Club of City Bell, where our professional team trains, a protocol was established as a first measure under the guidelines given to us by the Professional Soccer League. Then, seeking excellence, we turned to IRAM to obtain the certification for sports entities.*

*The work began by sending our protocols already in execution at that time. After reviewing them, IRAM sent us their observations and recommendations, which we logically implemented in the City Bell premises. Finally, the on-site audit took place at the Country Club, where the operation of the protocol and the incorporation of the recommendations received were verified. By working together at each stage of the process, we found no difficulties to improve what we had done.*

To what extent did this help you take care of the health of your staff and your various audiences?

*IRAM certification is a very useful tool to add value to the protocols we already had in place. The most important thing was that, in the event of contagion, we would avoid the spread among those who usually work in the place, soccer players, coaching staff, professional soccer structure and collaborators who perform their daily tasks in our premises. This main objective was achieved. We had some positive cases of COVID in the weekly tests that were carried out and are currently being carried out and the protocols established allowed us to handle the situation with absolute tranquility, avoiding the spread and taking care of those infected as well as the rest*

What was the experience like when you went a step further and managed to achieve our IRAM Protocol COVID-19 Verified Seal certification? What are the main benefits perceived? Is it valued by your members? Did you receive any feedback you would like to share?

*The experience is entirely satisfactory and positive. The protocols are still in force today, since the pandemic is not over. The benefits, as previously stated, were to be able to act correctly when positive cases of COVID were detected, avoiding the spread, which was the main concern.*

*Our staff continued with their training at all times and, with the daily monitoring and the results that are in sight, it is clear that we achieved the proposed results. Thanks to the protocols, those who work every day at the Country Club do it safely and they feel it.*

Why did you choose us to carry out this process? What added value does our Mark bring to you?

*IRAM is the most prestigious organization in the country in terms of certifications. In Estudiantes de La Plata we seek excellence and, with the responsibility of going through this time of pandemic and taking care of our people, we contacted IRAM to count on their experience and support when it came to improving the protocols we already had.*

*Finally, we would like to highlight and thank the selfless commitment of those who gave their time and love for the club to obtain the IRAM certification for sports entities. The process involved doctors Hugo Montenegro and Gustavo Ermilli, responsible for the main professional soccer staff; engineer Juan Pablo Porterié, club member and in charge of the Safety and Hygiene at Work area; doctor Natalia Spinelli, assistant in Infectology at the Instituto Médico Platense and engineer Fabio Szlaifsztein, from the consulting firm NA & Asoc. who promoted the link and the adaptation of the IRAM standard.*

*In addition, it is important to highlight the commitment of the staff of the Country Club of City Bell at all times, as well as the strict compliance by the coaching staff and players for the success of the protocols.*