Pre and at arrival

All participants are encouraged to be careful at least 10 days before travelling to the competition to not meet too many people, not to visit crowded places, to keep safety distance, wear face masks where necessary, to regularly disinfect and wash hands etc.

Participants of a same team are recommended not to travel with the whole team together but as separately as possible in order to reduce the infection risk.

Participants arriving from an EU country (including Germany) are obliged to present a negative PCR-based Corona test taken within 48 hours before arrival. The result has to be preferably in German, English or French or in any language with a latin alphabet. These Participants will have to undergo also a quick test at arrival in the TT Center and as soon as the result is available and negative (not longer than 1 hour for the result) they are free to move around (but stay inside the TTCL bubble).

Participants arriving from a non-EU country are recommended to make a PCR-based Corona test pre arrival in order to reduce their risk (knowing before leaving if being negative or positive). A PCR-based test will be made directly upon arrival in Germany in the TT-Center on the participant’s cost. After that they will be brought to the hotel for 24 hours quarantine. They have to stay in quarantine until the test result is available and negative. If the test is negative they are free to move around (but stay inside the TTCL bubble).

Participants coming from a different country than Germany have to register on www.einreiseanmeldung.de (available in several languages).

The teams should arrive at least 2 days before the event start until 1400 CET.

The names of the persons and their travel details shall be confirmed by latest 20th November (later changes are only possible due to a positive Covid test of member of the team, illness or injury). In this list, each team shall nominate 1 person of their delegation being the responsible person of their team for Covid / hygienic matters.

Testing procedure in Düsseldorf and consequences

For the 3 teams arriving on 7th and 8th December, tests shall be done at arrival.
For the 3 teams arriving on 9th December at 1100 CET, tests shall be done at arrival.
For the teams arriving on 9th December after 1100 CET, tests shall be done until 1400 CET.
For the teams arriving on 9th December late, tests shall be done between 1530 and 2100 CET.
If one person is tested positive at quick test, a PCR-based Corona test will follow immediately. In case the person being tested positive at the quick test was in contact before with other persons of the team then a PCR-based Corona test will be made for the whole team. The result of this test is available within 24 hours.
If the PCR test reconfirms a participant positive, he/she will have to go into quarantine for 14 days. If more than 1 participant of a same team is tested positive by the PCR test then the team is out of the competition.

Participants with symptoms of a respiratory infection will be refused entry to the venue and entry will be only granted again after negative result of a further quick test. If a participant is at any time positive, the rules of the Düsseldorf health office apply.

**Proceedings in Düsseldorf**

Participants receive accreditation while doing the tests in Düsseldorf.

Participants will have breakfast and dinner in the official hotel they are lodged in and lunch at the TT Center. Not more than 2 persons of one team are allowed to sit together on the same table while dining. Participants shall wear face masks until seated and when leaving the dining table. Participants staying in the 3* Sporthotel Borussia Düsseldorf (TT Center) shall not leave the Center during the bubble. Participants who will stay in the 4* NH Hotel Düsseldorf City Nord shall not leave the hotel, only for going to and from the venue and for this to use the official shuttle service only.

Participants leaving unauthorised the bubble areas will be excluded from the competition. The surroundings of the hotels and TT Center are considered as an inclusive part of the bubble area.

In case of force majeure and with prior authorisation by ETTU, a participant may be granted an exception to temporarily leave the bubble. In any case re-entry to the bubble and competition is only given by a further negative test and this test is on charge of that participant.

The teams shall have no contact to the other teams, shall wear face masks, shall not go out of the bubble without ETTU authorisation, shall use the disinfection gels which are made at disposal, shall keep distances to other persons of at least 1,5m and shall follow the marked walking, practicing routes (directions).

Participants of a team stay together but with distance to each other as far as possible.

Only staff, media and press are not additionally tested, they keep distance and shall never cross participants nor have meals taken at the same time than participants and wear FFP2 masks the whole time.

A team shall consist of up to 7 persons. A team may ask for a special permit to ETTU and the LOC to add an 8th person and / or to have a person entering after the 9th December (for example the club’s President). For the additional or late coming person, a negative pre-arrival PCR test and a quick test in Düsseldorf is needed (same condition as for other participants) to enter the bubble and to stay with the team. If that person would like to watch only matches as spectator and has no contact to the team, that person may enter without test. If the condition of no contact is failed on fault of that person and / or team, that person shall leave immediately the TT-Center for the whole duration of the competition. The respective team may be financially sanctioned by ETTU and the team may in addition be taken out of the competition.
A medical doctor or medical service will be present throughout the competition. There is no physiotherapist for the visiting teams available in and during the competition from the LOC. Teams needing a physiotherapist shall nominate their own on the registration list. This person shall then be part of their team/delegation.

In the TT-Center a laundry is available for cleaning shirts and can be used by all participants. There is no cost for the participants to use the laundry.

The bubble will start at December 8th, 2020 with first training session at 1800 CET (for the participants having already a negative test).

Participants needing a PCR test for returning to their home country shall inform the LOC within 30.11.2020. The LOC will then organise the testing on the participants’ cost.

**Match competition and practice measures**

No handshake between players and between players and umpires.

No changing of ends during a team match.

All teams are assigned a side for each of their matches. Each team will play at least once at group stage facing the camera (see playing schedule). Starting with quarter-finals the group winner will face the camera and from semi-finals on, the higher seeded team will face the main cameras.

On 10th December a draw will be made for all group matches to define which team is A and which team is B.

Teams have to confirm by latest 3.12.2020 their 2 sets of playing clothing (shirts), with a clear difference in the main colour, to use for the matches and send a picture of both by email to registration@ettu.org, and confirm their 1st and 2nd choice.

In case for a scheduled match the 2 teams have the same or similar main colour on their shirt of their 1st choice, a draw will be made on 10th December immediately after the draw to define teams A and B, which team can use for the said match their 1st choice shirt.

Team composition (line up) shall be confirmed by team managers to the Referee/Umpire in the call area latest 40 minutes before the start of the match.

There will be 70 selected balls for a team match. 35 balls will be used in an individual match, the next 35 will be used for the following match and in this time the first 35 will be cleaned so they can be reused for the third match etc. Each team can select in the call area 35 balls, 40 minutes before the team match starts (1 member per team only).

During a match, the umpire throws before/after each point a new ball to the server.

Balls will be picked up after every game only, by ball collectors (kids or adults). Ball collectors shall respect social distancing to players on the field, to team members in the box and to umpires at any time.
Umpires have to bring to the match their own score board.

Additional boxes for towels will be provided, to enable distance to the umpires.

It is not allowed to wipe off (dry) hands on the table surface.

In case the table surface needs to be dried during an individual match, there will be on each side either a separate towel or papers which the player (on the table side that needs drying) shall use to dry the table surface.

Playing tables and boxes for towels will be disinfected after each individual match.

It is not allowed to breathe on the ball.

Face masks have to be worn at any time by all persons when at the playing and training hall with sole exception of the players during play and during training.

Social distancing of 1.5 m when presenting the teams, in the player boxes etc.

Each team is warming up on the competition table separately and before change of team warm up, the table will be disinfected.

Practice on the competition tables is possible only after both matches in the previous round are finished.

Minimum time between team matches shall be 30 minutes i.e. if the match scheduled to start at 1000 ends at 1301, the next matches start at 1331 and not at 1330. This allows a minimum of 30 minutes total time for cleaning tables and changing rooms, warm up on competition tables before the match starts and the teams’ presentation prior match start. After the end of a team match, the teams which finished play have maximum 5 minutes time until leaving the changing rooms.

A second warm up table is available in the training hall which will be also disinfected after each session.

The warm up tables (2x4) in the training hall are available to each team (1 table per team) 2 hours before their scheduled playing time and until the start of their last individual match.

Changing rooms latest 20 minutes before match start available to the teams and until maximum 5 minutes after the end of the team match. Use of the sanitary facilities (showers) is forbidden; change of clothes in the changing room is permitted. These will be disinfected before and after a team enters.

All teams can practice also on the competition tables the days before competition start and a schedule will be prepared.
**Jurisdiction**

COVID-19 responsible person LOC: Alexander Schilling, Borussia event manager, schilling@borussia-duesseldorf.com +49 1635747343

COVID-19 responsible person ETTU: Pierre Kass, Champions League event manager, office@ettu.org +352 621371660

Wherever in this document reference is made to authorisation or permission, the persons in charge for ETTU and for the LOC will be the same as the above stated COVID-19 responsible persons.

A team wishing to protest about any aspect of a match or against any other matter, shall address to the Jury.

The Jury shall consist of 1 representative of the organising club (LOC), 1 ETTU representative and the Referee. Each member of the Jury shall have 1 vote and any decision is taken by the majority of the votes.

**Acceptance from participants**

All participants have to sign upon arrival acceptance of this hygienic guideline document in order to be accepted entry.

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I herewith confirm having read and understood the hygienic guidelines for the TTCL in Düsseldorf and with my signature confirm acceptance.

Name:____________________________________________________

Member of team (write club name):_______________________________

Date:________________________

Signature:_____________________________________

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