

HYGIENIC GUIDELINES FOR NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

BEFORE THE EVENT

- **Mandatory day of arrival for all NA-s : 08.11.2021.**
- All participants are encouraged to be careful at least 14 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.
- **It is mandatory to register through the Passenger Location Form before entering Belgium: www.travel.info-coronavirus.be**

UPPON ARRIVAL

- All participants (even the ones vaccinated in their country) will undertake an Antigenic test at the **Radisson Blu Balmoral Hotel**
- Each association will have their scheduled time for an antigenic testing at the hotel

Procedure if someone will be tested positive on the Antigenic testing

- The LOC will only contact participants in case of a positive Antigenic COVID-19 test. Participants shall receive no official information after the negative results.
- If one person is tested positive at antigenic 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 persons who arrived with same transport. The result of this test is available within 24 hours. These tests are on the person's association costs.
- If the PCR test reconfirms a participant positive, then the Belgium country's rule will apply
www.info-coronavirus.be <https://covid-19.sciensano.be/fr/procedures/quarantaine>
- In case a player or official is taken out of competition by decision of the host country's health office due to positive Covid test(s), neither the association nor the person(s) is entitled to claim for any reimbursement and shall take on own cost eventual quarantine costs.
- Refusal of Antigenic or PCR testing will result in dismissal from participation in the tournament

WALLONIA NATIONAL COVID RULES

- Starting from 1st November the Covid Safe ticket will be in application in Wallonia (Belgium) where the tournament will take place.
- To be able to enter the Sporthall, you will be asked to show your Covid Safe ticket (proof of complete vaccination recognized by EU valid after 14 days with 2 shots or 1 shot in case of Johnson and Johnson, covid recovery certificate with validity of maximum 180 days, a negative PCR Test valid 48 hours).
- The participants not vaccinated by recognized vaccines within EU and without covid recovery certificate will undertake a first PCR Test on Tuesday 9th November morning at a cost of 60 Euros in the hotel.
- Additional PCR Tests will be taken trying to combine the Covid Safe Ticket and the tests you would need for your departure at the same costs whenever it would be possible.
- For all questions regarding the Wallonia Covid Rules please contact Tournament director Mr. Didier Leroy at the following e-mail address: leroytt@gmail.com: dleroytt@gmail.com

AT THE HOTEL

- Face masks (covering mouth and nose) should be worn at all times at the hotel (except during eating), as well as during transits.
- All shuttle buses are allowed to operate with 50% of capacity. In case the bus is reaching its capacity, the participant is not allowed to board and should wait for the available next bus.
- Meals shall be served at the venue in special designated areas only for the participants. Countries to be in designated specific tables to ensure proper physical distancing.
- To avoid the spread of infection (if any), participants should maintain the 1.5 meters distance all the time.
- Procedure if any symptoms are experienced at any time and if the body temperature is above 37.5 degrees:
 - Organizers will provide emergency Covid phone number +3280014689
 - Medical staff will be sent to make a Covid test
 - Participants with symptoms of a respiratory infection will be refused entry to the competition and entry will be only granted again after negative result of a further antigenic or PCR test.

AT THE VENUE

- LOC shall ensure proper floor markings are placed to maintain distance of 1,5 m between people in the case of queue formation at the entrance of the venue.
- Availability of handwashing amenities with soap and water, non-contact air hand dryers or paper towels in toilets shall be guaranteed.
- Face masks (covering mouth and nose) should be used at all times except for players during practice and competition, and coaches on duty during the matches.
- At the venue using of showers is forbidden.
- If any symptoms are experienced at any time and if your temperature is above 37.5 degrees, please inform the Competition Manager or the responsible ETTU official immediately to seek the appropriate medical attention. Participants with symptoms of a respiratory infection will be transferred to a hotel room in a special vehicle. Entry to the competition will be only granted again after the negative result of a further antigenic or PCR test.
- Once the participants reach the venue, intermingling with other people should be avoided as much as possible.
- Physical distancing of 1.5 meters should be maintained between all individuals at all the time.
- If the participant is not practicing or competing, it is recommended not to stay at the venue and go back to the hotel room. If there will be not enough time to go to the hotel and back, participants will stay in the specially designated area for each association on the tribunes.
- According to current national regulations spectators will be allowed. Every spectator should show a sanitary pass This will be strictly controlled at the spectators entrance.
- A limited number of spectators with reserved places and paid places in advance will be allowed with a maximum of 100 per day.

AT THE PRACTICE AREA

- During practicing it is strongly recommended not to socialize or stay in groups following the hygiene rules.
- The practice schedule will be prepared by the ETTU Competition Manager.
- A training schedule will be shared on a daily base. According to the schedule, player number per table will be limited and specific table allocation will be introduced for the National Associations.
- Accompanying persons per athlete is limited to one. All other participants must remain outside of the training hall.
- In the training area, wearing a mask is mandatory. The mask must cover the nose and the mouth of the participant exception for players practicing.
- Physical distancing of 1.5 meters should be maintained between all individuals all the time.

BEFORE THE MATCH

- Tables in call area must be spaced at a minimum distance of 2m.
- At the call area players, coaches and officials must wear masks
- Players must sanitize their hands before selecting the balls.
- At the call area, players must always ensure that they maintain a safe social distance of minimum 1,5m between match officials and other participants.
- In the event that an umpire has to choose the balls on behalf of the players, the umpire shall sanitize its hands before and after the selection process.

AT THE FoP (during the match)

- For match in procedures, Umpires will always enter the FoP before players.
- Coin toss to be done by umpire in front of the umpires table and with players remaining on their sides while maintaining a social distance of at least 1,5 m.
- During match presentation procedures, umpires and players must still maintain an appropriate social distance of at least 1,5 m
- Umpires and players shall not shake hands.
- All matches will be played with one ball. Multi balls system will not be implemented.
- Players are not allowed to use their own towels to wipe the match table. Players shall indicate to Umpires if the match table needs cleaning. A designated person (umpires) will be asked to clean the table.
- No breathing on the ball.
- No hand wiping on table surface.
- Spitting should be avoided in the FoP.

END OF THE MATCH

- Umpires and players shall not shake hands.
- Players and umpires should leave the venue and return to the hotel as soon as all match procedures are over, or players can stay in the venue in special designated seats for each association.
- Umpires will disinfect playing table and coaches chairs after each match.

MIXED ZONE

- Masks shall be used by all personnel entering the mixed zone and be separated with an appropriate social distance of at least 1,5m . Entry to the mixed zone will be denied if a mask is not worn.
- In case of live press conferences or interviews will take place, members of the media shall always stand at least 2m away from the player, and floor markings must be placed.

PRE-DEPARTURE PCR TESTING

- Participants needing a PCR test for returning to their home country shall inform the host at the same time than confirming their delegation to the following e-mail address: eu21@aftt.be
- The organizer will then provide the testing on the participants' cost. Cost per PCR Test is € 60.

IMPORTANT REMARKS

- In all above cases whenever a participant will be tested positive the Jury will deal with the LOC and the Local Health Authorities in order to chase the contacts of the infected participant.
- In case someone is tested positive he/she will be obligated to stay in isolation in hotel room for 10 days and he/she will be considered out of the bubble. By Belgium law he/she will be released of isolation after day 10. Each Association is responsible for the full quarantine cost of their accredited persons.
- Each hotel have designated rooms for COVID positive guests.
- According to Belgium regulation, if the positive tested person was accommodated in a double room, another person from this room will be also taken under quarantine.
- Any close contacts of the person who was tested positive will be applied Belgium Covid-19 health security measures.
- All participants should show a sanitary pass to enter the Sporthall following the new rules from the Wallonia Government starting from 1st November.
- If participants are reported to not comply with the host's national and local hygienic guidelines and regulations, they may be withdrawn from the competition and the respective team may in addition be financially sanctioned by ETTU

DISCLAIMER

- The LOC and ETTU are reserving the right to change or update the COVID-19 Guidelines. In case of an update or change, participants will be officially informed in due time