EUROPE CUP WOMEN 2020-2021 HYGIENIC GUIDELINES AND CONDITIONS FINAL STAGE NOVI SAD, SERBIA

Preamble

This document sets the hygienic guidelines and further conditions of participation to the Europe Cup women final stage tournament.
As the final stage shall be played in a hygienic safe bubble format, there are different conditions to be accepted i.e. variations to the existing Europe Cup directives.
All laid down in this hygienic guidelines and conditions document overwrites the current Europe Cup directives, however the parts of the latter document (directives) will remain in force where the conditions set in this document does not give any different information.
In order that a club is accepted to participate in the Europe Cup final stage, the club via its official representative shall sign this document and return to ETTU no later than **Monday 5th April 2021**.

Pre and at arrival

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. For further recommendations please see here: COVID-19 - Single page recommendations from ITTF or ITTF COVID-19 Guidelines v1.0

It is recommended that teams arrive to the host country as separately as possible to the competition i.e. the whole team arriving together with a car or minibus is allowed but puts a higher risk to the team in case a person is positive on Covid.

Participants arriving are obliged to present a negative PCR-based Corona test from a reference laboratory taken within 72 hours before arrival for entry into the host country. All participants will have to also undergo a quick antigen test at arrival at the host's cost. The host will have to cover antigen test costs only for 5 persons per team. Not more than 7 persons can be part of a team's delegation in the final stage and for each person in addition to the 5th of a team, that team shall cover the costs of the antigen tests (20€ per person) for them. The host team and the umpire team shall also undergo PCR and antigen tests (on the host's cost). As soon as the result is available and negative (not longer than 1 hour for the antigen test result) they are free to go to the hall for training (but according to the training schedule only).

The teams should arrive 2 days before the competition starts i.e. on Monday 3rd May until latest 18:00 local time. Hosts will provide pick up from airport (Belgrade) and from train station (Belgrade or Novi Sad). All participants shall upon arrival be tested in the hotel's separate Covid room.

The names of the persons and their travel details shall be confirmed to the host and to the ETTU by latest Friday 9th April 2021 (later changes are only possible due to a positive Covid-19 test of member

of the team, illness, or injury), by returning the form provided by ETTU. Each team shall nominate 1 person of their delegation being the responsible person of their team for Covid-19 / hygienic matters.

All teams including the host team shall only use the official hospitality package (hotel and meals) for the whole duration of the competition and shall pay to the host upon reception of invoice hotel and meal costs. The first invoice (for the days of arrival until the group stage ends) will be sent to all participating clubs before the competition starts and in order to be accepted shall be paid in full before arrival.

Accommodation will be at the hotel (Novi Sad **** street: Bulevar Jaše Tomića 1, Novi Sad 21000)
Full board (accommodation plus all meals):
57€ per person per day in a single room
47€ per person per day in a double room
Teams shall indicate at the ETTU form eventual dietary restrictions of their delegation members to be returned by latest Friday 9th April 2021.

In case of cancellation of a team or a team's member without replacement of that member, the cancellation cost is 50% until (Friday 23rd April) and 100% after (Friday 30th April).

Testing procedure at host location and consequences

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. These tests are on the person's club costs.
If the PCR test reconfirms a participant positive, then the host country's rule will apply.
If more than 1 participant of the 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 competition 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 respective health office for the host country apply. In case a team or a team's participant is taken out of competition by decision of the host country's health office due to positive Covid test(s), neither the team nor the person(s) is entitled to claim for any reimbursement and shall take on own cost eventual quarantine costs.

Proceedings at host location

Participants will have breakfast, lunch and dinner in the official hotel they are lodged in. Not more than 5 persons of one team can sit together on the same table while dining. Participants shall wear face masks until seated and when leaving the dining table. The host shall arrange that meals for all participants of the competition are available in a separate room with no access to other hotel guests.

Participants shall not leave the hotel, only for going to and from the venue for matches and practice and shall not use public transport. Save transfer between the hotel and hall will be provided by the host.

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

The teams shall have no contact to the other teams, shall wear face masks (covering mouth and nose), shall not go out of the bubble, shall use the disinfection gels which are made at disposal by the host, shall keep distances to other persons of at least 1,5m.

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

Generally, no spectators are allowed unless the host country's rule allows spectators, ETTU may accept under strict conditions (separate entrance and exit, no contact with participants, not using the same areas as toilets etc and sufficient distance to Field of Play.

Participants needing a PCR test for returning to their home country shall inform the host at the same time than confirming their delegation' details. The host will then organise the testing on the participants' cost. A PCR test costs 70 €.

Only some people (media and press) are not additionally tested, they keep distance, shall not use the same entry and exit of the bubble participants and shall never cross participants nor have meals taken at the same place than participants and wear FFP2 masks the whole time.

If the condition of no contact is failed on fault of that person and / or team, that person shall leave immediately the event hall and hotel 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.

Match competition and practice measures

No handshake between players and between players and umpires.

No change of ends after games (sets) but change of ends after each individual match. Tables will be disinfected after each individual match. 4 towel boxes available at the FoP (for each team 1 at each side).

A draw will be made to define which team is team A and which team is team B for each match.

Team composition (line up) shall be confirmed by team managers to the Referee/Umpire latest 40 minutes before the start of the match and the Referee shall send team composition (line up) immediately afterwards by email to (email addresses to be confirmed to the Referee).

Teams shall bring 2 sets of playing clothing (shirts), with a clear difference in the main colour, to use for the matches. In case 2 teams wish to use a shirt with no clear difference in colour and if there is no agreement between the teams, the Referee will draw the shirt to be used for each team by lot. Teams shall inform their 2 sets of shirts in the ETTU form to be returned by latest Friday 9th April 2021

No use of multiballs and ball kids.

Umpires have to bring to the match their own score board (provided by the host).

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 breath 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 1-1.5 m when presenting the teams, in the player boxes.

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

Training schedules will be made available to all participants at arrival date. After each team training session, the tables will be disinfected.

Members of a team shall not be in the competition area when their team has no match. In case they wish to see a match of their group, ETTU may allow to some or all team members, depending on the legal restrictions.

12 changing rooms are available to the teams. The host has to prepare a planning on the use of changing room per team and need to disinfect before and after a team enters, in case a same changing room will be used by more than 1 team during a day. Use of the sanitary facilities (showers) is forbidden, only change of clothes in the changing room is permitted.

Event location / host

TTC Novi Sad ("SPENS" Arena, street: Sutjeska 2, Novi Sad 21000)

Competition dates

5-9.5.2021 (in case of 1 or more cancellation the competition dates will be from 5-8.5.2021 – to be confirmed on Tuesday 6th April 2021).

Competition schedule and draws

The group phase will be played during the first 3 days of the competition on 2 tables where each team competes once against all other teams of their group. The draw for the group stage will be made 1 or 2 days before the competition starts (once teams arrived and test results available).
The group winners and runners-up proceed to the KO stage (quarter-finals). KO stage will be played on 1 table. The draw for the KO stage will be made after completion of the group stage.
In case of team withdrawals, the competition system and schedule may be adapted at ETTU's sole discretion.

Competition equipment:

Tables: GEWO Premium SC 25
Nets: GEWO World Cup
Balls: GEWO Ultra SLP 40+ ***

Jurisdiction

COVID-19 responsible person LOC: Dan Fracile, dan.fracile84@gmail.com, +381 638309702

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

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. The Jury is also entitled to take any decision upon the Europe Cup women in case it is necessary.

Acceptance from participants

Each participating club's official representative shall send this hygienic guidelines and conditions document signed by email before the competition starts to ETTU at registration@ettu.org by latest **Monday 5th April 2021** in order to be accepted participation.

ETTU is reserving the right to update this hygienic guidelines and conditions document but will then inform all teams.

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I herewith confirm having read, understood and transmitted to my team delegation the hygienic guidelines and conditions for the Europe Cup women final stage and with my signature I confirm my club's participation to the final stage and confirm acceptance on behalf of my club/team.

Name of the club:	
Name of the club's official representative, the undersigned:	
Position in the club:	
Date:	
Signature:	