



# **GAZPROM 2021 EUROPEAN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

## **HYGIENIC GUIDELINES FOR NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**



# BEFORE THE EVENT

## Mandatory days of arrival for all teams: 26.09.2021.

- All participants should undertake a COVID-19 (PCR test) seven (7) days before departure and send test result to the ETTU Competition Manager ([competition@ettu.org](mailto:competition@ettu.org)) and [covid19ec2021@frtmromania.ro](mailto:covid19ec2021@frtmromania.ro) **latest on 21.09.2021.**
- All participants should be tested negative for COVID-19 on PCR test within 72/48 hours before entering the Romania and send test result to the ETTU Competition Manager ([competition@ettu.org](mailto:competition@ettu.org)) and [covid19ec2021@frtmromania.ro](mailto:covid19ec2021@frtmromania.ro) **latest on 25.09.2021.**
- 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.
- 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.



# UPPON ARRIVAL

- All participants (even the ones vaccinated in their country) will undertake an Antigenic test at the venue BT Arena before accreditation.
- Each association will have their scheduled time for an antigenic testing at the venue BT Arena.

## 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 Romanian country's rule will apply (<https://www.mae.ro/travel> condition)
- 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



# AT THE HOTEL

- Face masks 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 50-60 % of capacity .In case the bus is reaching its capacity , the participant is not allowed to board and should wait for the next available next bus.
- It is prohibited to leave the hotel for any reason without prior approval by ETTU officials. Participants leaving the bubble area in the hotel will be excluded from the competition.
- It is recommended not to be in groups and avoid mixing with members of other delegations.
- Meals shall be served at the hotel, in special designated areas only for the participants. These areas will be separated from the other food areas used for the public. 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.
- Delivery services to the hotel are allowed but final decision is by the hotel management.
- 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
  - 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.
- It is strictly prohibited to leave the venue for any reason without prior approval by ETTU officials. Participants leaving the bubble area in the venue will be excluded from the competition.
- Face masks should be used at all times except for players during practice and competition.
- 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 strongly 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 are allowed. Any changes will be announced.



## 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.
- 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.
- Umpires will disinfect / clean table after each game, and after each individual match
- Towel boxes of each team will be on the side of their bench





# 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.
- Volunteers will disinfect playing table, towel boxes and team bench/chairs after team 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: [covid19ec2021@frtmromania.ro](mailto:covid19ec2021@frtmromania.ro). The organizer will then provide the testing on the participants' cost. Cost per PCR Test is € 120,00.



# IMPORTANT REMARKS

- All restrictions are to be strictly applied and any breach of the Guidelines will be individually investigated by a Tournament Jury. The Jury will be comprised of representatives from the LOC and ETTU.
- Participants are not allowed to leave the bubble area (Hotel, Transportation, Venue).
- 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 Romanian 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 Romanian 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 Romanian Covid-19 health security measures.
- Credential holders are entitled to follow the guidelines and regulations indicated on their Accreditation Passes. Entering any unauthorized areas could lead to a breach of protocol investigation



# 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



Each team responsible person must sign this document (one for each participating team):

I herewith confirm having read, understood and transmitted to my team delegation the hygienic guidelines and conditions for the Gazprom 2021 European Team Championship and with my signature I confirm my association participation and confirm acceptance on behalf of my team:

Association:	
Team:	
Name of the association official representative, the team leader:	
Date:	
Signature:	

**A signed document must be sent to the ETTU Competition Manager ([competition@ettu.org](mailto:competition@ettu.org)) latest on Wednesday, 15.09.2021.**