

Coronavirus
COVID-19



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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Code of Conduct during COVID-19 to prevent the spread of coronavirus (hereinafter “the Code”) is to provide the organizing team and all participants with an overview of health and safety aspects, and the requirements for organizing this European Taekwondo Union event held indoors in the situation of pandemic threat of COVID-19 disease.

The organizer of the competition acts in accordance with local laws and regulations, as well as follows the recommendations of government public health services to reduce the risk to a minimum. Continuous risk assessments, and monitoring of the situation and its changes at the national, and especially at the local level, will ensure valid compliance with the recommended and mandatory health and safety regulations and measures.

The organizer of the competition has taken a clear position and has a policy of personal responsibility. This position takes into account the legal aspects related to the organization of the competition during the pandemic and is made public to athletes, representatives and professional accompaniment of competitors and all those involved in the organization.

The document was prepared according to the instructions and harmonized with the local and national prescribed measures for public gatherings.

Scope

The document applies to all participants in the competition and all those who in any way participate in organization and implementation and defines instructions on how to comply with the recommended requirements that the organizer of the competition takes into account in order to protect the personal and public health of all participants:

- athletes
- professional teams accompanied by athletes: coaches, managers, physiotherapists, etc.
- Implementing and organizing committee / professional officials / competition officials
- volunteers and staff (sponsors and partners, OVR, hall insurance and support services)
- members of the medical service and anti-doping control
- media representatives and broadcasters

Roles and RULES

In order to avoid or reduce interactions between persons, the number of those who can attend the event is limited to only those necessary for the operations of the hall, the event and the competition itself.

After the organizer of the competition has established the epidemiological situation, a person has been appointed who is responsible at the event for risk assessment and for the implementation of epidemiological measures that reduce the possibility of infection transmission. This person(COVID-Coordinator) has the role of the central coordinator



and the person responsible for communication among the participants in the organization of the competition, ie the organizing committee, the hall managers, the relevant public health institutions and sports teams.

All associates are required to adhere to measures and recommendations to prevent the transmission of coronavirus infection.

Wearing a protective mask in such a way that it covers both the mouth and the nose is mandatory for all regardless of their place of action. Masks are worn in the official hotel of the competition, during the use of the transport service and during the stay in the hall, all the time and without exception, except in the case of competitors, during the competition (during fights).

It is strongly recommended to prepare and wear any types of eye protection such as sports goggle, eye protector or faceshield in a crowded indoor or closed space setting (especially busy areas in the venue or hotel or transportation shuttle) to decrease possible COVID infection through eyes, except in the case of competitors during the competition.

If there is a need to replace gloves or a protective mask, used gloves and masks are thrown in specially designed baskets. Associates operating in the hall are obliged to adhere to the specified corridors of movement, and ALL COMPETITORS and COACHES must leave the hall IMMEDIATELY after the fight.

The organizer will keep a register that includes contacts of competitors and members of their entourage, officials and professionals, which will facilitate the identification and monitoring of further contacts of potentially infected persons. The keeping of the register will be in accordance with local legislation and regulations, and in accordance with the protection of personal data. By accepting the work, volunteering or registering, all participants undertake to give a statement and accept the conditions prescribed by the organizer.

This rulebook is designed for and binds all participants in the organization who accept the stated instructions by taking over the official accreditation.

Participants/implementation/audience

In order to facilitate the use of this document, the organizer divided all participants in the organization into groups related to movement within the competition zone (hall) and participants outside the competition zone.

A. Competition zone (hall)

- Competitors / participants
- Referees / delegates / organizers / technical service
- Medical procedures / Warming places
- TV broadcast of the competition
- Anti-doping control
- Volunteers



B. Other participants in the organization who are outside the competition zone of movement (in front of the hall and hotel space)

- Employees
- Transport service / official drivers
- Physiotherapists / masseurs / medical service
- Media representatives
- Security service
- Logistics / goods acceptance / accreditation service
- Serving food
- Official accommodation

A. COMPETITION ZONE (HALL)



It is mandatory to wear masks, disinfect your hands and have your body temperature checked before entering the Competition Hall

Competitors / participants

COVID TEST! Due to the current situation in Europe, and in order to protect all our participants and the safe implementation of the competition, the following will apply in addition to the requirements to enter the event host country.

In addition, as a **bio-secured bubble format** will apply at this event all participants (athletes, coaches, trainers, officials, referees, staff, etc.) will be tested with a Rapid Ag Test at the entrance of the “Bio-secure bubble” and will be allowed to enter the event premises only if the result is negative. Participants that are tested positive will not be allowed access and, in this case, Local Authorities’ health protocols will be followed.

IMPORTANT: Participants are NOT allowed to exit or leave the event premises until they complete their play or duties, and they depart. Participants that exit or leave the quarantined premises before their departure will be automatically disqualified; them and their team in total. NO EXCEPTIONS APPLY. *(In case of injury and/or need of hospitalization the COVID coordinator and the MD in charge will permit the athlete and/or an escort to exit).*

Wearing a protective mask is mandatory at all times, except in the following situations:

- During a meal at the hotel, during the warm-up and during the fights.

Weigh-In

Each team will have to book a weighing appointment to avoid unnecessary gatherings. Follow the link mentioned in the outline to book your appointments.

All participants who attend the official weigh-in are required to disinfect their hands and wear a protective mask before entering the room.
Referees should wear protective gloves along with the protective mask.

Accreditation

Accreditation and registration will take place on scheduled appointments basis! Follow the link mentioned in the outline to book your appointments.

Hall

Access to the competition hall/area is allowed only on the day of the athlete's fight. Competitors will stay during the competition in their rooms or the designated waiting area. When the category of each individual competitor starts, the competitors go to the warm-up area accompanied by the coach (before entering, their temperature is measured), which they can enter 15 minutes before their fight. After warming up, the competitor and the coach enter the disinfection area where they get electronic equipment and go through the disinfection zone.

It will not be possible to use locker rooms, lockers and showers in the hall. Only the use of sanitary facilities will be allowed. It is necessary to have an identification document in the hall for the purposes of conducting doping control.

No close contact is allowed in the hall after the competition, and this refers to shaking hands, hugging or kissing for the purpose of celebrating the results of the performance.

At the medal ceremony the athletes and medal presenters are required to use masks and the medal presenters also gloves. The ceremony will take place without a handshake, and the person presenting the awards must also wear gloves.

Athletes' statements after the competition will take place at a distance from the journalist in charge, and other members of the media will follow the statement live.

Referees / delegates / organizers / technical service

Participants in this sector are considered to be all those who are within the competitive movement zone. Referees, delegates, organizers as well as the technical service should also have their movement in the hall restricted, avoid approaching competitors wherever possible, and have a chosen place to stand and sit.

The tatami mat should be wiped and sprayed with disinfectant on a regular basis. Equipment (helmet and body protector) should also be sprayed with disinfectant after the fight.

Persons in charge of collecting, transporting and returning the equipment should clean their hands with disinfectant or use disposable gloves and throw them away after handling the equipment.

Centre referees must wear protective gloves along with the protective mask.

Medical procedures / Warming places

Every person must be considered potentially contagious; therefore, athletes and medical staff are required to wear protective equipment at all times. A handwashing and disinfection protocol will be implemented upon entering and exiting these rooms and between each intervention by the medical staff.

TV broadcast of the competition

Each member of the transmission team should be subject to an individual risk assessment of infection, and those at increased risk should obtain a medical permit after passing one of the protocols.

Part of the transmission implementers working in the hall should remain on their workstations for as long as previously defined. They should avoid unnecessary conversation, adhere to measures of physical distancing.

During the stay in all zones under the authority of the organizer, it is mandatory to wear a mask. The national host of the broadcast is obliged to submit to the organizer the schedule of movements of all participants in the television broadcast.

Volunteers

Volunteers are required to adhere to measures to prevent the spread of infection at all locations where they are deployed. It is mandatory to wear a protective mask that covers the mouth and nose and frequent hand disinfection, as well as eye protection such as sports goggles or faceshield. Used gloves and masks should only be stored in specially designed containers. Disinfection of tatami mats and equipment is done in a way that does not disturb the athletes and does not come in their immediate vicinity. It is necessary to take care not to enter the zone of movement of the athlete.

Asking for autographs or taking photos with athletes is not allowed.

B. OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE ORGANIZATION WHO ARE OUTSIDE THE COMPETITION ZONE OF MOVEMENT

Employees

Competition staff were deployed in multiple smaller groups and multiple rooms to reduce the risk of infection transmission. They are obliged to wear protective masks throughout their stay in front of the hall and to disinfect their hands when entering and leaving the room in which they work.



The joint meetings necessary for the implementation of the competition will be held outdoors with the obligatory wearing of protective masks.

Employees of the competition are considered to be all persons who are connected with the organizer through an employment relationship, employment contract, student contract or as volunteers, and reside in front of the hall.

Transport service / official drivers

Accredited persons will be transported from the airport directly to the hotel by car or bus where all passengers and drivers will wear face masks and sit in compliance with the physical distance rule prescribed by the local authority with a recommendation of 1.5 to 2 meters.

For all participants who will be accommodated in one of the official hotels, and away from the venue of the competition, shuttle service will be provided according to a pre-determined schedule with predefined names of competitors and other participants.

Official buses, cars and vans

In cars, accredited persons will drive exclusively in the rear (back of the car). Drivers strictly follow the rule of the given distance, constantly wear protective masks, and disinfect and ventilate the vehicle after each ride and accept only one passenger or if there are two people from the same team.

In official vans, accredited persons will be assigned to seats with the prescribed physical distance provided. It is not allowed to fill the entire capacity of the vehicle. Drivers strictly follow the rule of the given distance, constantly wear protective masks, and disinfect and ventilate the vehicle after each ride and receive only the agreed number of passengers.

In buses, accredited persons will be seated with the prescribed physical distance provided. It is not allowed to fill the entire capacity of the vehicle. Drivers strictly follow the rule of the given distance, constantly wear protective masks, and disinfect and ventilate the vehicle after each ride and receive only the agreed number of passengers. Also, it is strongly recommended to wear eye protection gear (goggle or faceshield) during transportation if there is no fresh air ventilation through windows of the transportation vehicle.

All participants are advised not to use public transport.

Physiotherapists / masseurs / medical service

All team members who will perform massage and physiotherapy services are required to get a rapid Ag test in order to enter the bio-secure bubble.

Media representatives



Media center and press stands

Media representatives are required to wear face masks. The organizer will ensure proper disinfection of the area where the media will be before opening, as well as cleaning and disinfection of the space every few hours. It is mandatory to keep a distance of 2 meters.

The official press conference should be held in the open if possible with a limited number of media representatives. By coming to the official press conference, it is necessary to adhere to all the measures prescribed for the competition.

Press area

Only journalists, cameramen, members of the organizing committee and medical staff are allowed to enter the press zone.

Photographers

The number of photographers in the hall will be limited and reduced to a minimum. Photographers should wear masks and must pass an individual risk assessment. Their movement through the hall should follow the same one-way path as other accredited persons.

Security service

Security guards will be deployed in the movement zones. In addition to all other measures, wearing protective masks is mandatory, as well as frequent hand disinfection.

Logistics

Acceptance of goods that are necessary for the organization of the competition will be done in the open space at the front or the back of house. All participants and partners who must deliver their equipment should adhere to the schedule of delivery and collection of goods. It is mandatory to wear a mask, disinfect your hands and keep a distance of 2 m.

Serving food

Food serving services in the hall will be in accordance with the prescribed measures of the competent authorities for this type of activity. All accredited persons and with a license to perform this activity will provide the organizer with information on employees who will work as part of the organization of the competition.

Official accommodation

Official accommodation is mandatory for all participants.

All accredited persons should strictly adhere to the hotel's rules on physical distance and all other measures to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 disease epidemic.

It is mandatory to wear masks, disinfect your hands and measure the temperature when entering the hotels. A special room should be provided in the hotel where meals will be served to the event participants to avoid interaction with other guests in the hotel. The distribution of food will be carried out in accordance with the rules and measures to prevent the spread of infection. Staying in the restaurant should be short, and removing the protective mask is only allowed during the meal.

Athletes are not recommended to stay and move in the lobby, restaurant and other rooms of the hotel.

Audience/Spectators

Audience/Spectators **will not** be allowed during the competition.

VIP

The protocol service will provide VIP guests with clear instructions on how to behave during the opening ceremony and/or competition. VIP guests must wear face masks and disinfect their hands when entering the hall. They should be seated at preassigned seats.

References

For further information, guidance and regulations, please refer to references as below

1. WT Guidelines and Protocols for Safe Return to Competitions and Training During COVID-19 (*please note that requirement for COVID testing in the WT guidelines recently changed to “(1) PCR test within 72hours before arrival, (2) Rapid COVID test upon arrival date at the hotel (3) PCR test within 72hours before departure)
2. Athletes, team staff and representatives are strongly encouraged to refer to the document COVID-19: ADO GUIDANCE FORESUMING TESING (published on 6th, May, 2020) on the WADA website: https://www.wada-ama.org/sites/default/files/resources/files/20200506_ado_guidance_resuming_tesing_en.pdf
3. Para Taekwondo Competitions: World Taekwondo will follow the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Classification hygiene and infection control guidelines. In addition, World Taekwondo will implement two meters of physical distance instead of one and half meters. Further, there shall be enough time allocated to sanitize the room before next classification.
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