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SAFETY PROTOCOLS & OPERATING PROCEDURES

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1 Introduction

The purpose of this document is to outline the various measures put in place to create a safe environment for all stakeholders involved in the tournament including players, organising committee work force, volunteers, media and technical officials.

In addition to these guidelines the host organising committee will strictly follow the advice and measures put in place by their local and national health authorities.

As the situation around COVID-19 hopefully improve as time goes by, the host, in consultation with the BWF may remove some of the guidelines and/or provide dispensation to some of the described procedures. If, however the situation worsens the host, in consultation with the BWF may also strengthen the guidelines and request additional requirements be put in place.

Note: For Super 100 tournaments, the BWF Safety Operating Protocols and Procedures is a recommendation only. As such, some protocols may differ or not be implemented by the host.

1.1 The Current Situation in France

Since Monday, 14 March, the only COVID related restriction in France is the mandatory face mask in public transport.

1.2 General Guidelines and Preventive Measures

Players, coaches, tournament staff and volunteers all have a joint responsibility for ensuring that their movements take place in a way that limit any potential spread of infection. It is very important that the preventive measures are closely followed in accordance with the general guidelines of the health authorities.

In order to create a safe and secure environment during the competition period, kindly ensure that you follow the basic preventative measures at all times:

- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Wear a mask wherever it is obligatory to do so, as well as in situations where social distancing cannot be respected
- Cough or sneeze in your sleeve or into a tissue
- Maintain physical distancing (at least 1 metre)
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care immediately
- If you have mild respiratory symptoms seek medical advice

1.3 Important Contact Details

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1.4 Key points

- The entry requirements to France vary based on where travellers are traveling to France from, as well as their vaccination status.
- As per BWF regulations, all players/entourage must obtain a negative PCR test certificate 72 hours prior to their arrival to France.
- Participants with prior COVID-19 infection (11-90 days before the tournament) can be exempted from the BWF pre-arrival test if they show official proof of recovery (2.2).
- There will be no on-arrival testing carried out.
- The host can assist with organizing antigenic or PCR tests to accommodate travel requirements. These tests are at participants’ own cost. The tests must be booked by 28 March via email at info@orleansmasters.com.
- Any positive antigen test will be followed up with a PCR-test to confirm the result. Participants with a confirmed positive PCR-test result must self-isolate immediately for minimum 7 to 10 days and are therefore withdrawn from the tournament.
- The French Health Authorities do not accept a proof of prior COVID-19 infection as an exemption form the mandatory isolation period.
- “Not vaccinated” close contacts must undergo a mandatory quarantine of 7 days and are subsequently withdrawn from the tournament, regardless of the outcome of any further test results.
- “Fully vaccinated” close contacts can be exempted from the mandatory quarantine and can avoid withdrawing from the tournament if they test negative when requested to do so, if they move to a single room and undergo further testing at their own expense, as required by the French Health Authorities.
- As per BWF protocols, doubles partner and/or roommate of a COVID-19 positive patient are automatically classified as close contact.
- The team managers’ meeting will be held at the venue on Monday, 28 March at 18:00.
- It is mandatory for all participants to wear face masks/face shields at all times and physical distancing measures must always be followed.
- One warm up court and three practice courts will be available during the tournament.
- A practice schedule will be created with dedicated training courts allocated to teams.
- Player match analysis video recordings will not be permitted, video recording of the matches will be available on request at info@orleansmasters.com.
- Prize presentations will be conducted following the physical distancing rules.
2 COVID-19 Safety Measures for Players and Team Entourage

To create a safe environment for players and entourage the host will be implementing COVID-19 safety measures during the event.

Teams are required to limit the number of personnel in their entourage based on a need-to-basis. Any accredited entourage over and above the accreditation limit will be required to undertake testing at their own cost.

2.1 Entry requirements to France

The requirements vary based on where travellers are traveling to France from (Green/Amber countries), as well as their vaccination status.

Country classification:

a) "Green list" countries or territories: Countries or territories where no active circulation of the virus is observed and no variant of concern is identified. These are the countries of the European area: Member States of the European Union as well as Andorra, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway, San Marino, Switzerland and the Vatican. In addition, the following countries and territories are added: Angola, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Brazil, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Cuba, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Honduras, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Laos, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Salvador, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, South Africa, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Sudan, South Sudan, Taiwan, Tanzania, East Timor, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United States, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Vietnam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

b) "Amber list" countries: countries or territories experiencing active circulation of the virus, in the absence of an emerging variant of concern and showing no vaccine or immune escape. These are all countries not included in the list of “green” countries.

Vaccination status classification:

The vaccination schedule is considered complete 28 days after receiving one dose of Janssen vaccine, seven days after a second dose of other vaccines approved by the European Medicines Agency (namely Pfizer/Comirnaty, Moderna, AstraZeneca/Vaxzevria/Covishield).

For persons who have received all the required doses of a WHO-licensed vaccine not approved by the European Medicines Agency (Sinopharm/Sinovac), it is considered seven days after receiving an additional dose of a duly approved mRNA (Pfizer/Moderna) vaccine.
Since 1 February 2022, in order for their vaccination schedule to continue to be recognised as complete, persons aged 18 years or older wishing to enter French territory must have received a booster dose of messenger RNA vaccine (Pfizer/Moderna) no later than 9 months after receiving the last mandatory dose.

The measures applied to vaccinated adults are extended under the same conditions to their accompanying minors, whether vaccinated or not.

**Fully vaccinated**: In order to be considered as fully vaccinated, persons aged eighteen or over wishing to enter the national territory must have:

- a) received their second dose of EMA approved vaccine within the last 9 months without receiving any additional dose of vaccination
- b) received all the required doses of an EMA approved vaccine and also received a dose of complementary messenger RNA vaccine (Pfizer/Moderna) no later than 9 months following the injection of the last required dose
- c) received all the required doses of a WHO-licensed vaccine not approved by the European Medicines Agency and then received an additional dose of a duly approved mRNA vaccine (Pfizer/Moderna) and minimum seven days have passed since the receipt of the mRNA vaccine

Participants who are not vaccinated as described above will not be considered as being “Vaccinated” by the French Authorities and must follow the rules specified for “Not vaccinated” people.

| PRE-TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS & QUARANTINE/SELF-ISOLATION PROTOCOL TO ENTER FRANCE | depending on your vaccination status and the country/ies you are travelling form or have been during the past 14 days before entering France |
|---|---|---|
| **Traveling from a green country** (or if you have been in a green country within the past 14 days) | **Proof of vaccination (EMA authorised vaccine)** | **Boarding &/or Border control** | **Restriction in France** |
| Fully vaccinated | Proof of your vaccination status | - |
| Not vaccinated | Negative PCR < 72h or antigenic test < 48h or certificate of recovery* | - |

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*(positive result of a PCR or antigen test carried out more than eleven days and less than six months previously. This certificate is only valid for a period of six months from the date of the examination or test). Please note that this is only applicable for entry to France - the timelines are different from the BWF test exemption (see under 2.2).

Non-vaccinated participants traveling from an amber country must request for the Letter of «Motif impérieux» from the host, as this will be required before departure. Kindly contact info@orleansmasters.com to have this supporting document provided.

Kindly check the most updated information on the official French government websites:


### 2.2 Testing Strategy

The testing strategy is divided into the following:

**a)** [Pre-departure test](#): all players/entourage must obtain a negative test certificate **72 hours prior to their arrival to France**. This requirement includes foreign and French players/entourage living in France. **The cost of the pre-departure test is to be borne by the respective Member Association(s)/player(s).**

**Exemption from the pre-departure testing requirement:**

If the participant can satisfy the condition for proof of recovery, the person concerned do not have to provide a 72-hour negative pre-arrival PCR test result.

**The BWF requirement for proof of recovery are as follows:**

- the person has tested positive at least **11 days before the date of the tournament** (on or before 18 March)
- the positive test is no longer than 90 days before the date of the tournament (on or after 29 December)

- show proof of medical discharge memo/letter issued by the relevant state authority which must contain name of the person (as per travel document used to enter the country) and date of infection which must fall within 11-90 days (inclusive) before the date of the tournament

OR

In the case of a positive test, show certificate of recovery letter from a licensed healthcare provider or public health official stating proof of recovery and that the positive test is likely to be a ‘false positive’ due to a negligible viral load. This letter must also state the initial date of infection (11-90 days before) and contain details such as full name (as per travel document) and you are not experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.

Participants are required to show copy of their negative pre-arrival PCR test results at the accreditation desk in order to pick up their accreditation pass. If a negative PCR test result is not presented, the accreditation pass will not be handed out.

The same rule applies for those who have been previously infected/recovered from COVID-19 between 29 December 2021-18 March 2022. Proof of a positive test and official recovery certificate must be shown before collecting the accreditation pass.

b) On-arrival test: there will be no on-arrival testing.

c) The host can assist to organize on-demand testing (both antigen and PCR) during the week to accommodate travel requirements by airlines/countries etc. The cost of PCR test is 70€, a cost of an antigen test is 50€. These tests are at participants’ own cost. If such additional testing is necessary, the host shall be notified by email at info@orleansmasters.com before Monday, 28 March, so the testing laboratory can be informed and the tests arranged before the end of the week. The testing time slot will be adapted everyday depending on the number of requests.

These tests will be carried out in a secure environment either at a designated testing room at the 2nd floor of the competition venue or directly at the laboratory close by the competition venue, depending on the number of tests required.

If players/coaches have symptoms they may request a test or may be required to be tested.

2.3 Protocols in the Case of a Positive Test

In case of positive antigenic test, a PCR test will be carried out to confirm the result. If the PCR test result is negative, participation will be allowed. If the PCR test is positive, the person will be required to isolate. The host organising committee will inform BWF.

Participants are required to follow the instructions of the LOC, Championship Office Manager, COVID-19 Manager and BWF.

Quarantine and contact tracing measures will be carried out under the guidance of French Health Authorities, BWF and the Host Organising Committee.
The following protocols are in place in France for positive cases:

1. **Positive patient**
   The positive patient must self-isolate immediately in his/her hotel room and will therefore be withdrawn from the tournament. The isolation period is 7 to 10 days and it will be at the participants own cost.

   **If you are fully vaccinated and your PCR test is positive, you must now isolate for 7 (full) days** after the day symptoms started or the day you tested positive. However, you may leave isolation after 5 days if: you have a negative antigen or RT-PCR test result AND you have not had any clinical signs of infection in 48 hours.

   If you test positive or do not perform another test, you must isolate for 7 days. You do not need to do a day 7 test.

   **If you are not vaccinated and your PCR test is positive, you must isolate for 10 (full) days** after the day your symptoms started or the day you tested positive. However, you may leave isolation after 7 days if: you have a negative antigen or RT-PCR test result AND you have not had any clinical signs of infection in 48 hours.

   If you test positive or do not perform another test, you must isolate for 10 days.

2. **Contact tracing**
   The French Health Authorities will be in contact with the positive patient for contact tracing purposes. They will determine who are considered to be close contacts of the patient.

   Please note that roommates and doubles partners are automatically classified as close contacts and will need to follow the measures outlined below.

3. **Close contacts**
   If you are a close contact and are fully vaccinated, you don’t have to quarantine. However, you must: strictly adhere to protective measures, particularly wearing a mask inside and outside; limit contacts; avoid all contact with people at risk of serious illness from COVID-19. Additionally, you must do an antigen or RT-PCR test at an officially recognized testing facility as soon as you find out that you are a close contact, then a self-test with a self-purchased testing kit on day 2 and day 4 after you were last in contact with the person who tested positive.

   **Participants with prior infection of COVID-19**

   There is no provision for antibody testing.

   The French Health Authorities do not accept a proof of prior COVID-19 infection as an exemption from the mandatory isolation period. Any participant who returns a positive PCR test result, will be required to self-isolate and will therefore be withdrawn from the tournament, regardless of any proof of recovery from a prior COVID-19 infection.
If a self-test is positive, it must be confirmed by an RT-PCR test. If the PCR test is positive, you are infected and must isolate. All testing costs mentioned above will be at participants’ own cost.

**If you are a close contact and not vaccinated, you must isolate for 7 (full) days** as of the day you were last in contact with the person who tested positive. You must have a negative antigen or RT-PCR test result to leave quarantine. If the test is positive, you are infected and must isolate.

Roommates and doubles partners are automatically considered as close contacts and will therefore need to follow the steps outlined above.

**Close contact is defined as the following:**

- Anyone who shared a room with the infected person
- Anyone who has been within 2 metre distance of the infected person for minimum 15 minutes without any form of protection (one or both individuals are not wearing a mask or there is no partition)

**It is extremely important that all participants respect the physical distancing, mask wearing, no gathering protocols, to limit the number of participants to be defined as close contacts and therefore having to quarantine.**

Participants must have personal insurance covering any situation included COVID-19 hospitalization, quarantine, and any other costs. The Local Organising Committee and/or BWF is not responsible for any insurance costs related to COVID-19 during the tournament.

### 3 Protocols for Players and Team Entourage - During Event

#### 3.1 Transport from airport

Upon arrival at Orly Airport and Orleans Train Station, depending on the arrival times, participants will be transported either to the official hotel or to the competition venue.

**Players/team entourage as well as the bus drivers are required to wear face masks at all times during transport.**

#### 3.2 Hotel

The official tournament hotels are Hotel ibis Gare, Hotel ibis Centre Orleans, Appartcity Hotel and Reside Etudes Apparthotel. Each hotel will have safety measures in place to ensure safe environment for participants.

Athletes are able to book single/double or twin rooms in the hotels. However kindly note, that should one of the occupants of a double or twin-sharing room test positive, it may be required for the second occupant to self-isolate, as they are considered a direct contact of a positive case.

Breakfast will be served in each hotel.

Lunch and dinner can be served in the Hotel ibis Centre Orleans. Reservations shall be made prior to arrival to Orleans.
There is no opportunity to order lunch and dinner in the other hotels, however other catering arrangements will be made available for participants staying here.

Food will be also available at the venue. See more information under “3.10 Catering”.

### 3.3 Accreditation

Players and team entourage, will be designated green and be given a Green accreditation. The green group primarily includes all stakeholders who will come into direct contact with players and team entourage. No personnel are allowed to access tournament facilities and transport without an accreditation pass. (Players are not permitted to access the practice facilities or use transport before collecting accreditation.)

**Participants are required to show copy of their negative pre-arrival PCR test results/recovery certificates at the accreditation desk in order to pick up their accreditation passes. If proof of a negative PCR test result/official recovery certificate is not presented, accreditation passes will not be handed out.**

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### 3.4 Accreditation Zones

The tournament venue will be divided into two zones – Green and Red. The green zone broadly includes all areas where players, entourage and TO’s will be congregating such as the FOP, players’ lounge, players’ stand, secretariat and TO’s areas and the red zones include all areas outside of this.

### 3.5 The Competition Venue

The competition venue is Palais des Sports, Orleans.

Shuttle buses will operate between the official hotels and the competition venue and practice venue. Participants as well as bus drivers are required to **wear face mask/face shields at all times during transport.**
Regular security checks will be conducted throughout the facilities. Dedicated security personnel will regulate the flow of movement at the competition venue.

3.6 Face Masks/Face shields
It is mandatory for all green zone personnel to wear face masks/face shields at all times, except for players preparing or playing for matches, or umpires when sitting in the umpires’ chair.

3.7 Warm Up Courts
One warm up court will be available for players throughout the event.
To ensure physical distancing is carried out, a maximum of 8 players are permitted to use the warm up court at any one time. In addition, the warm up courts are strictly limited to those players with upcoming matches. BWF and the local organising committee seek the assistance of the players to ensure these measures are implemented. The warm up area will be cleaned regularly.

3.8 Practice courts
Three practice courts will be available from Sunday, 27 March onwards. The practice courts are located on Level 3 of Palais des Sports.
Regular transport will be provided between practice venue and the official hotel.
The local organising committee will design the practice court schedule in a way that limits the number of players within the practice area at any one time.
The practice hall will be cleaned regularly.

A practice schedule will be created with dedicated training courts allocated to teams. Athletes and entourage from different countries can be grouped together for practice upon their consent, however kindly note that should a player/entourage test positive, training partners may be considered as close contact of a positive case, and therefore will be required to follow the protocols outlined under 2.3.

Due to the limited number of practice courts available, practice courts will only be allocated to players who are still active in the tournament. Players who are no longer in the draw, will only be allocated practice courts if there is still availability. Priority will be given to active players.

3.9 Players’ Lounge
Access to the players’ lounge is strictly on a need-to basis and applicable only to Green Zone accredited personnel. Self-service water fountain and fruits will be provided.
As general advice, all players/coaches/managers/entourage are encouraged to go back to their respective hotel rooms upon completion of their match/duty. This is to avoid crowding and to reduce the risk of exposure. As per other areas of the stadium, players and entourage should practice good hygiene when inside the lounge.

### 3.10 Catering

Different means for catering will be possible:

- **At the Hotel ibis Centre Orleans:**
  - Lunch and/or dinner to be ordered directly through the hotel, prior to arrival to Orleans. (19,50€ per meal)

- **At the venue:**
  - Snack bar with different offers of fast food to be ordered without any reservation (large range of prices)

- **Food delivery options** (available in the hotels)
  - **Deliveroo**
    - Apple - [https://deliveroo.fr/app?platform=ios](https://deliveroo.fr/app?platform=ios)
    - Android - [https://deliveroo.fr/app?platform=android](https://deliveroo.fr/app?platform=android)
  - **Uber Eats**

Participants may move around outside and buy groceries. When entering into indoor areas, it is recommended that participants wear a mask and observe social distancing protocols. They may also go to restaurants to order take-away or sit inside, but with the requirement to keep physical distance.

### 3.11 Players’ Seating Area

There will be a dedicated players’ seating area in the venue, as per the image below.

As general advice, all players/coaches/managers/entourage are encouraged to go back to their respective hotel rooms upon completion of their match/duty. This is to avoid crowding and reduce the risk of exposure.

**Player match analysis video recordings will not be permitted, videos of the matches being available on request at:** [info@orleansmasters.com](mailto:info@orleansmasters.com).
3.12 Changing Rooms
It is highly recommended that players avoid using dressing room showers unless absolutely necessary. All players/coaches/managers/entourage are encouraged to go back to their respective hotel rooms upon completion of their match/duty.

3.13 Physio Services
Physio services will be available throughout the competition. The tournament physios will be allocated green zone accreditation passes.

Both the physio and the player must wear face masks/face shields during treatment. The physio bed and equipment will be disinfected after each treatment.

3.14 Anti-Doping
Anti-doping will be implemented as per BWF regulations.
3.15 Stringing Service

The stringing booth will be located at the north corridor of the competition venue. Stringing service will be offered for 10,00€ if players providing their own strings and 15,00€ for the service including strings. More information on stringing arrangements will be provided during the team managers meeting.

3.16 Official Briefings

The team managers meeting will be held on Monday, 28 March at 18:00 on the 2nd floor of the competition venue.

It is recommended that each team only sends one representative unless absolutely necessary to send another staff (i.e. interpreters/translators).

Team Managers are kindly asked to submit their names and contact details (email address and mobile number) to the Championships Office Assistant, Bertrand GAUBICHER prior to arriving to Orleans. Kindly send the details to: bertrand.gaubicher@orleansmasters.com

Seating arrangements will be set up in a way that there is at least 1m between seats.

The meeting room will be cleaned and sanitized before any meeting/briefing takes place.

All participants attending the briefing(s) are required to wear face masks/face shields.

4 Protocols for Players and Team Entourage - During match

4.1 Assembly Point

Physical distancing measures must be closely followed at the players assembly area. Before players are called on court, umpires will carry out the players’ clothes inspection. Umpires, service judges and players are all required to wear their face masks and follow physical distancing during the inspection.

Once a match is ready to be called on court, technical officials will be announced and march on first. Players will then be announced on court separately.

4.2 Pre- and Post-Match Protocols

Instead of shaking hands, players can touch rackets with their opponents or nod/put their hand across their chest when greeting the match officials.
**4.3 Coin Toss**

The umpires will ensure that there is adequate space between players during the coin toss. The coin will be disinfected between matches.

**4.4 Shuttle Dispenser**

A shuttlecock dispenser will be provided at each end of the court. When a player wants to change the shuttlecock and is allowed to do so by the Umpire, the player can return the used shuttlecock into the shuttle box and take a new shuttlecock from the dispenser.

**4.5 Coaching**

Only one coach per player/pair per match is permitted on the field of play.

**4.6 Intervals and Breaks in the Game**

At change of ends, players are required to carry their own bags and place them into the player box on the opposite side. Players are requested not to leave any unpleasant items in the player boxes such as plasters, bandages, plastic bottles, food etc. Kindly take every item with you. When line judges/floor assistants mop the court, the Umpires must ensure that the players are standing by the player boxes during the cleaning procedure.

**4.7 Walk off Procedure**

After the end of each match, the players will walk off court following the umpire. Physical distancing measures shall be closely followed during the walk off.

**4.8 Cleaning of Court Equipment**

The following equipment will be cleaned and disinfected frequently:

- Players boxes
- Shuttle dispensers
- Net tape
- Umpire tablet
- Umpire chair (seat, handles, steps)
- Service judge chair
- Service height measuring device
5  Protocols for Players and Team Entourage - Post match

5.1 Media Obligations
The players will be required to undertake post-match media obligations as outlined in the BWF Regulations. There will however be new protocols in place to ensure the safety of players, media and translators.

The mixed zone or media interview area will be stationed nearby the field of play exit as per previous tournaments. All media personnel at the mixed zone will be accredited as part of the Green group.

The interviews in the mixed zone and/or interview area will be conducted under physical distancing rules. Media and translators required to wear face masks.

Post-match on court interviews will not be carried out.

5.2 Prize presentations
Before each presentation, the players will be required to sanitise their hands. Children and other entourage are not permitted in the presentation area.

Prize presenters and ushers are required to wear face mask throughout the ceremony.

Shall players request to wear a face mask during the ceremony, this will be allowed.

During presentations, physical distancing measures will be followed and prize presenters will be instructed not to verbally communicate with players. Players shall pick up the prizes from trays, rather than be handed them from presenters. A group photo observing physical distancing rules will be carried out at the end of each presentation.

Further information will be provided at the Team Managers’ meeting.

6  Breaches of COVID-19 Safety Protocols
The BWF has introduced specific penalties for breaches of the COVID-19 safety protocols. An overview of the breaches and penalties can be found under Chapter 2, Section 2.5.1 of the BWF Statutes: https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/statutes/