RESTARTING INTERNATIONAL BADMINTON TOURNAMENTS

SAFETY PROTOCOLS & OPERATING PROCEDURES

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1 Introduction

The BWF restarted international badminton tournaments in October and November 2020, with the successful staging of the DANISA Denmark Open and SaarLorLux Open followed by the three back-to-back tournaments as part of the Asian Leg, held in Bangkok, Thailand in January 2021. The following measures were put in place to create the safest possible environment for all stakeholders involved in the tournament including players, organising committee work force, volunteers, media and technical officials.

Key to creating a safe environment is the creation of a “badminton family bubble”, and this involves making it mandatory for each and everyone in this bubble to be tested at each tournament.

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, BWF may remove some of the guidelines and/or provide dispensation to some of the described procedures. If, however the situation worsens BWF may also strengthen the guidelines and request additional requirements be put in place.

1.1 The Current Situation in Switzerland

There are currently various measures, rules and bans in place in Switzerland to contain the coronavirus. The following overview shows the rules and bans that currently apply nationwide:

- Homeworking is compulsory in all areas where it is possible to work at home.
- Wearing masks is compulsory.
- Gatherings of more than 5 people in public and private spaces are forbidden.
- Public events are prohibited.
- Shops and markets selling non-essential goods are closed.
- Shops and markets selling essential goods are open.
- Catering businesses are closed, except in the hotels and certain outlets for delivery
- Cultural and recreational facilities, sport and wellness centres are closed.

Personal responsibility remains important. Washing your hands regularly with soap and water and keeping your distance are still the best ways of preventing infection. Continue to observe the rules on hygiene and social distancing.

People who have spent time in a country or area with an increased risk of infection and then enter Switzerland must go into quarantine. Information on these countries and areas can be found on this page. https://www.covid19.admin.ch/en/international/quarantine

As per 4 February 2021 a new law has been published, whereby there is an exception from the quarantine requirement for persons who for compelling professional or medical reasons enter Switzerland and whose visit cannot be postponed. This means that all tournament participants, even form high-risk countries are able to enter Switzerland without undergoing the mandatory quarantine period. The law is published on the following website, at the moment in French or in German only) https://www.fedlex.admin.ch/eli/cc/2021/61/fr
The entry requirements are regularly reviewed based on the latest epidemiology situation in each country. The current requirements can change at any time.

Overview: national rules and bans

**Federal government tightens coronavirus measures**

New rules apply throughout Switzerland from 18. January:

- **Closed:** Shops selling non-essential goods
  - Shops selling essential goods: current restrictions lifted

- **Protection for those at especially high risk**
  - Right to work from home, equivalent protection or paid leave (of absence)

- **Private gatherings of families and friends: max. 5 persons**
  - Recommended: from max. two households

- **Requirement to work from home**
  - Where feasible and with proportionate effort and expense

- **Gatherings in public: max. 5 persons**
  - If there is more than one person in the room

Still applicable:

- **Closed:**
  - Restaurants and bars
  - Discos and clubs
  - Cultural venues
  - Sports facilities
  - Leisure facilities
- **Exception for children under 16 (sports/cultural activities)**
- **Distance learning at higher education institutions**
- **Singing only among family and in schools**
- **Extended requirement to wear masks**
- **Stay at home (recommendation)**
- **Rules for ski areas**

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**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 at all times, unless you are on court or eating
- Cough or sneeze in your sleeve
- Maintain physical distancing (at least 1.5 m)
- 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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For any other services: [registration@swissopen.com](mailto:registration@swissopen.com)

1.4 Calendar – Action Plan

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1 Mar

Arrival Check-in

PCR test

Start of practice

TM Meeting

2 Mar

TO briefing

Start of the tournament

No spectators

3 Mar

2nd PCR test for early departures

Available in the evening (refer to 2.3)

4 Mar

2nd PCR test for early departures

Available in 2 time slots (morning & evening) (refer to 2.3)

5 Mar

2nd PCR test for people still in the bubble

6 Mar

7 Mar

Departure

End of the tournament
1.5 Key points

- The entry requirements to Switzerland are: VISA, Negative COVID-19 PCR test (72 hours prior to arrival in Switzerland), Host Support Letter, Entry Form
- Arrival and check-in at the official hotel must be latest by Monday, 1 March at 18:00
- Two mandatory PCR tests will be carried out during the tournament.
- After the on-arrival PCR test, participants are required to stay in their hotel rooms until a negative test result has been obtained. During this period food will only be served to the room directly, through room service.
- The team managers’ meeting will be held virtually on Monday, 1 March at 19:00.
- The mid-week mandatory PCR-test will be carried out on Friday, 5 March for all participants who are still in the bubble.
- Participants who lost and/or are exiting the bubble before the mandatory Friday test, will be able to take a departure PCR-test on 3 or 4 March.
- Participants with a positive PCR test result must self-isolate immediately for min 10 days in the hotel and are therefore withdrawn from the tournament.
- Close contacts must undergo a mandatory quarantine of 10 days and are subsequently withdrawn from the tournament, regardless of the outcome of any further test results.
- As per BWF protocol, doubles partner and/or roommate of a COVID-19 positive player are automatically classified as close contact and is therefore withdrawn from the tournament.
- Participants with proof of prior infection and recovery of COVID-19 within the last 90 days from the date of the most recent test, may be exempted from the mandatory isolation/quarantine period provided that they don’t show any symptoms of COVID-19.
  All meals will be served in the hotel restaurant. Various menu options will be provided by the hotel for lunch and dinner, this is at participants’ own cost.
- Delivery services will be available outside the hotel catering hours only.
- Participants are not allowed to leave the hotel at any time, other than when taking the shuttle bus to the competition venue.
- The use of the official transport is mandatory throughout the tournament.
- Participants are required to be temperature screened upon entering the shuttle bus and the venue. In case of high temperature is recorded, participants may be required to self-isolate/take a PCR-test/withdraw from the tournament.
- It is mandatory for all participants to wear face masks/face shields at all times and physical distancing measures must always be followed.
- Two warm up courts and nine practice courts will be available during the tournament.
- A practice schedule will be created with dedicated training courts allocated to teams. Athletes from different countries can be grouped together for practice upon their consent.
- Players will be able to use the carpark area outside the competition venue for running/walking/other outdoor activities.
- Player match analysis video recordings will be permitted from a dedicated area.
- Mixed zone interviews and prize presentations will be conducted following the physical distancing rules.
2 COVID-19 Testing for Players and Team Entourage

To ensure the safest possible environment for players and entourage the host will be implementing a COVID-19 testing plan during the event. **Players and team entourage will be required to undertake two mandatory COVID-19 PCR tests during the tournament week.** These two tests will be borne by the LOC and BWF. The aim is to create an infection free ‘bubble’ within the venue environment.

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

The following documents are required to enter Switzerland

a) **VISA**

Participants who are required to apply for VISA to enter Switzerland shall contact the tournament host to receive a VISA support letter. It is the responsibility of the Member Association to apply for the necessary VISA in sufficient time, and all matters should be directed to the Embassy in charge.

Participants travelling from outside the Schengen area, shall contact the Swiss Embassy in their country for more information on the current entry requirements to Switzerland. Select your country on the following website: [https://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/fdfa/representations-and-travel-advice.html](https://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/fdfa/representations-and-travel-advice.html) then choose "Website of the Swiss representation in XXX". Under contact, you should find an e-mail address with @eda.admin.ch.

b) **Negative RT-PCR COVID-19 test certificate (in English)**

A COVID-free Certificate with RT-PCR method laboratory result shall be issued within 72 hours of arrival to Switzerland. Travellers are required to present the actual physical copy of their negative RT-PCR COVID-19 test certificate in English. Kindly ensure that you carry the original negative certificate. Screenshots/digital copies of the certificate might be rejected by the authorities.

c) **Support letter from the host**

In order to support the entry process to Switzerland, the LOC will provide all participants with a certification. Kindly contact registration@swissopen.com to have this supporting document provided. Kindly print out and carry this with you when traveling to Basel. Kindly print out and carry this with you when traveling to Basel.

d) **Electronic entry form**

Participants are required to complete and submit an electronic entry form prior to their arrival in Switzerland, as per the following link: [https://swissplf.admin.ch/formular](https://swissplf.admin.ch/formular)
You can fill out the electronic entry form on a computer or smartphone before or during travel. Once you’ve filled out the form, you will be emailed a QR code as confirmation. Have this code ready for inspection when you enter Switzerland. If requested, show the QR code on your smartphone or produce a printed confirmation.

If you are unable to complete the entry form online, you can either ask for the paper version of the form from the staff before boarding, or you can print out the paper version of the entry form and fill it in. Please choose the correct form based on your means of transport (bus, train, flight, car etc.). Download the paper form below: https://www.bag.admin.ch/bag/en/home/krankheiten/ausbrueche-epidemien-pandemien/aktuelle-ausbrueche-epidemien/novel-cov/downloads-in-verschiedenen-sprachen/downloads.html#-488245874

Please note: Specific COVID-19 insurance is not currently required to enter Switzerland however all participants must have personal insurance covering any situation included COVID-19 hospitalization, quarantine and any other costs. The Local Organising Committee is not responsible for any insurance costs related to COVID-19 during the tournament.

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 arrival in Switzerland. This requirement includes foreign and Swiss players/entourage living in Switzerland. The cost of the pre-departure test is to be borne by the respective Member Association(s)/player(s). Please email the result to events.admin@bwfbadminton.org and registration@swissopen.com.

b) On-arrival test: Players/entourage to be tested upon arrival at the official hotel, with results to be received within 6-12 hours (with a maximum of 24 hours). Kindly note that participants are required to stay in their designated hotel room until a negative test result has been obtained.

c) Mandatory mid-week test: On Friday, 5 March all players and entourage who are still in the bubble (i.e., still staying in the official hotel), will be tested again to ensure the Green Zone is continuously free from infection. Participants do not need to stay in their rooms whilst waiting for the results. This test will be carried out in the morning, before the start of play for all participants.

There will also be an opportunity for a departure PCR-test to be taken on Wednesday, 3 March or Thursday, 4 March at a dedicated time, for those who have already lost and are exiting the bubble before the mandatory mid-week test on Friday, 5 March.

In case a participant takes both a Wednesday/Thursday departure PCR-test, and the mandatory Friday mid-week test, one of these tests will have to be borne by the participant.
Participants are required to inform the host organizer about their second COVID-19 test date in due time.

d) Any additional COVID-19 tests taken outside the above testing plan (due to early-departure, participant missing the testing hours, special requirement by airline/country etc.) will be at participants’ own cost. If such additional testing is necessary, the host shall be notified at least one day in advance, so that the testing laboratory can be informed in advance.

2.3 Testing Procedure

The official testing will be carried out, according to the below testing plan.

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<th>Testing schedule</th>
<th>Expected results</th>
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<td>The test will be carried out upon arrival at the hotel.</td>
<td>Results are expected within 6-12 hours (up to 24 hours)</td>
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<td>2nd free test</td>
<td>3 March</td>
<td>Wednesday</td>
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<td>Results are expected within 6-12 hours (up to 24 hours)</td>
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*Due to the COVID-19 testing, arrival is allowed only on Sunday, 28th February or Monday, 1st March by 18:00 latest.

The following procedure will be followed for the on-arrival PCR tests:

1. Pick-up by transport of the Yonex Swiss Open organization at the place of arrival
2. Transfer to the official hotel
3. Check-in to the hotel → No accreditation will be provided at this point
4. PCR-test
5. Proceed to the hotel room and wait for the test result → catering is only available in the room during this period
6. Test result is received
   a. If negative → the accreditation pass will be provided, the player is now officially part for the tournament bubble
   b. If positive → the player will be isolated in the hotel room

Players must arrive in the tournament city and check-in at the official hotel latest by Monday, 1 March at 18:00, so as to ensure the tests are carried out and results are obtained before the start of the competition.*

Players must arrive in the tournament city and check-in at the official hotel latest by Sunday, 28 February, so as to ensure the tests are carried out and results are obtained before the start of practice on Monday, 1 March.*
All testing activities are mandatory and a requirement to get an accreditation and access to the tournament. Accreditation passes will only be issued to green group personnel (see section 4.3) once negative tests have been obtained.

In addition, if BWF request a test to be taken this cannot be refused. If players/coaches have symptoms they may request a test or be required to take a test.

2.4 Testing Method

The PCR testing method will be used as this test is effective in confirming the presence of COVID-19 virus. This test requires having a swab of their nose and throat taken and the sample is analysed to confirm whether the individual is infected or not.

The test result can be obtained between 6-12 hours (with a maximum of 24 hours).

2.5 Protocols in the Case of a Positive Test

In case of positive test, the host organising committee will inform the BWF. Quarantine and contact tracing measures will be carried out under the guidance of Swiss Health Authorities, BWF and the host organising committee.

The following protocols are in place in Switzerland for positive cases:

1. Positive patient
   The positive patient must self-isolate immediately and will therefore be withdrawn from the tournament. The isolation period is minimum 10 days (depending on the patient’s state of health, it may be longer). The isolation will be in the official hotel, unless advised otherwise by the local health authorities.

   **IMPORTANT:** There will not be further tests, nor will the authorities entertain requests for any form of COVID-19 testing during the isolation period. Patients will only be permitted to leave the isolation upon advice of the local health authorities.

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

   There is no provision for antibody testing.

   Participants who test positive, but are able to show proof of prior infection and recovery of COVID-19 within the last 90 days from the date of the most recent test, may be exempted from the mandatory isolation period, provided that they don't show any symptoms of COVID-19.

   Further information on the isolation regulations are available in the following document: instructions on isolation

   In the ideal case, the Cantonal office will inform positive patients when they can end their isolation. If a patient doesn’t receive instructions, the isolation must last at least 10 days. Depending on the patient’s state of health however, it may last longer.
Patients can come out of isolation if at least 10 days have passed and they have had no more symptoms for the last 48 hours. An exception applies if the only symptoms the patient experiences are continued loss of sense of smell or taste or a slight cough. These symptoms can take longer to fully disappear. The patient can come out of isolation if he/she has these symptoms alone.

2. Contact tracing
The Cantonal office 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.

3. Close contacts
All close contacts must undergo a mandatory quarantine in their hotel rooms.

In connection with the contact tracing, other participants can be asked to go into quarantine. All participants who are classified as close contacts of a positive case as a result of the contact tracing measures, will be required to undergo a mandatory quarantine of 10 days and are subsequently withdrawn from the tournament regardless of the outcome of any test results. Close contacts might also be required to take a PCR-test, this will be borne by the host. Kindly note, that any roommates and all doubles partners are automatically classified as close contact and are withdrawn from the tournament regardless of the outcome of their results.

Participants with prior infection of COVID-19

Participants with prior history of COVID-19, who are able to show proof of prior infection and recovery of COVID-19 within the last 90 days from the date of the most recent test, may be exempted from the mandatory quarantine period.

Close contact is defined as the following:
- Anyone who shared a room with the infected person
- Anyone who had physical contact with the infected person (handshake, hug etc.)
- Anyone who has been within 1.5 m 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)

Further information on the quarantine regulations are available in the following document: instructions on quarantine

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 – Pre-Tournament

3.1 Pre-departure Testing in Home Country

All players/entourage must obtain a negative test certificate 72 hours prior to their arrival in Switzerland. This requirement includes foreign and Swiss players living in Switzerland. This is to ensure that all participants start the tournament with some assurance that they are COVID-19 free. The pre-departure test is at the Member Association/team/player/entourage own cost.

Prior to departure, at least one day before the expected arrival date for the tournament, the test result must be emailed to:

a) events.admin@bwfbadminton.org
b) registration@swissopen.com

All players/entourage must also possess an original copy of the negative test certificate to be presented at the check-in counter at the point of departure and at the local Immigration upon arrival at the tournament airport.

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3.2 Safety on Flights and in Airports

Players and team entourage should strictly follow guidelines issued by the aviation authorities and airlines concerned. General personal hygiene measures such as regularly washing hands, not touching face, physical distancing and wearing face masks are highly recommended.

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<td>- Practice good personal hygiene</td>
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4 Protocols for Players and Team Entourage - During Event

4.1 Transport from airport to hotel

Upon arrival at EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg, Basel Railway Station SBB or Basel Badischer Bahnhof, participants will be transported from to the official hotel. Physical distancing measures will be strictly followed on the shuttle buses. Shuttle buses will operate with maximum 50% capacity.

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

4.2 Hotel

The official tournament hotels are Hotel Stucki and Hotel Dorint. Both hotels will have safety measures in place to ensure safe environment for participants.

Athletes are able to book single/double or twin rooms in both hotels. However kindly note, that should one of the occupants of a double or twin-sharing room test positive, it will be mandatory for the second occupant to undergo a mandatory quarantine, as they are considered a close contact of a positive case. Subsequently their green zone accreditation pass will be revoked. Player/team entourage will withdraw from the tournament, should one of them test positive. In addition, doubles pairs are also considered as close contact, and will therefore need to quarantine and subsequently withdraw from the tournament, should one of them test positive.

Upon arrival to the official hotel participants will undergo a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test. The tests will be conducted in a dedicated testing room.

After the test, participants must check-in and wait in their rooms until the test results are confirmed. During this period, all meals will be delivered to the rooms directly. Should there be a case where a person requires medical attention, the front desk shall be contacted.

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<td>- Practice good personal hygiene</td>
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<td>- Inform your Team Manager / BWF if you experience any of the following symptoms: fever above 37.6 (scanned on the forehead), cough, sore throat, loss of sense or smell, cold-like symptoms.</td>
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<td>- Stay in your room until the test result is ready (need to be prepared for a wait of up to 24 hours)</td>
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Athletes and entourage, who have received their negative test results will be able to leave their rooms. Practice will be available from Monday, 1 March onwards at St-Jakobshalle Hall 2.

Please note, that the use of the hotel gym is strictly prohibited, but the host is planning on setting up an exercise area in the practice venue with free weights and resistance bands. More information on the operations of the practice area will be provided at the team managers meeting.

**Meals (refer to Catering under 4.12)**

All meals will be served in the hotel. Breakfast is included in the room rate. Lunch and dinner arrangements will be at participants’ own cost.

**Breakfast** – buffet style between 07:00-10:30 daily, except on Wednesday (06:00-10:30)

**Lunch** will be available in the restaurant between 11:30-14:30.

**Dinner** will be available in the restaurant between 17:30-21:30.

The hotel restaurant will offer at least 4 menus daily. The price per meal without drinks will be maximum CHF 20.00.

*Kindly notify the host in advance of any special requests or dietary requirements, so that availability can be guaranteed. Vegan and vegetarian dishes will be available every day in one of the menus.*

The team leader will be required to buy the food and drink vouchers for the team at the reception one day in advance. Payment will be made immediately by credit card. The menus will be collected by the participants themselves from the buffet. Chefs will serve the meals to the plates.

For those who return to the hotel after the catering hours (in case of late finish), there will be a possibility to use delivery services. Orders can be requested at the hotel reception desk.

**Please note:** Each room is equipped with a kettle. Participants are able to use the kettle to prepare coffee/tea/cup noodles etc., however, cooking in the hotel room is strictly prohibited. In case the fire alarm is triggered due to such activity, participants will be responsible for the costs incurred.

**Participants are not allowed to leave the hotel at any time, other than when taking the shuttle bus to the competition venue.**

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<td>- Don’t go to crowded areas</td>
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<td>- Keep to your own entourage group</td>
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<td>- Wear your mask at all times</td>
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<td>- Keep safe distance from others</td>
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Players will be able to use the carpark area outside the competition venue for running/walking/other outdoor activities. More information on the outdoor activities will be provided at the team managers meeting.

It is very important that players and entourage take measures to mitigate the risks associated with this. Avoid close gatherings, maintain physical distancing, wear face masks etc.

### During mid-week/in-competition COVID-19 tests

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<td>- Continue your routine while waiting for the test result</td>
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### 4.3 Accreditation

Players and team entourage that have been tested and obtained a negative result, 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. Everyone within the green group will be required to undertake a COVID-19 test as defined. 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.)

**Green group personnel:**

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The number of complimentary accreditations passes available for Team Officials is dependent on the number of competing player(s) from the same Member Association, as stated in the tournament prospectus.

A limited number of additional accreditation passes will be available for purchase for approved Team Officials at a fee of USD$150, charged to the respective Member Association, and payable at the tournament. These additionally accredited Team Officials will also have to bear the cost of all their PCR tests conducted in connection with the tournament. The current price of a PCR test in Switzerland is approximately 150 CHF.

### 4.4 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, secretariat and TO’s areas and the red zones include all areas outside of this.

### 4.5 The Competition Venue

The competition venue is St-Jakobshalle, Basel.

### 4.6 Transport between hotel and venue/practice venue

Shuttle buses will operate between the official hotel and the competition venue and practice venue. The use of the official transport is mandatory throughout the tournament. Players and entourage as well as bus drivers are required to wear face mask/face shields at all times during transport. During transport, physical distancing measures must be followed.

### 4.7 Temperature Screening

During the tournament week, all green accredited personnel, including players and team entourage are required to be temperature screened each time upon entering the shuttle bus and the venue. Anyone with temperature over 37.6°C measured on the forehead will be rejected at the door and will have to wait in isolation before a second temperature check is conducted. The second screening will be carried out with a different device. If the second temperature check returns a temperature below 37.6°C, the person can proceed as normal.

Should the second temperature check return a temperature of 37.6°C or more, the participant may be required to self-isolate/take a PCR-test/withdraw from the tournament. The BWF will consult and be guided by local health authorities.
4.8 Face Masks/Face shields
It is mandatory for all green and red 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 umpire's chair.

4.9 Warm Up Courts
Two warm up courts will be available for players throughout the event.

To ensure physical distancing is carried out, a maximum of 8 players are permitted to use each 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.

4.10 Practice courts
Nine practice courts will be available for players throughout the event. The practice courts are located in Hall 2 of St-Jakobshalle. Regular transport will be provided between the venue and the official hotel. The use of transport between the official hotel and the practice venue is mandatory.

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 might be considered as close contact of a positive case, and therefore will be required to quarantine and subsequently withdraw from the tournament.

The host is planning on setting up an exercise area in the practice venue with free weights and resistance bands. More information on the operations of the practice area will be provided at the team managers meeting.

4.11 Players’ Lounge
There will be no players’ lounge at the venue.

A resting area might be created for coaches strictly on a need-to basis. At the moment it is not allowed to serve/provide any kind of food/drinks at the venue. More information on this will be provided at the team managers meeting.
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. Players and entourage should practice good hygiene when in the stadium.

### 4.12 Catering

**Catering will be provided by the official hotels.** Breakfast is included in the room rate. Lunch and dinner arrangements will be at participants’ own cost.

After check-in and while waiting for the test results, meals will need to be ordered and will be provided in meal boxes, delivered to the rooms directly.

Once the test results are confirmed, the hotel restaurant will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Each day, 4 different lunch and dinner menu options will be available for purchase (3 hot and 1 cold meal). Vegetarian and non-vegetarian options will both be offered.

Meal-vouchers must be purchased one day in advance at the hotel reception.

**Order of delivery service outside the hotel catering hours will be available.** Arrangements shall be made at the hotel reception desk.

Essential items, as well as fruits, snacks and drinks will be available for purchase in the official hotel for a small price.

### 4.13 Players’ Seating Area

A player seating area will be available at the competition venue with limited number of seats.

It is important that players and team entourage follow the physical distancing measures that are in place in the seating area. 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 be permitted from a dedicated area behind the courts, on the opposite side of the match control desk.

### 4.14 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.

### 4.15 Physio Services

Physio services will be available throughout the competition. The tournament physios are part of the tournament testing programme and will be allocated green zone accreditation passes.
Location and setup details to be clarified. 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.

### 4.16 Anti-Doping

Anti-doping will be implemented as per BWF regulations.

### 4.17 Stringing Service

Stringing service will be provided by YONEX free of charge for YONEX sponsored players and CHF 20.- will be charged for non-YONEX players. More information on stringing arrangements will be provided during the team managers meeting.

### 4.18 Official Briefings

The team managers meeting will be held virtually via BlueJeans on Monday, 1 March at 19:00. BWF share the will link with all Team Managers.

### 4.19 Security

Regular security checks will be conducted throughout the facilities.

Dedicated security personnel will regulate the flow of movement at the competition venue. In order to limit the traffic especially on narrow corridors, the flow of movement will be kept one-directional.

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5 Protocols for Players and Team Entourage - During match

5.1 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.

5.2 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.

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

5.4 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.

5.5 Coaching
Only one coach per player/pair per match is permitted on the field of play.
5.6 Intervals and Breaks in the Game

After the end of each game, the Service Judge will stand by his own chair until the end of the interval.

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.

5.7 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.

5.8 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

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<td>- Wear your mask at the assembly area</td>
<td>- Greet your opponents and Technical Officials with a nod or wave</td>
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<td>- Collect shuttlecocks from the shuttlecock dispenser and not from Service Judge</td>
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6 Protocols for Players and Team Entourage - Post match

6.1 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. It is mandatory for media personnel who come into contact with the athletes to undergo COVID-19 testing and therefore all interviews carried out in the mixed zone and/or interview area will be conducted by media who have tested negative for COVID-19.

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.

6.2 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 be tested negative for COVID-19 before entering the green zone bubble. They will 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 on the prize presentation will be provided at the Team Managers’ meeting.

7 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/

Attachments:

COVID-19_instructions_isolation for Switzerland
COVID-19_instructions_quarantine for Switzerland

Pikto poster protection measures Switzerland

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