RESTARTING INTERNATIONAL BADMINTON TOURNAMENTS

SAFETY PROTOCOLS & OPERATING PROCEDURES

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1 Introduction

With the success of the three back-to-back tournaments as part of the Asian Leg, held in Bangkok, Thailand in January 2021, which then followed with various other tournaments hosted in Europe in the first half of 2021 – we, at the BWF and together with our tournament hosts, are in consensus that the measures that we put in place have created the safest possible environment for all stakeholders involved in the tournament including players, organising committee work force, volunteers, media and technical officials to work and play in coming tournaments.

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’s local 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 Finland

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

1. Maintain a physical interpersonal distance of 2 meters especially in indoor areas
2. Wash hands frequently and meticulously.
3. When coughing or sneezing, cover your mouth and nose with your bent elbow. Use disposable tissues to remove respiratory secretions and throw them away after use. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, as the hands facilitate the transmission of coronavirus.
4. The use of a mask is recommended
   o On public transport.
   o On public streets, in open air spaces and in any closed space for public use or that is open to the public, in the case that it is not possible to guarantee the maintenance of an interpersonal safety distance of at least 2 meters.

Masks should not be used if they encumber breathing to an unreasonable degree, or if other aspects of your health give reason not to and are not intended for children below the age of 12.

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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## 1.4 Calendar – Action Plan

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1.5 Key points

- All players and team officials must take a COVID-19 PCR test dated within the **72 hours prior** to arriving Finland.
- For players living in Finland, a COVID-19 PCR test dated within the **72 hours prior to check in into the Official Hotel is required**.
- All players and team officials arriving overseas into Finland must take a Covid-19 PCR test at the Airport.
- For players living in Finland, a Covid-19 PCR test has to be done on first day of check-in into the official hotel.
- A negative pre-arrival certificate and negative arrival test are required for accreditation and start of practice.
- Teams are required to checked into the Official hotel by 22 Sept 2021.
- In the case of a positive test the patient will be required to isolate in the hotel for 10 days.
- In the case of a positive test, the Finnish Health Authorities **do not** make exceptions for previous COVID-19 infections as well as people who have been vaccinated.
- The Finnish authority do carry out limited contract tracing on flights arriving into Finland if they have been informed about an infected person having been on a flight within 5 days from the day of the flight.
- Close contact on flight is defined as being seated next to an infected person who has not worn a mask.
- Close contact is defined as being face to face within 2 metre distance for more than 15 minutes with someone who has Covid-19 and not the person who has Covid-19 is not wearing a mask.
- Close contact is also defined as having physical contact (eg. Physiotherapy) with someone who has Covid-19 who is not wearing a mask.
- A person identified as close contact may be required to self-isolated for 10 days and may be subjected to additional PCR test. The decision about this is made on a case-by-case basis by the locate health authority.
- At current, mask is strongly recommended on public transport and spaces where it is not possible to keep a safe distance of 2 metre.
- All participants must stay within the bubble areas at all times - these are limited to specific parts of the hotel, venue, practice hall and tournament transport.
- The hotel gym can be used. Usage to follow regulations set in place for safe distancing measures.
2 COVID-19 Testing and Entry Requirements
To ensure the safest possible environment for players and entourage the tournament will be implementing a COVID-19 testing plan during the event. Players and team entourage will be required to undertake four mandatory COVID-19 PCR tests during the tournament week. These four tests will be borne by the Tournament. 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 and procedures are required to enter Finland:

a) Visa
Participants who are required to apply for visa to enter Finland should 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.

b) Finnish Border Guard Permission Letter
Each participant will need to bring along a hard copy of the Finnish Border Guard Permission Letter sent to the respective Members Association before departure to Finland. A list of participants based on the accreditation list submitted to Badminton Finland will be sent to the Finnish Border Guard. Anyone not in that list might be subjected to additional entry requirements such a quarantine etc.

c) Pre-Arrival Negative COVID-19 Certificate
All players and team entourage must submit a pre-arrival negative Covid-19 PCR certificate with the test taken within the 72 hours prior to arriving in Finland.

The certificate should be emailed to: events@sulkapallo.fi and events.admin@bwfbadminton.org.

This includes players living in Finland. A physical copy of the certificate may be required at the airport on arrival. The test certificate should be in English.

The Team Manager is responsible for sending all team members negative test certificate in one email to the above two email address. The email title should be as follow : Sudirman Cup 2021 : (Name of Team) Pre-departure test results. Number of test results certificates should tally with the number of participants submitted in the accreditation list.

d) Insurance
Specific COVID-19 insurance is not currently required to enter Finland 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.

e) Invitation Letter from Host
Should you require an invitation letter from host for any permission to depart from your home country, please contact the host directly for the letter.

2.2 Testing Strategy
The testing strategy is divided into the following:

a) **Pre-Arrival Test**: All players/entourage must take a COVID-19 PCR test dated within the 72 hours prior to arriving in Finland. This also includes players living in Finland and players on the reserve list.

The negative certificate must be sent to: events@sulkapallo.fi and events.admin@bwfbadminton.org.

The test certificate should be in English. **The Team Manager is responsible for sending all team members negative test certificate in one email to the above two email address. The email title should be as follow: Sudirman Cup 2021: (Name of Team) Pre-departure test results.**

Number of test results certificates should tally with the number of participants submitted in the accreditation list.

b) **On-Arrival Test, 21- 22 September**: Players/entourage to be tested upon arrival at the Helsinki Airport with results to be received within 24 hours.

Participants will be required to stay in their hotel rooms until a negative result is received. The test result will be sms or email to each individual.

Team manager of each team is responsible for collecting all test results and email to <events@sulkapallo.fi> and events.admin@bwfbadminton.org. **The email title should be as follow: Sudirman Cup 2021 : (Name of Team) Airport Arrival test results**

c) **Other mandatory tournament PCR test, 25 September, 29 September and 2 October**: 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.

Test certificates will only be issued if required for the 29 September and 2 October tests are done.

All participants taking these 3 tests will also be required to sign a consent form to provide the tournament organisers and BWF the results of the test.

d) **Additional testing for travel certificate**: Participants that require a negative certificate to travel to their next destination and falls outside of the Mandatory tournaments test, to proceed to check with the tournament host on assistance to secure the test needed. **Please note the cost of this test will be borne by the participant.**
Each participant should approach the host at the secretariat office in the tournament venue no later than 48 hours before the test. Cost of transportation to obtain the such test should be borne by the participant.

The cost of the PCR test and travel certificate is EUR120 and must be paid in cash or credit card to the organising committee secretariat office.

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

The BWF and LOC will fund three tests for each person. Any tests above that will be borne by the participant. All test results are expected back within 24 hours.

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2.4 Arrival Date and Times
All players (including reserves) and team entourage must check into the official hotel by Wednesday, 22 September 2021 before 23:59 to be eligible to be accredited for the tournament.

This is to ensure that tests are carried out and results are obtained before the start of the practice on 24 September 2021.

2.5 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/or throat taken and the sample is analysed to confirm whether the individual is infected or not. The test result can take up to 24 hours.

2.6 Protocols in the Case of a Positive Test

In case of positive test contact tracing measures will be carried out under the guidance of Finnish Health Authorities, BWF and the local organising committee.

In Finland positive cases are required to self-isolate at home or in a place of accommodation and inform the local health authority. If the person develops shortness of breath or chest pain, they should call 112 for medical assistance.

a) **Positive Case:** Immediately self-isolate in hotel room. The isolation period is for 10 days. If sharing a room then the roommate will be moved to another room. A fully vaccinated person identified as close contact may be required to self-isolated. For other identified close contact, they will be asked to qfor 10 days. The decision about this is made on a case-by-case basis by the locate health authority.

b) **Positive case with previous COVID-19 infection:** The Local Health Authority does not make exceptions for previous COVID-19 infection.

c) **Positive case with proof of COVID-19 vaccination:** The Local Health Authority does not make exceptions for positive cases that have been vaccinated.

d) **Contact tracing:** The Finnish Health Authority will carry out contact tracing in the case of a positive test. The tracing decisions by the authority will be final and all players and team officials as well as the local organising committee, BWF and Badminton Finland are required to follow any decision.

e) **Close contacts:**
- The Finnish authority do carry out limited contract tracing on flights arriving into Finland if they have been informed about an infected person having been on a flight within 5 days from the day of the flight.
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- Close contact is also defined as having physical contact (eg. Physiotherapy) with someone who has Covid-19 and not wearing a mask.
- In Finland the self-isolation is for 10 days; A person identified as close contact may be required to self-isolated for 10 days and may be subjected to additional PCR tests. The decision about this is made on a case-by-case basis by the Finnish health authority.
- The BWF protocols dictate that **roommates and doubles partners** of a positive case must automatically self-isolate and are withdrawn from the tournament.
3 Protocols for Players and Team Officials – During Tournament

3.1 Arrival Date and Times
All players (including reserves) and team entourage must arrive at the official hotel by Wednesday, 22 September 2021 before 23:59 to be eligible to be accredited for the tournament.

The official transport hub is: Helsinki International Airport
All players and team officials must do an arrival test at Helsinki International Airport.

Upon arrival participants will be transported to the official hotel. Teams will have their own transport to the hotel.

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

3.2 Hotels
The official tournament hotels are Skyline Hotel and Pilot Airport Hotel. All teams will be accommodated at the Hotel Skyline, which will be exclusively reserved for the Sudirman Cup guests.

It is required to wear a face mask when in public areas of the hotels.

The hotel will have the following safety measures in place to ensure safe an environment for participants:

- Only green pass holders of the tournament will be staying in this hotel or that block of the hotel
- Hydroalcoholic gel in common areas
- The cleaning of the room will be done under guest’s request.
- Room service until PCR negative arrival test result

The gym at the hotel will be available to all green pass holders. Safety measures to be applied, e.g. limitation of simultaneous access to the gym.

Participants are not permitted to leave the exclusive hotel bubble area at any time. This is to ensure the safety of all participants.

Check in information:
- Each country must provide credit card information for possible damage to the facilities
- Participants wishing to consume extra services (room service, laundry, extra food/drinks in the restaurant etc) need to provide a credit card guarantee per person or pay for the service with cash.

WI-FI
The hotel has free WI-FI for all participants.
3.3 Food Delivery to the Venue  
**Food delivery is not permitted at the venue.**  
The meals at the venue shall be booked in advance with the host.

3.4 Accreditation  
Players and team entourage that have been registered a negative result for the Airport Arrival PCR test, will be designated green and be given a GREEN accreditation.

The collection of the accreditation pass will be at Skyline Hotel on the 25 Sept when one goes for the 25 Sept Tournament Covid Test2.

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 from 26 Sept 2021 onward.

Accreditation pass is not required between 23 and 25 Sept for practice at Practice Hall and Competition Hall as teams will be arranged fixed transport and timing for the practice. (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 Finland is **EUR120.00**.
3.5 **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.

3.6 **The competition venue**
The competition venue is Eneergia Arena.

3.7 **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.

3.8 **Temperature screening**

There will NOT be any temperature screening done during the tournament at the hotel, competition venue or training venue.

Each person shall monitor their own temperature and health condition. Should any one display any Covid-19 symptoms, they should inform the organising committee for further instruction on next possible course of action.

3.9 **Face masks**
It is **mandatory for all green and red zone personnel to wear face masks at all times,** except for players preparing or playing in matches, or umpires when sitting in the umpires’ chair.

3.10 **Warm up courts**
The warm up courts are strictly only for players that are competing in the next scheduled matches on court.

3.11 **Practice courts**
A minimum of 8 practice courts will be available for players throughout the event. The practice courts are located at Hämeenkylän liikuntahalli (the practise hall)Varistontie 3 01660 Vantaa, FINLAND. Regular transport will be provided between the venue and the official hotel.

*The use of transport between the competition venue/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.

3.12 Players’ Lounge
Players’ lounge will be available through the tournament hours. Water and fruits will be available for players.

It is recommended not to congregate in the lounge as this can be considered as a close contact scenario.

3.13 Venue Catering
Catering at the venue will be available for players and entourage based on their tournament schedule for teams who had made payment for their meals in advance.

There will be snacks provided in the players’ lounge.

3.14 Team Seating Area
There is no players and entourage seating area for teams who are NOT competing to watch the matches. Team seating boxes are only for those competing during their scheduled ties.

As a 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.

3.15 Match Analysis Video Recordings
Video recording will be permitted from a dedicated area behind the courts. There will be a limited to the number of videos that each team is able to set up and there may be a limit to the number of cameras allowed at each location.

3.16 Changing Rooms
It is not permitted to use showers at the changing room.
All players/coaches/managers/entourage are encouraged to go back to their respective hotel rooms upon completion of their match/duty.

3.17 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.

3.18 Anti-Doping
Anti-doping will be implemented as per BWF regulations.

3.19 Stringing Service
Stringing service will be provided by Yonex. This service is free for Yonex sponsored players. The cost for non-Yonex sponsored players will be Euro 20 per racket with strings provided by Yonex or with strings provided by each individual.
3.20 **Official Briefings**

The Team Managers Meeting will be held in person at in the Skyline Hotel.

3.21 **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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4 Protocols for Players and Team Officials – During Match

4.1 Assembly Point
It is mandatory to wear masks in the assembly point area and physical distancing measures must be closely followed.

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.

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 Games
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.

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
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5 Protocols for Players and Team Officials – 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. 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, translators and players required to wear face masks. Post-match on court interviews will not be carried out.

5.2 Media Obligations
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.

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/