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 and the YONEX Swiss Open in March 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.

In order to ensure a safe environment for all participants, the host will conduct mandatory PCR testing at the 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, 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 Restarting International Badminton – Safety Protocols Operating Procedures 2021 is a recommendation only. As such, some protocols may differ or not be implemented by the host.

1.1 The Current Situation in France

A nightly curfew is currently in force in metropolitan France. Between 6PM and 6AM you may only leave your residence for the following reasons and with an exemption certificate:

- Commuting to and from work, school or training place; carrying out essential business trips that cannot be postponed;
- Medical appointments that cannot be carried out remotely or postponed;
- Essential family reasons, assisting vulnerable persons, persons in a precarious situation or taking care of children;
- Persons with a disability and their accompanying person;
- Judicial or administrative summons;
- Participating in a mission of general interest upon request from an administrative authority;
- Air or rail transit related to long distance journeys;
- Walking a pet outdoors within 1km of one’s place of residence and for a brief amount of time.

For more information on the current situation in France, please visit the following website: https://www.gouvernement.fr/en/coronavirus-covid-19

Curfew exemption certificate

All participants must download the curfew exemption certificate here: https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/content/download/126397/1010655/file/26-02-2021-attestation-de-deplacement-derogatoire-version-anglaise.docx#xtor=AD-323
Once downloaded, tick the option: “1. Professional occupation, education and training”, then sign the form.

Please ensure that you carry the form with you at all times outside of curfew hours.

An electronic version of the exemption certificate is currently available in French here https://media.interieur.gouv.fr/attestation-couvre-feu-covid-19/

Failing to provide the certificate when requested by the authorities may be liable for a €135 fine.

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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**Orléans Masters 2021**

- **22 Mar**
  - Arrival Check-in
  - PCR test
  - Start of practice
  - TO briefing
  - TM Meeting (Venue or online)

- **23 Mar**
  - **Start of the tournament**
  - No spectators

- **24 Mar**

- **25 Mar**

- **26 Mar**
  - PCR test

- **27 Mar**

- **28 Mar**
  - **Departure**
  - End of the tournament
1.5 Key points

- The entry requirements to France are: VISA, Negative COVID-19 PCR test (72 hours prior to arrival in France), Certificate of participation, Declaration form. In addition to these forms non-European Area citizens are also required to apply for Laissez-passer.
- Participants arriving to France are required to download and activate the TousAntiCovid mobile application for contact tracing purposes.
- A nightly curfew is currently in force in France between 6PM and 6AM. Participants must carry the printed and signed curfew exemption certificate during this period.
- Two mandatory PCR tests will be carried out during the tournament.
- Arrival must be latest by Monday, 22 March at 13:00 at the competition venue.
- After the on-arrival PCR test, participants are not required to stay in isolation while waiting for their test results, but movement is limited between the hotel and the venue.
- The team managers’ meeting will be held in the venue on Monday, 22 March at 18:00.
- The mid-week mandatory PCR-test will be carried out on Friday, 26 March for all participants who are still staying in Orleans.
- The host will be able to assist with organizing additional PCR tests upon request, at players own cost.
- Participants with a positive PCR test result must self-isolate immediately for minimum 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.
- Hotel Apparthotel Adagio Orleans will be used for isolation purposes.
- 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.
- 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.
- Catering will be available in the hotel, in the venue and through delivery services. This will be at participants’ own cost.
- It is not allowed to use the hotel restaurants in France. All meals in the hotel will therefore need to be eaten in the hotel room.
- 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 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.
- 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. Athletes from different countries can be grouped together for practice upon their consent.
- Player match analysis video recordings will be permitted from a dedicated area.
- Mixed zone interviews will be carried out online.
- 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, where all players and team entourage will be required to undertake two separate COVID-19 PCR tests. These two tests will be borne by the LOC. Please note that your passport/personal identification card might be requested to officially register the test.

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 France.

**Travelling from the European Space (both EU and non-EU citizens)**

For people coming from the European Space (EU member states, Andorra, the Holy See, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway, San Marino and Switzerland), they need to present the following to the transport operator and border control authorities:

1. **Declaration form** - printed out and signed  
   [https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/content/download/126150/1008802/file/04-02-2021-engagement-sur-l-honneur-plus-de-11-ans-version-anglaise.docx](https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/content/download/126150/1008802/file/04-02-2021-engagement-sur-l-honneur-plus-de-11-ans-version-anglaise.docx)

2. **A negative RT-PCR test result**, carried out less than 72 hours prior to arrival to France - the original printed copy of the certificate shall be carried during the travel

3. **A certificate of participation at the Orléans Masters**
   In order to support the entry process to France, the LOC will provide all participants with a certification of participation. Kindly contact [pierre.lusset@ffbad.org](mailto:pierre.lusset@ffbad.org) in case you have not yet received this this supporting document. Kindly print out and carry this with you when traveling to Orleans.

4. **Download the TousAntiCovid mobile app**
   Participants arriving to France are required to download and activate the TousAntiCovid mobile application for contact tracing purposes. The app is available in English and French.
   
   Apple - [https://apps.apple.com/app/id1511279125](https://apps.apple.com/app/id1511279125)
   

**ATTENTION**: Travellers arriving from a country of the European Area but who within 14 days of arrival have stayed in a country outside the European Area must follow the procedure applicable to travellers arriving from a country outside the European Area (see below).
Travelling from outside of the European Area (French Citizens & citizens of the European area)

For people coming from a country outside the European Area (including United Kingdom), they can only enter France if their journey meets one of the criteria for exceptions and if they have pressing grounds for travel. The list of exemptions and examples of pressing grounds for travel can be found on the certificate for travel. They need to present the following to the transport operator and border control authorities:

1. **Declaration form** - printed out and signed - ticking the box "Compelling professional reason that cannot be postponed"

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4. **A professional card** (if applicable)
   This is a kind of identification document people receive to confirm their qualifications. Professional athletes/coaches might have such document.

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**Please note:** The **deadline for arrival and registration at the competition venue is latest by 13:00 on Monday, 22 March.** All participants are required to take their first PCR-test at the venue by 14:00.
Travelling from outside of the European Area (non-European area citizens)

Non-European space citizens coming from a country outside the European Area and/or who have been traveling in a country outside the European Area within 14 days prior, need to contact the French Embassy or Consulate in order to get a document called “Laissez-passer”.

Please make sure to submit the following documents for each participant in order to be authorised to enter France:

- Visa
- Passport
- Flight details
- A certificate of participation at the Orléans Masters
- If applicable, your VISA Invitation letter

The Embassy/Consulate should contact the French Ministry of Interior to get the “Laissez-passer” and send it to you.

You will then need to present the following to the transport operator and border control authorities:

1. The “Laissez-passer” - printed out and signed
2. A negative RT-PCR test result, carried out less than 72 hours prior to arrival to France – the original printed copy of the certificate shall be carried during the travel
3. A certificate of participation at the Orléans Masters - printed out
4. A professional card (if possible)
5. Download the TousAntiCovid mobile app

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Please note: The deadline for arrival and registration at the competition venue is latest by 13:00 on Monday, 22 March. All participants are required to take their first PCR-test at the venue by 14:00.

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).

b) First mandatory PCR test: All participants will be tested at the competition venue on Monday 22 March, between 08:00-14:00. Results to be received within 24 hours.
Kindly note, that participants are not required to stay in isolation while waiting for the test result, but movement is restricted between to the hotel and the competition venue only. The use of the official shuttle service is mandatory throughout the tournament.

Participants arriving earlier than Monday, will be able to move between the official hotel and the practice venue but are still required to take the PCR-test on Monday, 22 March at the competition venue.

c) The second PCR-test: the second mandatory PCR test will be carried out on Friday, 26 March to ensure that all participants are continuously free from infection. The test will be carried out in the competition venue between 8:00-14:00. Participants must ensure that they take the test within this timeframe. Participants do not need to isolate whilst waiting for the test result.

d) In addition, the host can assist to organize on-demand testing during the week. Any additional COVID-19 tests outside the above testing plan (due to early departure, participant missing the testing hours, special requirement by airline/country etc.) will be at participant’s 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.

2.3 Testing Procedure

Testing will be carried out in a secure environment at a designated testing room at the 2nd floor of the competition venue, according to the below testing plan.

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*Due to the COVID-19 testing, arrival at the competition venue must be no later than 22 March, at 13:00 the latest.

All testing activities are mandatory. In addition, if the Host Organizers request a test to be taken this cannot be refused. If players/coaches have symptoms they may request a test or may be required to be tested.

Players must arrive in the tournament city and register at the competition venue to do the first PCR-test on Monday 22 March at 13:00 the latest, so as to ensure the tests are carried out and results are obtained before the start of the competition.*

Players who arrive to Orleans on Sunday, or earlier are requested to take their first PCR test on Monday, 22 March between 08:00-11:00 in the competition venue.
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 the nose taken and the sample is analysed to confirm whether the individual is infected or not.

The test result can be obtained within 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 BWF. The Championship Office Manager, COVID-19 Manager and Tournament Director will inform the local authorities.

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 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 Hotel Appart'hotel Adagio Orleans, 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.

*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 for 10 days and will therefore be withdrawn from the tournament, regardless of any proof of recovery from a prior COVID-19 infection.*

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.
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 7 days and are subsequently withdrawn from the tournament regardless of the outcome of any test results. Close contacts will be required to take a PCR-test at the end of their 7 days quarantine, this will be borne by the host. Upon a negative test result, the close contact will be released from the mandatory quarantine. 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.

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 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 – 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 to France. This requirement includes foreign and French players living in France. 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) safetyprotocol.orleansmasters@cltobadminton.fr*

*This email address will be destroyed right after the competition. As per the French regulations it is forbidden to save health data.

All players/entourage must also possess 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.
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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4 Protocols for Players and Team Entourage - During Event

4.1 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. **Physical distancing measures will be strictly followed on the shuttle buses.**

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 ibis Gare, Hotel ibis Centre Orleans, Hotel Apparthotel Adagio and Hotel des Cèdres.

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 will be mandatory for the second occupant to self-isolate, as they are considered a direct 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 direct contact, and will therefore need to be isolated and subsequently withdraw from the tournament, should one of them test positive.
At the official hotel

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<td>- Inform your Team Manager / Host or BWFif 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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Breakfast will be served in each hotel, it is however not allowed to eat in the hotel restaurant. **The food will have to be taken and eaten in the hotel room.**

Lunch and dinner can be served in the Hotel ibis Centre Orleans. Reservations shall be made prior to arrival to Orleans. The cancellation of an already submitted lunch/dinner reservation will be accepted until Sunday, 21 March 2021.

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 “4.12 Catering”.

### 4.3 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. 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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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 Palais des Sports, Orleans.

Both mandatory COVID-19 PCR tests will be carried out at the competition venue.

Participants are not required to stay in isolation before taking the test or while waiting for the test result, they are able to continue their daily routine as normal, but movement is restricted between the hotel and the competition venue.

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4.6 Transport between hotel and venue/practice venue
Shuttle buses will operate between the official hotels and the competition venue and practice venue. The use of the official transport is mandatory throughout the tournament. Participants as well as bus drivers are required to wear face mask/face shields at all times during transport. The bus drivers will also be tested prior to and during the event.

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 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 Host will consult and be guided by local health authorities.
4.8 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.

4.9 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.

4.10 Practice courts

Three practice courts will be available from Sunday, 21 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 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 may be considered as close contact of a positive case, and therefore will be required to quarantine and subsequently withdraw from the tournament.

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.

4.11 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 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.

4.12 Catering

Three means for catering will be possible:

- **At the Hotel ibis Centre Orleans:**
  o Lunch and/or dinner to be ordered directly through the hotel, prior to arrival to Orleans. (19.50€ per meal) *(See the menu attached to the email)*
  o Note that this is not a "room service": **clients will have to get their food at the reception and then go eat it in their room** (by the current rules in France, clients are not allowed to eat in the hotel restaurant during lunch and dinner)

- **At the venue:**
  o Snack bar with different offers of fast food to be ordered without any reservation (large range of prices), as well as set meals at 13€ *(See details in the menu)*
  o Restaurant with a full meal (starter, main course, dessert, coffee) with a reservation the week before the event (15€ per meal) at the following address: *entries@cltobadminton.fr* *(See the menu attached to the email)*

- **Food delivery options** (available in the hotels and the venue)
  o **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)
  o **Uber Eats**
    ▪ Apple
    ▪ Android

4.13 Players’ Seating Area

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

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 on the last row of the stands, with no special video permits needed or limit of number.
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

The stringing booth will be located at the south 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.

4.18 Official Briefings

The team managers meeting will be held on Monday, 22 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@ctobadminton.fr

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.

*In case a physical meeting will not be allowed at the competition venue, the meeting will be held virtually. Team managers will receive more information in due time.*

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.

| At the venue |
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| **Do** | **Don’t** |
| - Wear your face mask at all times unless eating/drinking or playing badminton | - Don’t go to the Red Zone areas |
| - Practice good personal hygiene | - Don’t hang out at the venue |
| - Follow the physical distancing measures | |
| - Enter and exit via the Green Zone entry/exit points | |
- Get your temperature checked upon entry
- Follow the Green Zone path to access the Warm-up, Practice and Competition courts
- Limit the number of people on the warm-up court to 8 players
- Wear your face mask during physio treatment
- Limit the number of representatives attending official meetings/briefings
- Go back to the hotel room upon the completion of your match/duties

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
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>- Greet your opponents and Technical Officials with a nod, wave or hit rackets together</td>
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<td>- Ensure you move all items from the player box when you change ends and at the end of the game</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.

In addition, virtual interviews might be carried out for red group media. These would be organized via Zoom calls.

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 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.

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/