# PROTOCOLS FOR PLAYERS AND TEAM OFFICIALS - SPAIN MASTERS 2021

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

1. **Maintain a physical interpersonal distance of at least 1.5 meters** with people with whom you do not live.
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 compulsory** in those over 6 years of age:
   - On public transport.
   - 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 1.5 meters.

The use of a mask will not be required for people who have any type of respiratory illness or difficulty that may be aggravated by the use of the mask or who, due to their disability or dependence, do not have the autonomy to remove the mask, or present behavioural changes that make their use unfeasible. Neither will it be required in the case of individual outdoor sport exercise, or in cases of force majeure or situation of need or when, due to the very nature of the activities, the use of the mask is incompatible, according to the indications from the health authorities.
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

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## 1.4 Calendar – Action Plan

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1.5 Key points

- Participants who have been in Portugal and the UK require a letter from the organising committee to enter Spain.

- All people arriving from India to Spain must undergo a 10-day quarantine period, which can be reduced to 7 days if they take a PCR test the seventh day and it comes out negative.

- All players and team officials must take a COVID-19 PCR test dated within the 72 hours prior to arriving in Spain. This also includes players living in Spain and players on the reserve list.

- Before travelling to Spain all participants must complete the FCS form - https://www.spth.gob.es or in the mobile app. On completion you will be given the Health QR Code that must be shown on arrival at the airport.

- A negative pre-arrival certificate and negative arrival test are required for accreditation.

- Players wishing to practice on the competition courts before their first-round matches are strongly advised to arrive on Saturday 15 May and Sunday 16 May. The cut off time for arrivals is 12:00 noon Monday however due to testing, arrivals on Monday are highly unlikely to be able to practice on the competition courts before their first-round match on Tuesday/Wednesday.

- The Spanish Authorities do carry out limited contact tracing on flights arriving into Spain. This means that an unknown passenger can test positive following arrival and passengers near to the positive case can be traced and quarantined.

- 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 Spanish Health Authorities do not make exceptions for previous COVID-19 infections as well as people who have been vaccinated.

- Contact tracing will be carried out by the local health authority and all decisions made by them will be final. In Spain it is unlikely to be designated a close contact when wearing face masks.

- Close contact scenarios are possible on the warm up and practice courts. The local organising committee and BWF request the players cooperation to reduce these risks by following the recommendations on page 11.

- It is the law in Spain to wear face masks whenever in public areas apart from when eating or drinking, this includes the hotel.
- All participants must stay within the bubble areas at all times - these are limited to specific parts of the hotel, venue, practice hall and transport.

- The hotel gym and swimming pool cannot be used by participants however an exclusive hotel outdoor exercise area and relaxation area will be available.

2 COVID-19 Testing and Entry Requirements

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 and procedures are required to enter Spain:

a) Entry for travellers from the UK and Portugal
   A letter is required from the organising committee. Please complete the Non-Schengen Visa application form and return to the organising committee.

b) Entry from India
   All people arriving from India to Spain must undergo a 10-day quarantine period, which can be reduced to 7 days if they take a PCR test the seventh day and it comes out negative.

c) Non-Schengen countries
   All participants travelling from outside the Schengen Area need a certificate from the Spain Masters organization to travel to Spain. Each team must fill and send, in advance, the Non-Schengen Visa application form with their names, surnames, passport ID and travelling dates (arrival and departure).

d) Visa
   Participants who are required to apply for visa to enter Spain 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.
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e) Health QR Code
Before traveling to Spain, make sure you have signed the FCS form, on the https://www.spth.gob.es or in our mobile app. With this you will get the Health QR Code that you will have to show (paper or mobile) at the airport health control to be able to continue your trip.

f) 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 Spain. The certificate should be emailed to: spainworldtour@badminton.es and events.admin@bwfbadminton.org. This includes players living in Spain and reserves. A physical copy of the certificate may be required at the airport on arrival.

g) Insurance
Specific COVID-19 insurance is not currently required to enter Spain 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-arrival test: all players/entourage must take a COVID-19 PCR test dated within the 72 hours prior to arriving in Spain. This also includes players living in Spain and players on the reserve list. The negative certificate must be sent to:

spainworldtour@badminton.es and events.admin@bwfbadminton.org.

b) On-arrival test, 15-17 May (12:00 noon last test): Players/entourage to be tested upon arrival at the official hotel, with results to be received within 24 hours. Participants will be required to stay in their hotel rooms until a negative result is received. All players and team officials must have undertaken the arrival test before 12:00 noon on Monday 17 May.

c) Mandatory mid-week test, Friday 21 May: 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. A certificate will be issued for this test.

d) Additional testing for travel certificate: Participants that require a negative certificate to travel to their next destination and falls outside of the Friday mid-week test, a pre-bookable PCR test will be available at the official hotel on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Please note the cost of this test will be borne by the participant.
Each participant should book these tests at the secretariat office in the hotel no later than **24 hours** before the test. In the case that 24 hours’ notice is not given the host organising committee may be able to arrange transport to a lab however this will be at the participants own cost.

In the 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.

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.

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

The BWF and LOC will fund two 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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## 2.3 Arrival times

All players (including reserves) and team entourage must check into the official hotel by **12:00 noon on Monday 17 May** 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 competition on Tuesday.

## 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/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.

## 2.5 Protocols in the case of a positive test

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

In Spain 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 and quarantined for 10 days.

- **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 Spanish 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 Spanish Badminton Federation are required to follow any decision.

e) Close contacts: In Spain close contacts are defined as being within 2 meters for more than 15 minutes in a 24-hour period without wearing a face mask.

The local rules for close contacts are:

- If you have had close contact with a patient with COVID-19 or suspect of having it without adequate protection measures, from 48 hours before the onset of symptoms, you must quarantine for 10 days staying in your domicile or place of accommodation and preferably in a single room.

- You have had close contact if you have been with said person for 48 hours before symptoms begin, or for 48 hours before the diagnostic test in asymptomatic patients, without the necessary protective measures

The BWF protocols dictate that roommates and doubles partners of a positive case must automatically quarantine and are withdrawn from the tournament. In Spain the quarantine is for 10 days.

**Warm Up Courts**
To help ensure physical distancing there will be one warm up court per competition court.

Players on the same side of the court can be designated as a close contact if not wearing a face mask. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that players stagger the warm up so that four players are not on the same court at the same time. For instance, player A/pair A warms up for 10 mins and then player B/pair B warms up for 10 mins on rotation. Volunteers will be available to assist with this however it is also the responsibility of the players to help manage this rotation as well. If for whatever reason a staggered warm up is not possible then it is recommended to wear face masks during the warm up so as to avoid a close contact scenario.

**Practice**
Players on the same side of the court can be designated as a close contact if not wearing a face mask. Therefore, teams will need to manage their practice and limit the amount of time players are on the same side of the court. It is recommended that doubles pairings do not mix with other pairings as it could result in multiple players having to quarantine if there is a positive case.
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 Officials - During Event

3.1 Arrival and timings

All players and team officials must arrive at the official hotel and undertake the arrival PCR test before 12:00 on Monday 17 May.

The official transport hubs are:

- Seville International Airport
- Seville Railway Station
- Huelva Railway Station

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

3.2 Hotel

The official tournament hotel is Barceló Punta Umbría Mar in Punta Umbría, Huelva. The hotel is divided into two wings with one wing being exclusive to the Spain Masters participants.

It is mandatory to wear a face mask when in public areas of the hotel.

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

- 2 private entrances to the exclusive wing. Access with the room key.
- A dedicated number of rooms in the left-side of the hotel.
- A dedicated restaurant.
- A dedicated check in and check out
- A dedicated secretariat office at the hotel (accommodation and transport staff, covid information staff)
- 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
Hotel area exclusive to Spain Masters participants:

The gym and swimming pool at the hotel will not be available as they are not exclusive to Spain Masters participants.

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 Hotel Catering and Services

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served in the hotel. The dining area will be exclusive to Spain Masters participants. Exclusive buffet mineral water included. Extra drinks will need to be paid for.

**Breakfast** will be available in the restaurant daily between 07.00 - 10.00
**Lunch** will be available in the restaurant daily between 12.30-15.30
**Dinner** will be available in the restaurant daily between 19.30-22.30

During the arrival test quarantine, meals will be delivered to the rooms.

Please, confirm if you have any intolerance or allergy. And send an e-mail to accommodation.worldtour@badminton.es

**Delivery services** will be permitted into the hotel.

**Water** will be available to purchase in the hotel. There will be free water supplies in the venue.

**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. Hot water will be available in the dining area.

You can request drinks and snack in the room service, direct payment. (minimum 6 eur)
- Mineral water bottle 72cl: EUR2.00
- Soft drinks (glass bottle) 33cl: EUR2.50
- Chips: EUR1.50

3.4 Accreditation

Players and team entourage that have been tested and obtained a negative result, will be designated green and be given a Green accreditation at the secretariat office in the hotel. 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.)
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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 Spain 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 Palacio de Deportes Carolina Marín.

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
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.

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.

To help ensure physical distancing there will be one warm up court per competition court.

Players on the same side of the court can be designated as a close contact if not wearing a face mask. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that players stagger the warm up so that four players are not on the same court at the same time. For instance, player A/pair A warms up for 10 mins and then player B/pair B warms up for 10 mins on rotation. Volunteers will be available to assist with this however it is also the responsibility of the players to help manage this as well. If for whatever reason a staggered warm up is not possible then it is recommended to wear face masks during the warm up so as to avoid a close contact scenario.

3.11 Practice courts
Six practice courts will be available for players throughout the event. The practice courts are located in Pabellón Principe de Asturias at the Huelva University, 2 minutes by bus from the Sports Hall. 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.
Players on the same side of the court can be designated as a close contact if not wearing a face mask. Therefore, teams will need to manage their practice and limit the amount of time players are on the same side of the court. It is recommended that doubles pairings do not mix with other pairings as it could result in multiple players having to quarantine if there is a positive case.

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.

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
No catering at the venue will be available for players and entourage apart from the snacks provided in the players lounge. Those teams who need to purchase food, should be ask to the secretariat office at the sports hall.

3.14 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.

3.15 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.

3.16 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.
3.17 **Anti-doping**
Anti-doping will be implemented as per BWF regulations.

3.18 **Stringing service**
Stringing service will be provided by VICTOR. For players with their own strings it will cost EUR15 and for players without their own string it will cost EUR20. Victor sponsored players for free.

3.19 **Official briefings**
The Team Managers Meeting will be held virtually in the hotel.

3.20 **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 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.

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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<td>- Collect shuttlecocks from the shuttlecock dispenser and not from Service Judge</td>
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<td>- Stand by your player box while the court is being mopped</td>
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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 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.

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/

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