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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 of the World Tour, 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 standards that are currently applied and should be observed:

- Face masks are mandatory at ALL TIMES in all public spaces. This is the local rule in Spain. The exception to wearing mask is when you are eating, drinking and competing on court in your match between Tuesday 11 to Sunday 16 May.
- Social distancing of 1.5 metres is also compulsory.
- Wash hands frequently and meticulously with disinfectant.
- 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
- People are not allowed to be outside from 23:00 to 06:00. This local rule may change on May 9th.
- For smoking purposes, you need to stay 2 metres away from others.
- If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care immediately
- If you have mild respiratory symptoms seek medical advice
- Other restrictions that are implemented by local authorities



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

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1.3 Calendar – Action Plan

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			Pre-departure test (refer to 2.2)			
		5 May Pre-arrival tests Submit test result	6 May Pre-arrival tests Submit test result	7 May Pre-arrival tests Submit test result Arrival Check-in & PCR test	8 May Pre-arrival tests Submit test result Arrival Check-in & PCR test	9 May Pre-arrival tests Submit test result Arrival Check-in & PCR test Classification
Spanish Para badminton Cartagena 2021						
10 May Arrival Check-in & PCR test up to 12:00 Classification Main hall practice TM Meeting	11 May Start of the tournament	12 May	13 May	14 May 2nd PCR test for every participant.	15 May Additional PCR test for those that request additional test to depart. At own cost.	16 May End of the tournament

1.4 Key points

- Participants who have been in Portugal and the UK require a letter from the organising committee to enter Spain.
- There are restrictions for other countries including India. Please check the prospectus for the latest updates.
- All players/entourage must take a COVID-19 PCR test dated within 72 hours of 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.
- Players wishing to practice on the competition courts on Monday 10th before their first-round matches on Tuesday 11th May are strongly advised to arrive on **Friday 7th** and **Saturday 8th**. Players are only allowed to practice on Monday once they get a negative PCR test from their on-arrival test.
- 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 at the patient's own cost**.
- 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. A negative arrival test is required for accreditation.
- 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.
- 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 should limit their movements and stay within the bubble areas at all times - these are limited to the specific parts of the hotel, venue, practice hall and transport.
- Certain facilities within each hotel may be closed due to COVID-19 safety protocol implemented by the hotel management.



2 COVID-19 Testing for Players and Team Entourage

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

Teams are required to limit the number of personnel in their entourage based on a need-to-basis. Any accredited entourage over and above the accreditation limit will be required to undertake testing at their own cost. Please refer to the tournament invitation for ratio of players and team officials (entourage).

Number of Players from a Member Association or BWF Recognized Organisation	Team officials PCR test coverage
Three (3) or less	2
Four (4) to Seven (7)	3
Eight (8) to 15	4
16 or more	5

Team officials (entourage) includes all person that are not players which travels with the team and requires accreditation. Please note accreditation is required to enter the venue.

Any additional official that goes beyond the ratio given above is required to pay Euro 100 per test and a minimum of two test as described above

Example: 1 player 3 team officials. The host will cover the cost of two team officials while the third team official will have to pay.

Payments for the test shall be made to the host in Spain. Method of payment will be notified at a later date.

If players/team officials requires additional tests before returning home, they will have to cover the cost of the test on their own.

Refusing to take a test if requested by BWF/host organiser will result in penalty from BWF and removal of accreditation which will result in expulsión from the tournament.

2.1 Entry requirements

The following documents and procedures are required to enter Spain:

a) 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.

b) Health QR Code

Before traveling to Spain, make sure you have signed the 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.

c) Non-Schengen countries

All participants travelling from outside Schengen Area need a certificate from the Spain Masters organization to travel to Spain, so 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) UK travellers

People travelling directly from the UK require a letter from the organising committee. Please complete the Non-Schengen Visa application form and return to the organising committee.

e) Negative PCR Test – test taken within 72 hours of arrival

All players and team entourage must submit a pre-arrival negative Covid-19 PCR certificate, with the test taken within 72 hours before their arrival to Spain to the following e-mail: parabadminton.internacional@badminton.es and s.sabron@bwfbadminton.org. This includes players living in Spain. A physical copy of the certificate may be required at the airport on arrival.

Please note: 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-departure test:** all players/entourage must take a COVID-19 PCR test dated within 72 hours of arriving in Spain. This also includes players living in Spain and players on the reserve list. The certificate must be sent to parabadminton.internacional@badminton.es and s.sabron@bwfbadminton.org



- b) On-arrival test, 7-10 May:** Players/entourage/officials to be tested upon arrival at the official hotel, with results to be received within 24 hours (or longer depending on test lab). Participants will be required to stay in their hotel rooms until a negative result is received.

*All those Players / entourage / officials who arrive in official transport from Alicante, will go directly to the hospital to perform the PCR test within the transport. (The officials that are required to pay for their test, will do so at that time).

*All those Players / entourage / officials who arrive without taking official transportation must agree with the local organizer (parabadminton.internacional@badminton.es) a specific time to carry out the PCR test at the hospital.

Refusing to take a test if requested by BWF/host organiser will result in penalty from BWF. Accreditation may not given/removed which will result in expulsión from the tournament.

- c) Mandatory mid-week test, Friday 14 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. A certificate will be issued for this test.
- d) Departure testing, after Friday 14 May:** For participants that require a negative certificate to travel to their next destination and falls outside of the Friday mid-week test, host may assist to arrange PCR test with hospital. Participants must bear the cost of additional tests on their own.
- e) Any additional COVID-19 tests** taken outside the above testing plan (due to early-departure, participant missing the testing hours, special requirement by airline/country etc.) will be at participants' own cost. If such additional testing is necessary, the host should be notified at least 48 hours in advance, so that the testing laboratory can be informed in advance.



2.3 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 (however, it may be longer depending on the test lab)

DATE	TEST	LOCATION	DETAILS	TESTING TIMES
Friday 7 May Saturday 8 May	Arrival Test	Virgen de la Caridad Hospital	Everyone in the green zone.	Upon arrival
Sunday 9 May Monday 10 May	Arrival Test		A certificate will be issued.	Upon arrival
Friday 14 May	Midweek mandatory 2 nd PCR test		Hall/Pavilion/Venue	For participants who require a travel certificate
Saturday 15 May or Sunday 16 May	Additional PCR test	TBC	For participants who require a travel certificate but dated later than the Friday mid-week test 48-hour notice required	TBC on request

2.4 Arrival times

All players must check into the official hotel by **Sunday 9th May. Other officials must check in by 10th May.** This is to ensure the tests are carried out and results are obtained before the start of the competition on Tuesday. Only those with negative PCR test on arrival will be allowed to leave their hotel room.

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 (or more)

2.6 Protocols in the Case of a Positive Test

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

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.

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

1. Positive case:

- a. Self-isolate yourself:** stay at home or your place of accommodation and self-isolate in a room. This must be for individual use, well ventilated and with an individual bathroom. If this is not possible, the safety distance of 1.5 meters must be guaranteed and a surgical mask must be worn when in contact with the rest of the cohabitants. Be particularly meticulous with your hygiene.
- b. Contact the health service:** contact [telephone contact with the competent health authorities](#) of the autonomous communities. If you have a feeling of heaviness, shortness of breath, or chest pain, call 112.

2. Positive case with proof of previous COVID-19 infection

- a. Self-isolate yourself:** Stay at home or your place of accommodation and self-isolate in a room. This must be for individual use, well ventilated and with an individual bathroom. If this is not possible, the safety distance of 1.5 meters must be guaranteed and a surgical mask must be worn when in contact with the rest of the cohabitants. Be particularly meticulous with your hygiene.
- b. Contact the health service:** contact [telephone contact with the competent health authorities](#) of the autonomous communities. If you have a feeling of heaviness, shortness of breath, or chest pain, call 112.

3. Positive case with proof of COVID-19 vaccination

- a. Self-isolate yourself:** Stay at home or your place of accommodation and self-isolate in a room. This must be for individual use, well ventilated and with an individual bathroom. If this is not possible, the safety distance of 1.5 meters must be guaranteed and a surgical mask must be worn when in contact with the rest of the cohabitants. Be particularly meticulous with your hygiene.



- b. Contact the health service:** contact [telephone contact with the competent health authorities](#) of the autonomous communities. If you have a feeling of heaviness, shortness of breath, or chest pain, call 112.
- 4. Contact tracing:** Spanish Health authorities will be carried out a contact tracing with those participants who has been positive in a test
- 5. 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.

 - a. 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 must not leave your room and observe high standard of hygiene.

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 collaboration with the health authorities, further protocols may be established on a case-by-case basis should it be deemed necessary. All cost related to quarantine or hospitalization must be borne by the patient.

3 Protocols for Players and Team Entourage - During Event

3.1 Transport from official transport hub to hotel

The official transport hubs are:

- Alicante International Airport
- Murcia International Airport
- Tournament Hall

Upon arrival participants will be transported from to the testing facility and official hotel. Physical distancing measures will be strictly followed on the shuttle buses. Shuttle buses will operate with reduced 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 hotels are:

- Alfonso XII
- NH Campo Hotel
- NH Cartagena
- Manolo
- Habaneros

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

Please note that the occupants of a double or twin-sharing room will be considered **close contacts**. Therefore, if one person tests positive at any stage the roommate will automatically be withdrawn from the tournament and asked to quarantine.

In addition, doubles pairs are also considered as close contact, and will therefore need to quarantine and subsequently withdraw from the tournament, should one of them test positive.

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



At the official hotel during test and while waiting on the test result	
Do	Don't
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wear your mask at all times unless inside your room. - Keep safe distance from others - Practice good personal hygiene - Inform your Team Manager / BWF if you experience any of the following symptoms: fever above 37.6 (scanned on the forehead), cough, sore throat, loss of sense or smell, cold-like symptoms. - Stay in your room until the test result is ready (need to be prepared for a wait of up to 24 hours) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Don't leave the hotel room until waiting for the test result - Don't mingle in the lobby while waiting for results, accreditation may be withheld - Don't hang out with people you don't know - Don't go to crowded places

Athletes and entourage, who have received their negative test results will be able to leave their rooms. We will be informed you the restriction on various hotel facilities.

3.3 Hotel Catering

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served in the hotel.

- **Breakfast** –between 7:00-9:30 daily
- **Lunch** will be available in the restaurant daily between 12:30-15:00.
- **Dinner** will be available in the restaurant daily between 19:30-22:30

Special dietary requirements should be communicated in advance upon arrival at the hotel, by e-mail to eventosbadminton@viajeseci.es. In this case, it will be necessary to specify which foods are prohibited or the type of diet required.

Competition menus will be handed out to participants and teams upon arrival at the hotel. For each meal a closed menu with 2-3 possible options will be offered. The chosen menu must be communicated the day before no later than 12:00 noon.

Delivery services be available for lunch. Participants must complete a form no later than 12:00 noon two days before to request food packages. At least 2 different types of menus will be available each day.

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



	Gym	Common areas	Cafeteria	Vending machine	Smoking area	Kettle
Habaneros	No	Lobby Cafeteria area	Yes	Yes	No	Ask at recepción (limited number)
Manolo	No	Cafeteria area TV lounge			Balconies	TV lounge
NH Campo	Yes	Cafeteria area Outdoor parking	Yes	No	No	No
NH Cartagena	No	Lobby Cafeteria area	Yes	No	No	No
Alfonso XII	No	Lobby Cafeteria	Closed	Yes	No	Ask at recepción

After receiving negative test result	
Do	Don't
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wait for Team Managers to collect accreditations for whole team - Keep to your own entourage group - Wear your mask at all times - Keep safe distance from others - Practice good personal hygiene - Use the practice facilities during the allocated time for your entourage group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Don't go to crowded areas - Don't hang out with people you don't know - Don't hang out with other teams or entourage that have not received a negative test result - Don't use the practice facilities during times allocated to other groups

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

During mid-week/in-competition COVID-19 tests	
Do	Don't
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cooperate with tournament staff to get the test done - Stay in the Green Zone areas - Continue physical distancing - Wear your face mask - Continue your routine while waiting for the test result 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Don't go to Red Zone areas

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. 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.) Accreditation will also only be given to those who have made payments of entry fees in full and book accommodation through the host to stay at the official hotel throughout the whole duration of the tournament beginning Friday 7th to Sunday 16th.

Green group personnel:

Players	Shuttle control
Team entourage	FOP management team
Umpires	Player assembly point managers
Referees	Anti-doping
Line judges	Prize presentation ushers and presenters
Physios	BWF and LOC appointed Media
Tournament doctors	Green zone area cleaners
BWF staff	
Stringers	

As per the tournament invitation, all players and team entourage will be tested twice (upon arrival and on Friday May 14th). Any team officials (entourage) that is above the ratio as stated on the tournament invitation will have to pay for the test on arrival and on Friday May 14th. The current price of a PCR test is Euro 100.

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 de Cartagena.

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.

Transport schedule to the hall will be in accordance with the competition timetables by time slots. Given the restrictions on transport, it is compulsory for participants to respect the established timetables.

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/Face shields

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

3.10 Warm Up Courts

Two warm up courts will be available for players throughout the event.

To ensure physical distancing is carried out, a maximum of 4 players are permitted to use each warm up court at any one time. In addition, the warm up courts are strictly limited to those players with upcoming matches. BWF and the local organising committee seek the assistance of the players to ensure these measures are implemented.

The warm up area will be cleaned regularly.

3.11 Practice Day (Monday 10th May)

A practice schedule will be created with dedicated training courts allocated to teams for **10th of May**. Athletes and entourage from different countries can be grouped together for practice upon their consent, however kindly note that should a player/entourage test positive, training partners might be considered as close contact of a positive case, and therefore will be required to quarantine and subsequently withdraw from the tournament.

The 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.



For singles practice it is recommended to play with just two people on the court i.e., not 4 people playing half court singles. If this is not possible then it is recommended to wear a face mask if there is another player on the same side of the court.

For doubles practice it is recommended to play with the same doubles pairings that have been entered into the tournament on the same side of the court. If this is not possible then it is recommended to wear a face mask.

This is because players on the same side of the court can be designated as close contacts if not wearing a face mask.

3.12 Players' Lounge

A player's lounge will be available in a large space with access to an outdoor terrace inside the hall. Athletes may use this space at any time, and must sanitise the equipment they use that is for public use, such as chairs or mats. Athletes may use their own equipment without restrictions.

3.13 Venue Catering

No catering service at the venue will be available for players and entourage, but there will be an area with tables and chairs where you can eat the food you have brought with you from the hotel. Food delivery through mobile apps are available.

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, on the opposite side of the match control desk.

3.15 Changing Rooms

It is highly recommended that players avoid using dressing room showers unless absolutely necessary. All players/coaches/managers/entourage are encouraged to go back to their respective hotel rooms upon completion of their match/duty.

3.16 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

There will be stringing service at the tournament. More information will be provided during the team managers meeting.

3.19 Official Briefings

We will confirm closer to the tournament how official briefings like Team Managers Meetings will be conducted.



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.

At the venue	
Do	Don't
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is forbidden to eat in the stands of the pavilion, it will only be allowed to eat in the designated eating area - Wear your face mask at all times unless eating/drinking or playing badminton - Practice good personal hygiene - 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 one court to 4 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Don't go to the Red Zone areas - Don't hang out at the venue

4 Protocols for Players and Team Entourage - During match

4.1 Assembly Point

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

Once a match is ready to be called on court, technical officials and players will be announced. The protocol on which personnel march on to court first will be informed at the team managers meeting.

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

Shuttlecock 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 to 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 tube/dispenser
- Net tape
- Umpire tablet
- Umpire chair (seat, handles, steps)

Pre- and post-match	
Do	Don't
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Wear your mask at the assembly area- Greet your opponents and Technical Officials with a nod or wave- Collect shuttlecocks from the shuttlecock dispenser and not from Service Judge- Return used shuttles to the shuttle box- Ensure you move all items from the player box when you change ends and at the end of the game- Stand by your player box while the court is being mopped- Follow physical distancing during walk off	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Don't shake hands or hug opponents- Don't leave any items in the player box



5 Protocols for Players and Team Entourage - Post match

5.1 Media Obligations

BWF / Host will determine the area which media can use to interview or record players. 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 interview area will be conducted by media who have tested negative for COVID-19. Only those approved by the BWF/Host can be accredited and to enter the venue.

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.

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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