GR TOYOTA GAZOO RACING THAILAND OPEN 2022
– COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

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2. Entry into Thailand

As of 1 May 2022, the following entry requirements apply.

Vaccinated travellers:

Fully vaccinated travellers can enter Thailand without quarantine. The approved vaccines to enter Thailand can be viewed in the following link:


All travellers must have insurance with at least USD10,000 coverage for medical treatment in Thailand.

Unvaccinated travellers

Unvaccinated travellers must undertake a RT-PCR test with the sample collected within 72 hours before departure to Thailand. In addition, unvaccinated travellers will be required to undertake 5 days ‘Alternative Quarantine’ in an AQ hotel. A negative RT-PCR result will be required on day 4-5 to end the 5 day quarantine. Unfortunately, it is not possible to gain an exemption from this quarantine.

All travellers must have insurance with at least USD10,000 coverage for medical treatment in Thailand.

Thailand Pass (Thailand Government requirement)

All travellers must complete the Thailand Pass registration, it is not possible to board a flight to Thailand without obtaining a valid Thailand Pass QR code. https://tp.consular.go.th/home
The following documents will be required to be uploaded:

- Passport
- Vaccination certificate
- Proof of insurance

Please note that all documents are required to be uploaded in JPEG format.

Submissions should be made 7 days before arrival.

3. **Arrival dates**

Due to COVID-19 testing all players and team officials should arrive on **Saturday 14 May and Sunday 15 May**. This includes reserve players.

4. **Covid-19 testing plan**

The Covid-19 testing plan is different for participants who are already in Thailand competing at the Thomas & Uber Cup (TUC) or are travelling into Bangkok specifically for Thailand Open. Please see below.

**Participants not competing at TUC and arriving in Bangkok only for Thailand Open**

Participants should arrive on **Saturday 14 May** or **Sunday 15 May**. Any arrivals on Monday 16 May are not guaranteed to be able to practice before their first round matches due to Covid-19 testing.
Pre-departure test – All participants not competing at TUC are required to submit a negative PCR certificate with the test dated within 72 hours prior to departure to Thailand. Please upload the test certificate to the link below:

https://form.jotform.com/221030137289449

The pre-departure test is not required by the Thailand Government but is required by BWF.

Arrival test – An arrival ATK antigen test will be carried out upon arrival to the official hotels.

Please note that the Thailand Entry rules state that unvaccinated travellers must undertake a pre-departure PCR test.

Participants competing at TUC before Thailand Open

Pre-departure test – participants competing at TUC do not need to undertake a pre-departure test for Thailand Open.

Arrival test – participants who are competing at TUC and Thailand Open will undertake an ATK antigen test on Sunday 15 May at the official hotels. This will be the arrival test for Thailand Open.

Thursday 19 May test

All players, team officials, technical officials and working staff who wish to enter the venue from Thursday 19 May onwards are required to undertake an ATK test on Thursday morning. Testing will be available from 07:00 at the official hotels and venue and an accreditation stamp will be issued.
Additional testing for travel certificate

Participants who require a negative PCR certificate to travel to their next destination can book a test by contacting the organising committee during the tournament. The test costs will be at the expense of the participant.

5. Exemptions to testing

Due to local government regulations exemptions are only available for the BWF pre-departure test. There are no exemptions for the arrival test and all participants must undertake an arrival ATK antigen test.

Participants can be exempted from the BWF pre-departure test if the following criteria are met:

- the person must have tested positive at least 14 days before their date of arrival in Thailand
- the positive test is no longer than 90 days before their date of arrival in Thailand
- show proof of medical discharge memo/letter issued by the relevant state authority which must contain name of the person (as per travel document used to enter the country) and date of infection which must fall within 14-90 days (inclusive) before the date of the tournament

OR

In the case of a positive test, show certificate of recovery letter from a licensed healthcare provider or public health official stating proof of recovery and that the positive test is likely to be a ‘false positive’ due to a
negligible viral load. This letter must also state the initial date of infection (14-90 days before) and contain details such as full name (as per travel document) and you are not experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.

The documents should be uploaded to the pre-arrival information form:

https://form.jotform.com/221030137289449

6. Protocols in the case of a positive test

Pre-departure positive test

Vaccinated participants who can present proof of recovery as per the requirements in section 5 will be exempt from the pre-departure test.

Vaccinated participants who are not exempt will not be able to compete without a negative pre-departure test.

Unvaccinated participants are not able to enter Thailand without a negative pre-departure test and would not be able to compete.

Arrival positive test or other positive test during tournament week

A positive arrival ART antigen test will be followed up with a PCR test. Whilst waiting for the PCR result the participant should avoid contact with other people and will not be able to collect accreditation. If the PCR test is positive, then a period of isolation possibly away from the official hotel may be required and the participant
may not be able to collect accreditation and participate in the tournament. The local health authorities will take into consideration past Covid-19 infections within 14-90 days however exemptions will be on a case-by-case basis decided by the health authority. The local organising committee and BWF cannot overrule the decisions of the health authority.

If the PCR test is negative the participant can collect accreditation and continue participation in the tournament.

Close contacts

In the case of a positive test the local health authority will carry out contact tracing and all decisions by the health authority are final. Close contacts are divided into high risk and low risk.

High risk:

- A person who stays in the same room (roommate)

- A person / group of persons gathering in small, enclosed space with probable/confirmed positive case within 2 meters distance for more than 5 minutes without masks, e.g. gathering in hotel room for chatting/eating/drinking without masks.

Fully vaccinated and recently recovered players and team officials who are designated high risk close contacts may be able to continue participating under the following conditions and with approval from the local health authority:

- Undertake daily health screening and antigen test
- Can only leave room for practice and competing in matches
Other participants who are designated high risk will be required to isolate for a minimum of 5 days or as advised by the local health authority. The isolation may take place away from the official hotels.

Low risk:

Participants who are designated as low risk will be required to undertake a daily antigen test and self-monitor health for 10 days.

7. **Face masks**

It is mandatory for green accredited personnel to wear face masks in the green and red zone areas at the competition venue. In addition, it is a legal requirement in Thailand for face masks to be worn indoors and outdoors except when eating or drinking.

8. **Permitted activities during the tournament**

As per the updated BWF Covid Protocols, where local government regulations permit, green zone participants are free to walk outside the hotel to visit grocery stores, takeaway outlets and restaurants. BWF recommends that in the absence of specific premises regulations, face coverings are worn when visiting these locations. Visits to bars, nightclubs or shopping malls (except to visit a grocery store) are not permitted. Breaches of BWF COVID-19 Protocols policy can be found in the following link: