RESTARTING INTERNATIONAL BADMINTON TOURNAMENTS

SAFETY PROTOCOLS & OPERATING PROCEDURES

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YONEX ALL ENGLAND OPEN 2022 - COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR PLAYERS AND TEAM OFFICIALS

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1. Current UK COVID-19 rules

Since 24 February 2022 many of the UK Government’s COVID-19 containment rules have been removed. This means that the tournament will be primarily run following the BWF COVID-19 guidelines 2022 which are available on the BWF website:


Any UK regulations that are still in force will be stated below.
## 2. Calendar – Action Plan

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3. UK Entry Requirements

The UK COVID-19 entry policies are determined by vaccination status - please see below link for which vaccines and proof of vaccines are accepted in the UK:


**Fully Vaccinated traveller requirements:**

- Must complete the UK Passenger Locator Form in the 3 days before you arrive in England

**Non-Vaccinated traveller requirements:**

- COVID-19 test taken in the two days before departure to the UK (**BWF require this to be a PCR test**)
- Book and pay for a COVID-19 PCR ‘arrival’ test before the end of day 2 (the day you arrive is 0)
- Must complete the UK Passenger Locator Form in the 3 days before you arrive in England

The full guidance can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-to-england-from-another-country-during-coronavirus-covid-19

Passenger Locator Form - https://www.gov.uk/provide-journey-contact-details-before-travel-uk

For non-vaccinated travellers, you will need to pre-book the ‘arrival’ PCR test through Badminton England. To do this, please email testing@badmintonengland.co.uk and a code for the Passenger Locator Form will be supplied upon confirmation. Please allow 24hrs for a response.

Costs related to the arrival testing of athletes (incl. reserves) will be covered by the Championships, as will Team Officials up to the accreditation limits. Beyond this, charges will be invoiced to your organisation.
4. **Arrival dates**

Due to COVID-19 testing all players and team officials should arrive on **Sunday 13 March** and **Monday 14 March**. This includes reserve players and players residing in the UK.

5. **COVID-19 Testing**

**Pre-arrival test:**
All participants who do not meet the exemptions criteria set out in section 6 must submit a pre-arrival negative COVID-19 PCR test with the test dated within the two days before departure to the UK. For participants travelling from within the UK it should be dated within 2 days before arrival at the official hotel. Please upload pre-arrival test result here:

https://form.jotform.com/220372929776366

**On-arrival test (Sunday 13 March and Monday 14 March, Crowne Plaza Hotel)**
Vaccinated participants who do not meet the exemptions criteria set out in section 6 will be tested upon arrival at the official hotel using Antigen Rapid Tests (ART). The results will be available within 1 hour. The test centre is in the Crowne Plaza hotel. The tests need to be booked in advance by emailing testing@badmintonengland.co.uk.

As per the UK Government policy, non-vaccinated participants that have entered the UK from abroad will be required to undertake an arrival PCR test instead.
Additional testing for travel certificate
Participants who require a negative PCR certificate to travel to their next destination can book a test by contacting testing@badmintonengland.co.uk. For participants competing in the Swiss Open, the BWF pre-arrival PCR tests can be undertaken on Friday 18 March and Saturday 19 March. The cost for the test will be approximately £130 and is to be paid by the participant at time of booking.

6. Exemptions to testing

The BWF requirements for proof of recovery are as follows:

- the person must have tested positive at least 11 days before the date of the tournament (4 March 2022)

- the positive test is no longer than 90 days before the date of the tournament (16 December 2021)

- 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 11-90 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 (11-90 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/220372929776366
7. Protocols in the case of a positive test

Pre-arrival positive test:
Non-vaccinated participants, and fully vaccinated participants who cannot present proof of recovery as per requirements in section 6, will not be able to compete and therefore would be withdrawn from the tournament.

Vaccinated participants who can present proof of recovery as per the requirements in section 6 will be exempt from the pre arrival test and arrival test.

Arrival positive test:
A positive arrival ART 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 the participant will be withdrawn from the tournament and cannot collect their accreditation. If the PCR test is negative the participant can collect accreditation and continue participation in the tournament.

Please note that under UK rules, positive cases are advised to isolate however this is not legally binding.

The BWF Covid protocols 2022 state that doubles partners and roommates are deemed close contacts. Vaccinated participants can avoid isolation and withdrawal if they test negative when requested to do so and if they move to a single room and undertake a daily antigen test at their own expense. Non-vaccinated roommates or doubles partners are withdrawn from the tournament.

8. Face masks
It is mandatory for green accredited personnel to wear face masks in the green and red zone areas at the competition venue.

9. **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: