



RESTARTING INTERNATIONAL
BADMINTON TOURNAMENTS

SAFETY PROTOCOLS & OPERATING PROCEDURES

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Introduction

The widespread success of national vaccination programmes has allowed the opening of many economies and international travel is rapidly increasing towards pre pandemic levels in many parts of the world. In the context of vaccination, a recent survey of the top 100 players showed that at least 95% of all participating athletes are vaccinated and therefore protected against the most severe conditions of the COVID-19 disease. With these facts in hand, it is now deemed possible to relax some of the COVID-19 tournament protocols in line with many government policies around the world. Where local governments do mandate increased restrictions over and above the BWF protocols, it will be necessary for all participants to follow these.

The BWF's COVID-19 Safety Protocols & Operating Procedures (Phase 3) document can be accessed [here](#).

The Current Situation in Malaysia

COVID-19 infections are decreasing in Malaysia, with around 2,000 reported on average each day (total infections in Malaysia is over 4.5 million). More than 83% per the country's population have received 2 doses of vaccines.

As of 15 May 2022, until further notice, Malaysia has reopened its borders to short term visitors. Although some of the restrictions have been loosen/uplifted, certain visitors are still required to undertake several actions prior to departure, upon arrival as well as during their stay in Malaysia.

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.

To comply with the provisions of the health protocols set by the Malaysian government, kindly ensure that you always follow these basic preventive measures:

- Cough and sneeze into your sleeve
- Wash hands and / or use hand sanitiser frequently
- Wearing of face mask is mandatory indoors as well as at crowded areas
- Inform the medical team if feeling unwell or having symptoms of COVID-19 infection

Key Points

- The tournament will be organized under the Phase 3 BWF COVID-19 Safety Protocols.
- There are 2 categories for entry into Malaysia:
 - Category A: Participants who are partially vaccinated or not vaccinated
 - Category B: Participants who are fully vaccinated
- All participants must register their COVID-19 vaccination with the Malaysian authority.
- All participants must download the 'MySejahtera' mobile app and register their details.

- Participants may be required to apply for visa for traveling into Malaysia.
- **Effective 18 May 2022, participants in Category B no longer required to perform Pre-Arrival RT-PCR test. Pre-Arrival RT-PCR test is still mandatory for participants in Category A for entry into Malaysia.**
- On-Arrival Quarantine is applicable for participants under Category A.
- **BWF will not be administering a tournament testing programme.**
- 6 practice courts are available at Sri Putra Hall, as well as 2 warm-up courts.
- Official hotel for the tournament is JW Marriot Kuala Lumpur.
- Team Managers' meeting is scheduled for Monday, 4 July at 14:00 at the competition venue – Axiata Arena.

Important Contact Details

Tournament Manager	Secretariat Office	COVID-19 Helpdesk
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COVID-19 Testing for Players and Team Entourage to enter Malaysia

All fully vaccinated travellers 18 and above, and those 17 and below regardless of vaccination status are exempted from the pre-arrival test to enter Malaysia.

Partially vaccinated and unvaccinated travellers aged 18 and above are required to provide a negative COVID-19 test taken 2 days before departure. This test can either be:

- RT-PCR test or
- A professionally administered Rapid Antigen test (RTK-Ag)

On-Arrival Testing

On-Arrival Testing is not required for the tournament.

Entry Requirements

EFFECTIVE 15 MAY 2022, Malaysia has reopened its borders to short term visitors. Participants will be required to undertake several actions in advance of departure to Malaysia and upon arrival.

Below is the Malaysian Government's pre-travel checklist:

- Download the MySejahtera app and create an account
 - Link: <https://www.mysafetravel.gov.my/mysejahtera>
- Complete the pre-departure form via the "Traveller" icon
- Participants with overseas-issued COVID-19 vaccine certificates must verify their digital COVID-19 vaccine certificate on <https://mysafetravel.gov.my>

All fully vaccinated travellers are exempted from testing and quarantine. Anyone who is not fully vaccinated must take both pre-arrival test, on-arrival test, must also undergo quarantine for 5 (five) days upon arrival, and perform RTK-Ag test on Day 5 (release from quarantine with negative test result).

Vaccination

Below is the Malaysian Governments' definition of fully and partially vaccinated, as of 1 April 2022:

Link: <https://www.mysafetravel.gov.my/vaccine/status>

18 years old and above who have received two primary doses of the Sinovac vaccine and 60 years old and above who are fully vaccinated with any type of COVID-19 vaccines are required to get a third dose of vaccine (booster) to keep their fully vaccinated status. This applies to all citizens and non-citizens.

Type of COVID-19 Vaccines	No. of Doses	18-59 Years Old	60 Years Old & Above
Sinovac Sinopharm	2 doses	Partially vaccinated	
	3 doses	Fully vaccinated	
Pfizer Moderna AstraZeneca Covaxin Covishield Novavax Sputnik V	2 doses	Fully vaccinated	Partially vaccinated
	3 doses	Fully vaccinated	
CanSino Johnson&Johnson Sputnik Light	1 dose	Fully vaccinated	Partially vaccinated
	2 doses	Fully vaccinated	

Malaysia will also accept COVID-19 vaccines that are not listed under the World Health Organisation's Emergency Use Listing but are approved by regulatory agencies in other countries.

Registration of Vaccination Certificate

For travellers with COVID-19 digital vaccination certificates issued outside Malaysia, please verify your digital COVID-19 certificate on www.mysafetravel.gov.my before departing to Malaysia.

Testing Strategy

The testing strategy is divided into the following:

- **Pre-Arrival Test*:** Applicable only to participants in Category A (RT-PCR or professional RTK-Ag).
- **Quarantine RTK-Ag Test*:** Applicable only to participants in Category A on Day 5 of quarantine.
- **Pre-Departure Test:** Participants who require a negative test certificate to travel to their next destination (leaving Malaysia), to proceed to check with BAM (**2 days before scheduled departure**) for assistance to secure the test needed. Please note that the cost of this test will be borne by the Member Association(s)/player(s).

**Requirements imposed by Government of Malaysia*

Protocols in the Case of a Positive Test

In the case of a positive test or an identification as direct contact, all associated costs for participants will be covered by the participant's insurance coverage. BAM and/or BWF are not responsible for any insurance costs related to COVID-19 during the tournament.

In case of positive Antigenic test (self-test):

- The participant should inform BAM's COVID-19 Helpdesk.
- A further RT-PCR test will be done to identify if the participant is positive or not.
- The participant will have to isolate in the hotel room waiting for the test result (up to 24 hours). This may result in withdrawal from the tournament depending on the timing of the RT-PCR test result.
- If the RT-PCR test is positive, the participant will need to undergo a mandatory quarantine for 5 (five) days at the hotel.
- The participant will have to perform RTK-Ag test on the 5th (fifth) day of quarantine. If the test result is negative, the participant will be released from quarantine on the same day. However, if the test result is still positive, the participant will have to undergo another 5 (five) days of quarantine.

In case of close contact:

- Vaccinated participants who are deemed close contacts by BWF (doubles partner and/or roommate) can avoid withdrawing from the tournament
 - if they test negative when requested to do so,
 - if they move to a single room, and
 - undertake daily RTK-Ag test for a minimum of 5 (five) days at their own expenses.
- Unvaccinated participants who are deemed close contacts are required to withdraw from the tournament and may be required by the Malaysian government to undertake a period of isolation and/or testing.

Contact Tracing

In connection with contact tracing, other participants can be asked to self-isolate and undergo further testing. Kindly note that any roommates and all doubles partners are automatically classified as close contact.

All close contacts of a positive case are required to be tested. If the close contact's test result is negative, he/she does not have to isolate. If the close contact's test result is positive, he/she must follow the positive case protocols as outlined above.

It is extremely important that all participants maintain safe physical distancing and wear face masks to minimise the number of contact cases that will need to be isolated.