



GAZPROM 2021 EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

HYGIENIC GUIDELINES FOR NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS



BEFORE THE EVENT

- **Mandatory arrival day for all NA-s (junior events): 16.07.2021.**
- **Mandatory arrival day for players and coaches (only individual junior events): 19.07.2021.**
- **Mandatory arrival day for all NA-s (cadet events): 25.07.2021.**
- **Mandatory arrival day for players and coaches (only individual cadet events): 28.07.2021.**
- All participants should undertake a COVID-19 (PCR test)en (7) days before departure and send test result to the ETTU Competition Manager (competition@ettu.org) and Organiser (covideyc2021@gmail.com) **latest on 09.07.2021 (juniors) and 18.07.2021. (cadets)**
- All participants should be tested negative for COVID-19 on PCR test within 72 hours (ETTU requirement and Croatian Government requirement /48 hours (airline requirement) before entering the country and send test result to the ETTU Competition Manager (competition@ettu.org) and Organiser (covideyc2021@gmail.com) **latest on 15.07.2021. (juniors) and 24.07.2021. (cadets)**
- NA-s are required to send copies of passports or IDs for each accredited person by e-mail (hsts@zg.t-com.hr) to register in the e-visitor before arrival to speed up the accommodation process upon arrival in Varaždin.
- All participants are encouraged to be careful at least 14 days before travelling to the competition to not meet too many people, not to visit crowded places, to keep safety distance, wear face masks where necessary, to regularly disinfect and wash hands etc.
- For further recommendations please see here:
 - [COVID-19 - Single page recommendations from ITTF](#) or [ITTF COVID-19 Guidelines v1.0](#)
 - <https://croatia.hr/en-GB/coronavirus-2019-ncov-q-and-a>



UPPON ARRIVAL

- All participants (even the ones vaccinated in their country) will undertake an Antigenic test at the Arena Varaždin (venue)
- Each association will have their scheduled time for an antigenic testing in Arena Varaždin. Once the travel details are known, the ETTU CM will contact NA-s coming by road when they should arrive at the Arena Varaždin to avoid crowds during testing.

Procedure if someone will be tested positive on the Antigenic testing:

- The LOC will only contact participants in case of a positive Antigenic COVID-19 test. Participants shall receive no official information after the negative results.
- If one person is tested positive at antigenic test, a PCR-based Corona test will follow immediately. In case the person being tested positive at the quick test was in contact before with other persons of the team then a PCR-based Corona test will be made for the persons who arrived with same transport. The result of this test is available within 24 hours. These tests are on the person's association costs.
- If the PCR test reconfirms a participant positive, then the Croatian country's rule will apply
- In case a player or official is taken out of competition by decision of the host country's health office due to positive Covid test(s), neither the association nor the person(s) is entitled to claim for any reimbursement and shall take on own cost eventual quarantine costs.
- Refusal of Antigenic or PCR testing will result in dismissal from participation in the tournament

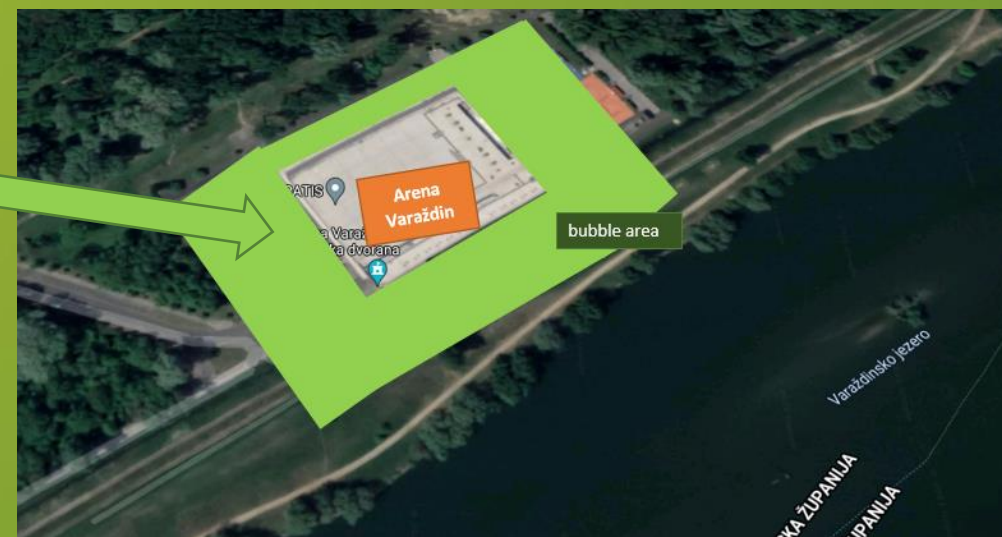
AT THE HOTEL

- Face masks (medical mask) should be worn at all times at the hotel (except during eating), as well as during transits.
- All shuttle buses are allowed to operate with 50% of capacity. In case the bus is reaching its capacity, the participant is not allowed to board and should wait for the available next bus.
- It is strictly prohibited to leave the hotel for any reason without prior approval by ETTU officials. Participants leaving the bubble area in the hotel will be excluded from the competition. The marked surroundings of the hotels are considered as an inclusive part of the bubble area.
- It is recommended not to be in groups and avoid mixing with members of other delegations.
- Meals shall be served at the hotel, in special designated areas only for the participants. These areas will be separated from the other food areas used for the public. Countries to be in designated specific tables to ensure proper physical distancing.
- To avoid the spread of infection (if any), participants should maintain the 1.5 meters distance all the time.
- Delivery services to the hotel are allowed but final decision is by the hotel management.
- Procedure if any symptoms are experienced at any time and if the body temperature is above 37.5 degrees:
 - Organizers will provide emergency Covid phone number
 - Medical staff will be sent to make a Covid test
 - Participants with symptoms of a respiratory infection will be refused entry to the competition and entry will be only granted again after negative result of a further antigenic or PCR test.



AT THE VENUE

- LOC shall ensure proper floor markings are placed to maintain distance of 1,5 m between people in the case of queue formation at the entrance of the venue.
- Availability of handwashing amenities with soap and water, non-contact air hand dryers or paper towels in toilets shall be guaranteed.
- It is strictly prohibited to leave the venue for any reason without prior approval by ETTU officials. Participants leaving the bubble area in the venue will be excluded from the competition. The marked surroundings of the venue are considered as an inclusive part of the bubble area.
- Face masks (medical mask) should be used at all times except for players during practice and competition.
- At the venue using of showers is forbidden.
- If any symptoms are experienced at any time and if your temperature is above 37.5 degrees, please inform the Competition Manager or the responsible ETTU official immediately to seek the appropriate medical attention. Participants with symptoms of a respiratory infection will be transferred to a hotel room in a special vehicle. Entry to the competition will be only granted again after the negative result of a further antigenic or PCR test.
- Once the participants reach the venue, intermingling with other people should be avoided as much as possible.
- Physical distancing of 1.5 meters should be maintained between all individuals at all the time.
- If the participant is not practicing or competing, it is strongly recommended not to stay at the venue and go back to the hotel room. If there will be not enough time to go to the hotel and back, participants will stay in the specially designated area for each association on the tribunes.
- **According to current national regulations spectators are not allowed. Any changes will be announced.**





AT THE PRACTICE AREA

- During practicing, if will be possible it is recommended not to socialize or stay in groups following the hygiene rules.
- The practice schedule will be prepared by the ETTU Competition Manager.
- A training schedule will be shared on a daily base. According to the schedule, player number per table will be limited and specific table allocation will be introduced for the National Associations.
- Accompanying persons per athlete is limited to one. All other participants must remain outside of the training hall.
- In the training area, wearing a mask is mandatory. The mask must cover the nose and the mouth of the participant exception for players practicing.
- Physical distancing of 1.5 meters should be maintained between all individuals all the time.



BEFORE THE MATCH

- Tables in call area must be spaced at a minimum distance of 2m.
- At the call area players, coaches and officials must wear masks (medical mask)
- Players must sanitize their hands before selecting the balls.
- At the call area, players must always ensure that they maintain a safe social distance of minimum 1,5m between match officials and other participants.
- In the event that an umpire has to choose the balls on behalf of the players, the umpire shall sanitize its hands before and after the selection process.



AT THE FoP (during the match)

- For match in procedures, umpires will always enter the FoP before players.
- Coin toss to be done by umpire in front of the umpires table and with players remaining on their sides while maintaining a social distance of at least 1,5 m.
- During match presentation procedures, umpires and players must still maintain an appropriate social distance of at least 1,5 m
- Umpires and players shall not shake hands.
- All matches will be played with one ball. Multi balls system will not be implemented.
- Players are not allowed to use their own towels to wipe the match table. Players shall indicate to Umpires if the match table needs cleaning. A designated person (umpires) will be asked to clean the table.
- No breathing on the ball.
- No hand wiping on table surface.
- Spitting should be avoided in the FoP.
- There will be NO change of ends after each game.
- Umpires will wear the face mask (medical mask) during the match



END OF THE MATCH

- Umpires and players shall not shake hands.
- Players and umpires should leave the venue and return to the hotel as soon as all match procedures are over, or players can stay in the venue in special designated seats for each association.
- Umpires will disinfect playing table and coaches chair (individual events) after each match.
- Volunteers will disinfect chairs after each team match.



PRE-DEPARTURE PCR TESTING

- Participants needing a PCR test for returning to their home country shall inform the host at the same time than confirming their delegation to the following e-mail address: covideyc2021@gmail.com. The organizer will then provide the testing on the participants' cost. Cost per PCR Test is € 120,00.



IMPORTANT REMARKS

- All restrictions are to be strictly applied and any breach of the Guidelines will be individually investigated by a Tournament Jury. The Jury will be comprised of representatives from the LOC and ETTU.
- Participants are not allowed to leave the bubble area (Hotel, Transportation, Venue).
- In all above cases whenever a participant will be tested positive the Jury will deal with the LOC and the Local Health Authorities in order to chase the contacts of the infected participant.
- In case someone is tested positive he/she will be obligated to stay in isolation in hotel room for 10 days and he/she will be considered out of the bubble. By Croatian law he/she will be released of isolation after day 10. Each Association is responsible for the full quarantine cost of their accredited persons.
- Each hotel have designated rooms for COVID positive guests.
- According to Croatian regulation, if the positive tested person was accommodated in a double room, another person from this room will be also taken under quarantine.
- Any close contacts of the person who was tested positive will be applied Croatian Covid-19 health security measures.
- Credential holders are entitled to follow the guidelines and regulations indicated on their Accreditation Passes. Entering any unauthorized areas could lead to a breach of protocol investigation



DISCLAIMER

- The LOC and ETTU are reserving the right to change or update the COVID-19 Guidelines. In case of an update or change, participants will be officially informed in due time



Each team responsible person must sign this document (one for each participating team):

I herewith confirm having read, understood and transmitted to my team delegation the hygienic guidelines and conditions for the European Youth Championships and with my signature I confirm my association participation and confirm acceptance on behalf of my team:

Association:	
Team:	
Name of the association official representative, the team leader:	
Date:	
Signature:	

A signed document must be sent to the ETTU Competition Manager (competition@ettu.org) latest on Monday, 12.07.2021.