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Safety guidelines for BEC sanctioned tournaments

This document has been drawn-up in order to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus during badminton tournaments.

This document is a non-exhaustive list and extra measures might have to be taken depending on the recommendation of the local authorities.

1. Guidelines for people participating in the tournament (players, coaches, technical officials, staff, volunteers, ...)

a. General guidelines

It is recommended that anyone participating in the event is tested before travelling to the tournament's location.

While travelling, all protection measures (face masks, social distancing, ...) must be respected.

It is recommended that everyone should proactively and regularly check their health status (including taking their temperature and monitoring for any symptoms) before coming to the venue.

It is requested to not travel or move around if you feel unwell, fatigue, cold symptoms, fever, coughing, and in more severe cases shortness of breath which are COVID-19's most common symptoms. In case you have any of the above symptoms please directly inform the organisers and stay in your room.

Observe the rules of cough hygiene and regularly wash your hands with soap/warm water or hand disinfectant.

It is recommended that players, coaches and technical officials do not socialise and follow the principles of social distancing when possible.



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b. At the venue

Social distance of at least 1 meter should be kept between everybody in the venue.

It is mandatory for all to wear face masks inside the venue (except for umpires during their match and for players during their warm-up or match).

Players and coaches should arrive to the venue maximum 1 hour before their match and go back to the hotel as soon as all their matches are over.

Players should arrive at the venue with their match outfit and personal equipment. No changing room or lockers should be used.

Players must use their hotel room to shower after the match.

Handshakes are prohibited.

Each player/pair is only allowed 1 coach while playing.

2. Guidelines for tournament organisers

a. At the venue

If required by the local authorities, everybody should have their temperature checked upon arrival to the competition venue.

Hand sanitizer must be available throughout the venue so everybody can disinfect its hands when necessary.

Doors should be kept open when possible to minimise the number of people touching them, if this is not possible, a volunteer can take care of opening and closing the door.

Fast and in-depth cleaning plan of the venue must be established. Toilets must also be disinfected regularly.

The organisers must ensure the disinfection of all areas in the competition venue multiple times during the day.

Room for temporary isolation must be available in case of person with suspicious symptoms.



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If spectators are allowed in the venue, they should have a dedicated space in the stands, as far as possible from the people involved in the tournament (players, coaches, technical officials, ...).

Players/coaches must have their own dedicated space in the stands where it is possible to keep a 1 meter distance between everybody.

If warm-up courts are available, a maximum of 4 players are allowed on each courts and only players with upcoming matches are allowed to use them.

Venue catering should be set up in a way to ensure social distancing while people are queuing or sitting down.

b. Court set-up

No player boxes should be used to avoid all players touching the same boxes, instead a zone should be taped on the floor, so their equipment is kept in a zone.

Only one coach chair per side of the court.

c. Access to the venue

If spectators are allowed in the venue, they must enter by a different access than players, coaches, technical officials, ...

A clear venue plan must be created so each group of people (players/coaches, technical officials, tournament staff, spectators, ...) know in which zone they are allowed or not.

d. Meetings

Scheduled meetings must take place in a room big enough to respect the social distance between everybody

Maximum 1 person per country should attend the team manager's meeting unless absolutely necessary to send another staff, mainly for managers who may require interpreters/translators.

e. Media

Limited number of the media and photographers should be accepted, depending on local regulations. The areas where they can move and operate must be defined.

Medias shouldn't be in direct contact with players/coaches and therefore no post-match interviews should be done.



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Photographers and media shall wear a face masks at all times inside the venue and keep a social distance of 1 meter from line judges or TV crew on the field of play.

f. Volunteers

It is recommended to use a minimum amount of volunteers for the tournament and that all volunteers keep the same task during the duration of the tournament (i.e.: a volunteer selling tickets to the public on day 1 should not become car driver for the players on day 2)

g. Transport

From airport: Wherever possible, each arriving team/official shall be transported separately. If not possible, there must be empty seats between each.

From hotel to venue: There should be empty seats between all passengers in the transport.

h. Podium ceremony

If a podium is used, it must be wide enough to ensure a social distance of 1 meter between all players/pairs.

As few people as possible should be involved in the ceremony.

Everybody must wear face masks and disinfect their hands before and after the ceremony.

No handshakes during the ceremony.

The prizes/medals should be put on plates for players to pick up instead of giving them.

i. Match control

Set-up:

- individual tables with at least 1 meter distance between each
- it is recommended to put some crowd control poles (or other barriers) around so players/coaches don't come too close

Score sheets:

- the person printing the score sheet should sanitize its hands before touching them then place them individually on a table/wall where the umpires can collect the one they need without having to touch the others



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j. Umpires

Accommodation:

- if possible, umpires should be accommodated in single rooms
- if accommodated in double rooms, umpires must have single beds with a 1 meter space between the beds

Seating:

- each umpire should have a seat assigned to him/her to avoid movement

Meeting point:

- create a well-spaced meeting point where players/officials can clearly see where they have to stand while waiting. Technical officials and player positions in the meeting point shall be pre-marked on the floor and must keep a distance of 1 metre between positions.
- each court should have its own waiting line/area
- hand sanitizer mandatory for all before and after the match

Walk on/off:

- everybody should keep a 1 meter distance while waking on/off court
- walk on should be one way and walk off another so people walking on don't have to cross people walking off

Umpire pad:

- Umpires should not touch the pad, but all use an individual stick

Toss:

- players should stay on each side of the net at the service line for the toss while the umpire stays at the net

Shuttle change:

- boxes should be available on each side of the court, so players don't have to give the old shuttles back to the SJ but just put it in a box
- the SJ throws the shuttle on court so players don't come too close
- the SJ shall use gloves, so not touching the shuttle

Others:

- plastic/surgical gloves could be considered for all TOs going on court and changed after each match, but most important for SJ
- No handshake before or after the match



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k. Managing suspected COVID-19 cases

The organisers **must** develop an action plan in case someone at the tournament becomes ill with symptoms of COVID-19 (dry cough, fever, sore throat, shortness of breath etc). This plan has to be developed in consultation with the local health authority:

This plan could include for example:

- Identify a room or area where someone who is feeling unwell or has symptoms can be safely isolated
- Have a plan for how they can be safely transferred from there to a health facility
- Know what to do if an accredited personnel/spectator tests positive for COVID-19 during or just after the tournament
- Agree the plan in advance with your partner healthcare provider or local health authority. This plan could include management of infected person(s) and people who have come into contact with the infected person

The obligation of preparing such action plan in alignment with the local health authorities is of the utmost importance as it is essential that the infection can be efficiently stopped from spreading if there is a case of outbreak of the virus at the venue.