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EPBF European Championships TOURNAMENT PROTOCOL



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Website

As usual we will use the website www.epconline.eu for the event information. We will activate all athletes and therefore it is possible for your athletes to update their profile via the website. Please ask your athletes to update their profile when needed. During the event the normal services will be provided, like live scoring system, flowcharts, athlete information and news items.

Live stream

At this event we also offer a live stream coverage of all tables. Live stream is offered for the athletes with a price of 70 € for year pass.

Matches on live stream could start up to **10 minutes** before scheduled time.

Opening night

Opening ceremony will be held on the arrival day.

Entertainment evenings

The EPBF will organise few events during the European Championships in case the epidemiological situation allows it. More information will be announced at the Tournament Leader meeting.

Award ceremony

The Award Ceremony usually takes place after the final matches but is also subject to change. All award times and awards order will be given at the TL meeting.

The medallists should be in their official uniform, including coaches in the Team event. The medallist must not bring with them or wear to the podium any symbol of a religious or political nature. A penalty will be imposed if these rules are violated. A medallist who does not attend the ceremony without good reason may lose the right to their medal.

Information cloud boxes

Blue boxes in the venue are changed to virtual cloud folder where all information will be sent out to all announced team leaders. For this purpose, we will need official email address for the duration of the EC.

As before, information sent will be the same; Information from Members, EPBF Sanctioned events, Flowcharts, Side events info, all other information for Team Leaders.

Anti-doping control

There might be anti-doping testing during the event.

Covid-19 restrictions

1. Travel restrictions:

General:

The travel restrictions entering Slovenia are different for each European country. Therefore, we want to ask you to check the restrictions with your own ministry of foreign affairs or via the below mention link to the website of the Slovenian Government which normally will be updated every day.

- <https://www.gov.si/en/topics/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/border-crossing/>

Arrival at Ljubljana Airport:

All passengers who will enter Slovenia at the Ljubljana airport they need to fill in the passenger locator form which can be found here: <https://app.euplf.eu/#/>

2. Covid-19 restrictions at the hotel:

Check-in: (please see point 6 for explanation of validation regulations)

At the check-in everybody must show a proof of RVT (Recovered, Vaccinated or Tested):

1. Proof of a negative PCR test provided that no more than 48 hours have passed since the swab was taken,
2. Proof of a certificate of COVID-19 vaccination to show that the person has received:
 - the second dose of the Comirnaty vaccine produced by BioNTech/Pfizer or the Spikevax COVID-19 vaccine produced by Moderna or the Sputnik V vaccine produced by Russia's Gamaleya National Centre of Epidemiology and Microbiology or the CoronaVac vaccine produced by Sinovac Biotech or the COVID-19 vaccine produced by Sinopharm or the Vaxzevria COVID-19 vaccine produced by AstraZeneca or the Covishield produced by the Serum Institute of India/AstraZeneca or the Covaxin vaccine produced by Bharat Biotech (India) or a combination of two previously listed vaccines. Proof of vaccination is obtained as of the day of vaccination,
3. Proof of recovery from COVID-19 referred to in the preceding point and proof of vaccination against COVID-19 to show that the person has received one dose of a vaccine under indent one of point 4 within a period of no more than 180 days since receiving a positive PCR test result or from the onset of symptoms; The person is protected as of the day of vaccination.
4. Mask (surgical or FFP2) must be worn at all the times, except when eating in dining room.

3. Covid-19 restrictions with regards to testing for entering hotel and / or Venue:

No test needed:

There is no test needed if:

- Someone is fully vaccinated. (for explanation see point 6 for validation regulations)
- Recovered from Covid-19. (for explanation see point 6 for validation regulations)

Test is needed:

- All athletes, coaches and companions who can't provide a proof of Vaccination or Recovered (according to point 6 – validation regulations) need to show a proof of negative anti-gen test every 24h. The test can be done at the venue and the costs (paid by the athletes, coaches and / or companions themselves) are € 7,00 per test.
- Payment for the test can be done via the hotel reception. Testing will be available each day at the venue from 08:00 – 10:00.

4. Special Covid-19 restrictions in the venue (sports hall)

- Event won't be opened for spectators, only EPBF accredited people are allowed in the venue.
- Everyone will get the accreditation regarding RVT (for EC at the check-in / info desk in the Hotel or in the Sport Hall), one will be for athletes and if there will be anyone else, we will give them "special invitation" accreditation.
- Mask (surgical or FFP2) must be worn at all the times in the venue. Only when playing the mask can be taken off. If an athlete leaves the table, he / she have to put on the mask right away.
- EPBF staff are allowed to leave the mask off during work in the venue or hotel. If they leave their working spot, mask must be worn.

5. Testing positive at Covid-19:

1. Preventive or in case of complaints, an antigen rapid test will be performed every 48 hours (rules in Slovenia for Sport events from 25th of February onwards for Euro Tour & from 1st of March onwards for European Championships) during match days.
The exact procedure will be determined a few days before the event and then be explained at the Team Leader meeting.
2. If someone tests positive for Covid-19 at rapid test, then immediately a PCR test is performed. (Person must wait for the result at the testing area - approximately 10 - 15 min) After that, person must go and stay in the room and wait for the result.

In case of a positive antigen test, the athlete will be disqualified for the relevant discipline that starts or has started while waiting for the test result of the PCR test.

If the PCR test comes back positive, then the protocol that is issued by the Local Health Service at that time goes into effect. Current rules are:

- Disqualification for the tournament (if the positive test concerns an athlete)
 - By car - you must return home to quarantine immediately.
 - Without a car – you must leave the hotel to a special quarantine hotel / apartment. The costs must be paid by the person that is tested positive.
 - Further details will be provided when the information is provided by the Slovenian Government and / or the Host.
3. All persons involved in this event automatically consent to the sharing of the test results with the Organizers of the event.

6. Validation overview of RVT - vaccination and recovery (combination etc.):

	Validation
3 – times vaccinated (last shot Pfizer or Moderna)	unlimited
Recovered + 2 – times vaccinated	unlimited
Vaccinated with Janssen + Pfizer or Moderna	unlimited
Vaccinated with Janssen	270 days from the shot
Recovered + vaccinated once	270 days from the shot
2 – times vaccinated	270 days from the shot
Vaccinated with Janssen + Astra Zeneca or Janssen	270 days from the shot
Vaccinated + recovered + vaccinated	270 days from the shot
2 – times vaccinated + recovered	270 days from the shot or 180 days after the recovery (positive PCR)
Recovered	180 days after the recovery (positive PCR)

TEAM-LEADER MEETINGS, DRAWS, OFFICIALS AND EQUIPEMENT

	Date	Time
General TI Meeting	March 1 st 2022	18:30
Draw 14/1	March 1 st 2022	18:30
Draw 10ball	March 3 rd 2022	16:00
Draw Teams	March 6 th 2022	16:00
Draw 8-Ball	March 5 th 2022	16:00
Draw 9-Ball	March 9 th 2022	16:00
OFFICIALS		
Sports Director	Tommi Lamminaho (FIN)	
Tournament Leader		
Head Referee	Miha Vovko (SLO)	
EQUIPEMENT		
Tables	Dynamic III Match Table	
Pockets		
Corner	(11cm +/- 1.5%)	
Middle	(12.5cm +/- 1.5%)	
Balls	Aramith – Duramith Tournament Pro Tv	
Cloth	Iwan Simonis 860 Tournament Blue	

RACES

Division	8-ball		9-ball		14-1		10-ball	
	DKO	QF/SF	DKO	QF/SF	DKO	QF/SF	DKO	QF/SF
Men	8		9		100	125	8	
Women	6		7		75		6	
U23	8		9		-	-		
Wheelchair driver	5		7		-	-	5	

In the division Men for Straight pool, race to 125 will be added from Quarterfinals.

Uniform control

Each athlete is obliged to go through the uniform control before their match. A specific zone will be dedicated for that purpose.

Only after the athlete receives the approval from the control delegate, the athlete may enter the venue for practice. Athletes who fail to comply will forfeit their place in the competition.

In exceptional circumstances, the SD may permit an athlete to compete in violation of the uniform. In all EPBF Events the Uniform of any participating athlete shall be subject to the SD's approval. Any unacceptable Uniform must be changed before that Athlete can participate in any introductions, match play, interviews, or presentations.

BREAK RULES, SCORING, PRACTICE

DISCIPLINE	RULES
Straight pool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Triangles will be used for racking - Accidentally picked up balls will be treated as unsportsmanlike conduct. - The scorekeeping will be done with the computers. Athletes will have blank papers to keep track about the match
10-ball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tapping will be used for racking - Break box will be used where cue-ball is outside the box - Alternate break
8-ball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tapping will be used for racking - Alternate break
9-ball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tapping will be used for racking - 9 ball on the spot - Alternate break - Three-point rule
Athletes are not allowed to rereack after the referee; they can ask for 1 change and then they must accept the balls. Athlete touching a rack after referee will be penalized with YELLOW CARD	
Scoring: The current on-screen score and breaking order on the laptop is leading. If an athlete does not agree with this score, he/she should inform a referee before the start of his/her inning. The play will be suspended, and the issue will be solved before the match continues.	
PRACTICE TIME	
ARRIVAL DAY	During the official accreditation, each Team Leader will receive the schedule for 1 hour practice session for each athlete, regardless of the arrival.
MORNING SESSIONS	On each day of the event, when possible, athletes will be allowed to attend an additional practice session from 08:00 till 08:30. Priority belongs to the new arrivals whose tables will be blocked at this time.
BEFORE THE MATCH	On each day of the event, when possible, athletes will be called out 20 minutes before scheduled time, and 30 minutes before first round. All extra practice sessions will be announced at the event. All athletes must be in the venue 30 minutes prior to scheduled time.

Sports Regulations

To avoid different regulations, which might occur due to the typing errors, in Tournament Protocol and The EPBF Sports Regulations, this Protocol does not include the following regulations. They can be found in the EPBF Sports Regulations.

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