



COVID-19 - RETURN TO CHAMPIONSHIP PROTOCOLS **EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR HOSTS / ORGANISERS**

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CEP Championship Guidance



Maintain physical distancing at all times



* Masks must be worn off-terrain



Have no physical contact on/off the terrain



Do not share equipment



Follow public health guidelines for hygiene

* Wear masks (covering your mouth and nose at all times; The only exception for not wearing a mask, is while being outdoors and physical distancing measures are kept.

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Introduction

This document is intended to provide supporting information for anyone hosting or organising a Confédération Européenne de Pétanque Championship. It should be read together with the 'Return to Championship Protocols' document.

Championship hosts/organisers are advised to read both documents and to familiarise themselves with the relevant amendments to the regulations for the championship(s) in question.

Note: this protocol is subject to change, without notice. Last updated **11 June 2021**.

Explanatory Note

Eligibility to host a European Pétanque Championship

1. For the avoidance of doubt, local or national (as applicable) government legislation and guidance in the host country takes primacy over these protocols only where it imposes more stringent standards or restrictions (otherwise, these protocols shall be applied).

Accordingly, where such legislation or guidance prohibits a championship from being held for any reason, then no Confédération Européenne de Pétanque championship in that location will be permitted.

2. 'Sufficient' refers to the number of countries from which the host nation is accessible. 'Reasonable' refers to the restrictions imposed at the point of entry (e.g., quarantine).

At the time of application, host organisers must notify the Confédération Européenne de Pétanque of access restrictions and keep the Confédération Européenne de Pétanque updated as to any changes in those restrictions. This includes details of any waivers that permit access to the host country to participants, which are not generally available.

3. Failure to meet any of the minimum standards in the 'risk mitigation' section is subject to sanction under "Discipline" of the relevant Confédération Européenne de Pétanque Championship regulations.

CEP Championship framework during the COVID-19 pandemic

1. This applies to all participants (except for those who require essential physical assistance, in which case the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (known as 'PPE') must be used where physical distancing is not possible), to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 by the avoidance of close and prolonged contact.

Physical distancing requirements shall, as a minimum, meet the requirements of the relevant authorities of the host location. Where no minimum is specified by the relevant authorities, or where that minimum is less than 1 metre, the minimum physical distancing shall be 1 metre (except for vulnerable individuals, for whom the minimum is 2 metres).

To avoid creating confusion for other participants, physical distancing must be practised by members of the same household.

Seating plans should avoid face-to-face orientations, failing which a screen should be placed between facing seats.

2. Personal hygiene includes:
 - Regular hand-washing or hand-sanitising;
 - Not touching your face;
 - Coughing into your elbow, or a tissue and immediately discarding it;
 - Masks must be worn while off-terrain.
 - Wear masks (covering mouth and nose) at all times; the only exception for not wearing a mask, is while being outdoors and physical distancing measures are kept.

To facilitate this requirement, the host organisation must make available for use by all participants championship staff, officials and any other credentialed individual a suitable supply of hygiene materials and may wish to provide a package of masks, sanitiser, wipes and tissues to all participants on arrival.

3. These methods may include testing or screening. (See 'risk mitigation' section).
4. Additional precautions that will be taken to protect vulnerable individuals must be described in the championship risk assessment. At a minimum, physical distancing for such individuals must be 2 metres.

Vulnerable individuals are those that are at elevated risk of severe COVID-19 symptoms, including:

- a. People with underlying health conditions;
 - b. People aged 65 and above.
5. The risk of infection increases where the density of people increases and where there are failures to comply with physical distancing requirements and hygiene precautions. A full list of authorised participants and championship staff and their functions must be provided as part of the championship's risk assessment (see 'risk mitigation' section).
 6. Championship hosts must ensure that championship staff and spectators share as little on-site space as possible, e.g. by providing dedicated routes for players and support personnel/coaches/accompanying persons to move around the site.

7. Reasons for cancellation include where there are insufficient players/teams to complete the championship, and where the Covid-19 protocols cannot be implemented such that risk to the health and safety of participants is elevated. The CEP shall consult the Covid-19 Officer, the Umpire and Host organisation prior to cancelling a championship in progress.

Compliance

1. Championship organisers and all participants are collectively responsible for reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Failure to comply with any requirement places the health of other participants at an elevated risk of infection.
2. The Championship Umpire is responsible for monitoring and enforcing the requirements in this document by players and player support personnel.
The Umpire may enlist the assistance of the Covid-19 Officer, where necessary, but the Covid-19 Officer has no decision-making authority.
Failures by host / organisers to comply with requirements will be enforced by the CEP.

Risk Mitigation

1. The COVID-19 Officer must be on-site throughout the championship (including, as a minimum, from the day the Umpire arrives on-site to the day he or she departs) and will be responsible for the overall preparation, implementation and monitoring of the championship's risk assessment, the minimum standards in this document and all relevant government requirements on behalf of the championship.
Adequate resources must be dedicated to this function. It is expected that this will be a dedicated role at larger championships.
2. A risk assessment example is available as a supporting document.
3. Local testing services may be required, in the event that participants require such testing (e.g., in order to access another country or to confirm whether they are infected with COVID-19). Key information to be provided includes location, opening hours, testing costs, and turnaround time for results.
4. Event cancellation insurance may be difficult to obtain and/or expensive. However, where it is available at a reasonable price, championship hosts are recommended to obtain it.
5. Local restrictions should include any location-specific travel advice and should be provided as soon as reasonably practicable (but in any case, no later than 14 days in advance of the championship and kept updated). At a minimum, the information should include:
 - Any requirement to have a certified negative COVID-19 test prior to entering the country or participating in the championship;
 - Any quarantine requirements on arrival into the host country.
6. In practical terms, restrictions such as quarantine (which normally applies for 14 days) are likely to prevent access to a championship for players and support personnel/coaches/accompanying persons.

Local authorities may be willing to relax those requirements under certain circumstances (e.g. where the traveller has a certified negative COVID-19 test, or where they will be subject to sufficient precautions for the duration of their stay). Any such relaxations will encourage participation.

7. If a dedicated hotel cannot be provided, the fewest number of championship hotels is recommended. Championship hotels should be encouraged to implement physical distancing and hygiene practices that are consistent with the requirements of the CEP return to championships following the COVID-19 Protocols. Where a participant in a shared room is required to isolate, due to infection or exposure to Covid-19, then the same will be required by other person(s) sharing the room.
8. Where no minimum physical distance is specified by the relevant authorities, or where that minimum is less than 1 metre, the minimum physical distancing shall be 1 metre (except for vulnerable individuals, for whom the minimum physical distancing is 2 metres).

All vehicles should be sanitised following each use. Screens should separate the driver from the passengers. The transport schedule should be coordinated with practice and match times to minimise time spent on-site by participants.

All transport bookings must be made remotely (telephone or online).

Parking arrangements should permit physical distancing between participants and spectators. Provide sanitiser at pick-up points.

9. The general principle is to minimise the number of people waiting to enter the venue at any time and to keep them apart while they are waiting.
Credentials should be obtained online or by email in advance of the championship. Ideally, separate entrances/exits would be provided for;
 - i. players, support personnel/coaches/accompanying persons and officials;
 - ii. championship staff.
 - iii. spectators
10. Championship hosts must comply with any testing that is required by government in the country concerned and which goes beyond the CEP's minimum standards.

Records of all participants' screening responses shall be retained by the CEP in case of a COVID-19 outbreak, in accordance with applicable data protection laws.

Failure to comply with testing (if required by the local authorities) will result in the person concerned being denied entry to the site and not being permitted to participate in any CEP championship until such time that they comply with those requirements in full.

Notices should be posted at site entrance points, emphasising 'no screen, no access' policy.

Where a participant has a certified positive SARS-Cov-2 RT-PCR test that was taken between 10 days and 90 days prior to arrival at the event in question, and who does not have Covid-19 symptoms that are not otherwise explained and verified by an infectious disease specialist, that

participant will be exempt from testing and screening protocols for the duration of the event.

In order to be exempt, the participant must provide a copy of their positive Covid-19 test certificate to the Covid-19 Officer, with a copy to the CEP (to covid19@cep-petanque.com, with the subject line 'Covid-19 Exemption') in advance.

Failure to provide a test certificate in advance may result in the participant being subject to (a) testing and screening during the championship and (b) the relevant follow-up protocols in the event that that testing returns a positive result or a failed screen.

For the avoidance of doubt, where local regulations for the treatment of failed testing or screening exist, those regulations shall supersede this protocol.

For the avoidance of doubt, vaccination does not confer any exemption from testing and all participants (including those who are exempt from testing and/or vaccinated) must continue to comply in full with these protocols.

11. Case management protocols are available as a supporting document.
12. 'Exposed' refers to anyone who has been in close contact with the affected individual within the previous 48 hours of the onset of the affected individual's symptoms. Close contact is defined as: face to face contact (under 1 metre) for any length of time; within 1 to 2 metres for more than 15 minutes; sharing an enclosed space for more than 2 hours; anyone living in the same household or household-like setting (e.g. hotel room, apartment or hostel).

Where required by local legislation, public health authorities must be notified of COVID-19 cases. The CEP will endeavour to notify exposed participants and federations, as necessary.
13. Organisers will need to source, and make available, a suitable supply of Personal Protective Equipment (known as 'PPE') for all championship staff. Consider providing face coverings at site access points.
14. Any request to deviate from the CEP Officiating Requirements must be approved in advance by the CEP. Accommodation that permits physical distancing must be provided and single rooms only for the use of officials between assignments. Masks (covering mouth and nose) must be worn by officials at all times; the only exception for not wearing a mask, is while being outdoors and physical distancing measures are kept.
15. All seats for the support personnel/coaches/accompanying persons should be designated seats. Cash transactions at amenities should be discouraged. Movement flow around the venue should be managed to prevent congregation of groups.

Spectator numbers in all areas publicly-accessible areas (including commercial areas and at public concessions) must be restricted to that which is manageable while maintaining physical distancing. Multiple entry and exit points (separate from participants) that prevent congestion are recommended. To the extent possible, spectators must not share the use

of any parts of a venue with any participants, including entrances and exits, and other amenities (including toilets, changing rooms and dining areas).

16. Movement protocols should encourage physical distancing and hygiene, such as one-way systems, marked pathways and physical distancing markers provided at appropriate locations, such as amenities and entrance/exit points. In toilets, separate entry and exit doors are recommended.
17. Ventilation contributes to the dispersal and dilution of airborne droplets that may transmit COVID-19. Where air conditioning is used, it should be set to use a fresh air supply, rather than recirculation, and air flow should be directed away from individuals. Where possible and where weather conditions allow, outdoor venues are preferable.

For full ventilation recommendations, see: <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/documents/Ventilation-in-the-context-of-COVID-19.pdf>

18. No items shall be given or exchanged between participants during events and functions.
19. Only pre-packaged meals and individually-sealed drinks should be provided. For the avoidance of doubt, buffet meals are not permitted.
Public water fountains should be disabled. Dedicated and physically-separated amenities for staff/players/teams should be provided, where possible. Player lounges may be located at the championship hotel, subject to CEP approval in advance.

20. The number of media must be limited according to the available space in the relevant media facilities, such that physical distancing can be maintained at all times. All media activities must meet physical distancing requirements, and take place in adequately ventilated rooms, or outside.
Print media are not permitted to attend the draw ceremony. Post-draw interviews must take place in a separate room following the draw. If a separate room is not available, the room in which the draw took place must be cleaned prior to the interviews.

21. It should be possible for persons making deliveries to remain outside the access perimeter, and only the items being delivered cross that perimeter. Consideration should be given to disinfecting deliveries, where deemed necessary.

22. Common areas should be deep cleaned, with regular disinfecting of high-touch surfaces and in high-traffic areas (surfaces and areas subject to regular cleaning should be set out in the risk assessment, but will include chairs, toilets and all door handles) throughout the day.

Deep cleaning covers areas that are not part of a traditional 'surface' clean, e.g. behind, inside and under objects; inside and outside windows, full dusting and disinfecting of all surfaces that may be touched (e.g., handles, switches, sockets, control panels).

Staff should be responsible for disinfecting their personal items, such as computers, keyboards and telephones.

An adequate supply of suitable cleaning products will be required, that allow cleaners to:

- Decontaminate with disposable cloths/paper towel and a fresh solution of general- purpose detergent and water or detergent-impregnated wipes;
- Rinse and dry;
- Disinfect using 70% isopropyl alcohol.

Cleaning staff must be trained in these procedures and all cleaning staff must wear Personal Protective Equipment (also known as 'PPE').

Each championship will need to ensure that a sufficient supply of cleaning products is available for this purpose.

Daily cleaning includes medical facilities (between treatments), locker rooms and showers (between uses), toilets, player dining and player lounges, and wheelchair storage facilities.

Anti-doping staff shall be responsible for cleaning the Doping Control Station.

Access points should be passable without the need to touch surfaces (excluding fire doors, toilet doors and anti-doping facilities). measures should be taken to discourage unnecessary touching of surfaces.

23. Signs should include contact details of the COVID-19 Officer and the location of the medical post.
24. CEP practice and match protocols are available as a supporting document.
25. Only single-use personal cleaning products should be provided.
26. The maximum number of people undergoing treatment at any one time must be determined by the available space in the relevant room(s), such that physical distancing can be maintained at all times (except during treatments).

A schedule of treatment times must be published. Medical staff must maintain the strictest hygiene precautions and must use adequate Personal Protective Equipment (also known as 'PPE') during all treatments. Physical barriers between adjacent treatment spaces may be used.

Additional treatment facilities meeting the same specifications may be provided at the player hotel(s), subject to CEP approval in advance

All treatment bookings should be made online, by email or by telephone. Between each treatment/patient, all equipment must be cleaned and medical staff must change their PPE as necessary.

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