



COVID-19 - RETURN TO CHAMPIONSHIP PROTOCOLS

EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR PARTICIPANTS

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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 the CEP return to competition protocols for participants, and is intended to be read together with that document.

Participants 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 20 March 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 the relevant Confédération Européenne de Pétanque regulations.

Confédération Européenne de Pétanque 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.

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.
3. These methods may include testing or screening. (See 'risk mitigation').

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. Failure to comply by players and/or their support personnel may result in a sanction under the CEP Statutes, Internal Regulations or Championship rules, including a penalty and removal from the championship, at the sole discretion of the CEP.

The Championship Umpire is responsible for monitoring and enforcing the requirements in this document by players and player support personnel.

Risk Mitigation

1. Participants are advised to follow their own government's advice prior to travelling, and follow local requirements on arrival, including maintaining physical distancing and personal hygiene. Some host countries may require negative COVID-19 PCR (or equivalent) tests.

Any COVID-19 testing should be an antigen PCR (or equivalent analysis) test. Participants should only travel to a championship if the test returns a negative result. Antigen (PCR or equivalent) tests may return 'false negatives', and so a negative result does not guarantee that the person concerned is not infected with COVID-19.

2. Confirmation of acceptance of and compliance with the CEP return to competition protocols will be required on entry to a championship, on application for accreditation, or on arrival on-site.
3. Participants must pack sufficient face coverings, sanitiser (conforming to maximum allowable volumes), hand wipes and tissues in their hand luggage, so that these items are available to them at all times. For long journeys, a thermometer is also recommended.

Participants are advised to anticipate physical contact and/or close contact during their journey, and try to avoid them, as far as possible.

4. Time spent in shared-access locations may increase the risk of transmission, particularly where physical distancing and hygiene precautions are not observed.

Where sleeping accommodation is shared with anyone from outside a household, ventilation using a fresh air supply should be maintained to the greatest reasonable extent.

5. If it is not possible to avoid dining in publicly-accessible locations, eat outdoors and ensure that physical distancing and personal hygiene are maintained throughout. Ideally, all meals would be taken in the tournament hotel (preferably in-room dining, but alternatively delivery/take-away).
6. Where a participant has COVID-19 symptoms or has been exposed to COVID-19, they must remain in their accommodation/hotel room and

contact the championship COVID- 19 Officer.

If a participant is in any doubt about whether they have COVID-19 symptoms, and so whether they should attend the championship site, they should contact the COVID-19 Officer or the Championship Doctor prior to leaving their accommodation.

7. Participants should avoid public transport and travelling in vehicles for extended periods (more than 15 minutes) with multiple occupants, where that vehicle is unventilated and/or un-sanitised.
8. Failure to comply with testing (including any additional testing imposed by location government) will result in the person concerned being denied entry to the site and not being permitted to participate in the championship until such time that they comply with those requirements in full.

Due to the rate of false negatives associated with antigen (PCR or equivalent) tests, negative test does not offset a failure to meet the requirements of screening.

9. 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 tie and (b) the relevant follow-up protocols in the event that that testing returns a positive result or a failed screen. Any requirements imposed in relation to testing and screening by the Local Health Authorities (LHA) that are more stringent than these protocols take precedence.

The exemption described above does not over-ride any local requirements to provide negative SARS-Cov-2 RT-PCR tests, e.g. to enter a country.

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.

10. '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: anyone with the following exposure to a confirmed Covid-19 case, from 2 days before to 14 days after the confirmed case's onset of illness (defined as the date of the positive test): being face-to-face within 1 metre for a total of at least 15 minutes; direct physical contact. For the avoidance of doubt, anyone living in or

sharing the same household or household-like setting (e.g. hotel room, apartment or hostel) is automatically classed as a Close Contact.

11. The return to championship will be determined as described in the case management protocol (available as a separate document).
12. The CEP practice and match protocols are available as a supporting document. In addition, where a positive Covid-19 result for a Player is received during a match, the Umpire shall first confirm that result by checking whether the Player is exempt from testing. Once the result has been confirmed, the Player shall be immediately withdrawn from the match, irrespective of the score.
13. Players must speak to the Umpire of the event in person. Leaving a voicemail is not sufficient.



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