



COVID-19 - RETURN TO CHAMPIONSHIP PROTOCOLS 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

In order to support a safe return to Confédération Européenne de Pétanque (CEP) championships, the CEP has devised protocols that all championship hosts, organisers and participants must follow to mitigate the risk of exposure to - and spread of - COVID-19.

This document applies to all CEP championships with effect from 10 February 2021 and is subject to change, without notice. The last update was on the [11 June 2021](#).

All CEP championships and participants (which includes players, officials, support personnel/coaches/accompanying persons, championship staff and any other credentialed individual) must comply with the requirements set out in this document.

Information regarding COVID-19 is constantly changing. The information provided in this document is not intended to be a substitute for guidance provided by local, national or international government and health organisations. CEP makes no representation as to, and assumes no responsibility for, the accuracy or completeness of the information contained in this document in respect of its effectiveness in preventing or controlling the spread of COVID-19.

The CEP and Host Federation are responsible for ensuring the welfare of all persons attending a championship. This document provides the CEP and Host Federation with the guidance regarding the minimum standards that a championship must implement in order to safeguard the welfare of participants.

A Host Federation may impose higher standards than those described in this document where it considers it appropriate to do so, or where so required by local legislation. The CEP and Host Federation must ensure that each championship is conducted in accordance with these protocols as published at the time of the championship.

The Host Federation must make the CEP aware immediately of any major issues (including but not limited to the current COVID-19 pandemic) that could impact the progress of the championship or the health, safety or security of persons involved, whether they occur in advance of or during the championship.

The CEP and National Federations must be in regular contact (before, during and after the event) with their respective local, regional and/or national authorities.

The CEP reserves the right to refuse approval of or to cancel any previously sanctioned championship or series of championships at any time in case of force majeure and/or on the grounds of health, safety or security of any persons participating or due to participate in, attending or due to attend the championship(s) without any liability on behalf of the National Association, Championship Organiser or the CEP.

In addition, the CEP, National Federation, Championship Organiser

will not be liable to any players/accompanying persons/coaches or any other persons or entities for any costs that they might have incurred in relation to such cancelled Competitions, including but not limited to, any transport and/or accommodation costs.

The CEP, the relevant National Federation and Championship Organiser will immediately investigate to potential cancellation of any CEP championship in the case of a positive COVID-19 test on site.

All participants (which includes players, support personnel/coaches/accompanying persons, officials, championship staff and any other credentialed individual) are strongly recommended to seek advice from their relevant government agencies, travel and medical providers regarding travel to any destination country and any restrictions in place.

This advice can change at short notice. It is the responsibility of the participants, if underaged parent and/or legal guardian to take the decision to travel to CEP events. As such, particular attention should be paid to local governmental measures and decisions.

The championship organiser is required to have adequate insurance cover for the event.

All participants (which includes players, support personnel/coaches/accompanying persons, officials, championship staff and any other credentialed individual) are required to have adequate medical, travel and liability insurance, which is not provided by either the CEP, the Host Federation or the local organiser.

The CEP, Host Federation, Championship Organiser, cannot be held liable for (and as such are not responsible for reimbursing) any expenses that might occur to the players, coaches/accompanying persons and any other persons or entities due to any potential COVID-19 issue which may occur (i) while travelling to or from Competitions and (ii) onsite before, during and after the event.

This document is subject to change and may be amended from time to time at the discretion of the CEP.

The CEP will make the latest version available on its website: www.cep-petanque.com.

Any questions regarding this document should be addressed to the CEP by email to: covid19@cep-petanque.com.

KEY PRINCIPLES AND CONCEPTS APPLIED THROUGHOUT THIS DOCUMENT

- The overall objective of this document is to describe the measures that are necessary to protect the health and safety of participants in CEP championships. By setting out those measures, participants in all championships covered by this document can be confident that the appropriate measures are being taken and have the benefit of a consistent approach.
- Local government authority approval of sporting events. If movement restrictions or other national measures that preclude the organisation of competitions have been imposed (or re-imposed) in a country, then these should be followed, and no championship should be organised.
- Physical distancing protocols organised and mandated throughout championship venues to optimize the safety and well-being of all participants.
- Additional hygiene and sanitary precautionary measures to be delivered and available prior to, during, and upon completion of each event.
- Increased strict fragmentation and partitioning of all areas (example: arrows) to reduce the risk of groups of people forming inside the same area and potential virus transmission. Players and support personnel must isolate from other participants and spectators, to the greatest possible extent.
- Constant communication by the Championship Organisation and on-call doctor.
- On-site content distributed with strict physical distancing and hygiene regulations in place.

MEASURES FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

- Maintain physical distancing at all times by all participants and spectators
- Wear masks (cover mouth and nose) while off-terrain for all participants. The only exception is while being outdoors and observing physical distancing measures.
- Wash/sanitize your hands regularly.
- Avoid touching surfaces where possible.
- Cough into a tissue and discard it immediately.
- Do not touch your face.
- Do not share any personal items.
- Do not attend the venue if you experience COVID-19 symptoms.



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As adopted by the Board of Directors

RETURN TO CHAMPIONSHIP PROTOCOLS

Participants (players/coaches/delegates/accompanying persons)

Pre-event

1. Participants should establish and continue to monitor whether the host country has imposed any entry requirements, such as recent certificates of COVID-19 tests or restrictions based on travel history.
2. Participants will be required to confirm that they have read the CEP COVID-19 return to championship protocols, will comply with the requirements in full, accept that they provide an adequate level of protection against the risk of transmission of COVID-19, and assume responsibility for any risk of participating.
3. All participants and, particularly, vulnerable individuals who may be at elevated risk of severe COVID-19 symptoms and those who have had COVID-19 are advised to consult with their personal doctors to determine whether it is safe for them to travel to, and participate in, the championship.
4. Players and support personnel/coaches/accompanying persons are advised to review the terms of their travel insurance and, where appropriate, consider taking out insurance against COVID-19-related risks (e.g. travel, health).
5. Participants should not travel to a championship if they have had a positive COVID-19 test within the last 10 days, or if they have or have had any symptoms of COVID-19 within the last 10 days, or if they have been exposed to anyone who has COVID-19 or symptoms of COVID-19 within the last 14 days.

Off-site

6. Participants must minimise the time spent in locations to which the public has access, and especially locations that are crowded, noisy or in which close contact with the public is required. Face coverings must be worn at all times when indoors.
7. Participants must avoid dining in locations to which the general public has access (e.g. local restaurants/bars).
8. All participants must self-check their health daily, before leaving their accommodation and must not travel to the championship site if any symptoms of COVID-19 (and, particularly, fever, new or persistent cough, loss or change in sense of taste and smell) are present, or if there has been any exposure to COVID-19.
9. Face coverings must be worn and physical distancing must be practiced at all times while using transport.

Site access

10. 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).
11. Before entering the championship site, all participants must show the Self-Declaration confirmation that they have filled in advance on the first day of arriving at the venue, answer verbally to the daily Screening Questionnaire confirming that they are symptom free or did not have any high- risk contact in the last 14 days and submit to a body temperature reading each day that a participant attends. Only those participants who comply with, and meet the requirements of, screening are permitted on-site.
12. Mandatory temperature screening every day (Fever 38°C or above) by Championship personnel for players, accompanying persons, coaches, championship staff, officials daily at controlled entrance points (contact less infrared thermometer).
13. Participants must comply with case management protocols if they fail to meet self-reporting or screening requirements. Participants must report positive COVID-19 tests or COVID-19 symptoms that happen within 14 days of the date on which they left the championship venue.
14. Players, coaches/accompanying persons must be on-site with their own mask (covering mouth and nose) and wear it at all times unless on the terrain. The only exception for not wearing a mask, is while being outdoors and physical distancing measures are kept.
15. Following a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, or following exposure to COVID-19, participants must comply with the CEP COVID-19 return to competition protocols (as set out in the case management protocol).

On-site

16. All registrations will be remote (online via the CEP issued form).
17. A maximum of one support person/coaches/accompanying person per team will be permitted in the playing area.
18. Players, coaches/accompanying persons must be on-site with their own hand sanitizer.
19. Increase the frequency of hand washing with soap or hand sanitizer, in conjunction with regular disinfection of heavily used areas (toilets, changing rooms, showers, restaurants etc) and surfaces.

20. Mandatory temperature screening every day at controlled entrance points (contact less infrared thermometer).
21. No physical contacts and no handshake (before, during or after a match).
22. Sharing of equipment is prohibited (measures, boules, jacks, etc.).
23. Strongly recommended to check the latest World Health Organisation (WHO) advice available here: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>

Championship

24. CEP practice and match protocols must be implemented.
25. Use of locker/changing rooms (including for players and officials) must be determined by the available space, ensuring that physical distancing can be maintained at all times. No player support personnel are permitted in locker/changing rooms.
26. Non-COVID-19 medical treatment will be limited to the reasonable time necessary for completion.
27. Participants must wear face coverings during anti-doping testing. Anti-Doping staff must comply with physical distancing, hygiene measures and daily screening.

CONCLUSION

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, additional regulations and precautions are required and may be introduced at any time by the CEP in order for the championship to proceed in a safe manner. The health, safety and security of all persons involved in the championship are of principal importance.

The CEP, the Host Federation, Championship Organiser cannot be held liable for (and as such are not responsible for reimbursing) any expenses that might occur to the players, coaches/accompanying persons and any other persons or entities due to any potential COVID-19 issue which may occur (i) while travelling to or from the championship and (ii) onsite before, during and after the event.

Failure to meet any of the minimum standards is subject to sanction under the relevant CEP regulations.

Every individual present on site at a championship also bears a personal responsibility to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

To plan for a safe return to Pétanque it is important to carefully follow the above measures. Our actions will speak far louder than words.



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