



EVENT SPECIFIC HYGIENE GUIDELINES

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INTRODUCTION

The health of players, official delegation members, officials, event staff and everyone associated with the competition remains the top priority of CEV and the LOC.

This document has been drawn-up in order to provide information to all athletes and officials Delegation members relating to the Event Specific Hygiene Guidelines and the protocols that need to be fully respected and followed in line with the CEV Guidelines and the requirements and recommendation of the Austrian National Authorities.

Throughout the pre-event, event and post-event phases, the following principles and concepts shall be applied and respected in the entire process to minimise the risks of spreading coronavirus:

- ✓ Accurate and regular **health screening and COVID-19 testing**.
- ✓ **Usage of masks** in all common areas -preferably FFP2
- ✓ **Social distancing protocols** organised and mandated throughout the event locations (venues and hotel) to optimise the safety and well-being of all groups.
- ✓ **Implementation of strict fragmentation** for all people involved in the event delivery
- ✓ **On-site Media & Digital content production with strict social distancing and hygiene regulations in place**

CEV & LOC will be performing additional testing to any accredited person despite any already provided certificates throughout the period of the competition.

Athletes and Official delegation members need to follow the instructions of the Local Organising Committee and the CEV Officials on site.

Failure to do so will be sanctioned with both financial and disciplinary sanctions according to the provisions of the CEV Beach Volleyball Competitions and CEV Disciplinary Regulations, and may lead up to withdrawal of your accreditation and right to participate in the tournament.

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS & ARRANGEMENTS (constantly updated):

The information regarding travel restrictions to Austria is available in the following link:

https://www.oesterreich.gv.at/en/themen/coronavirus_in_oesterreich/pre-travel-clearance.html

In addition, a medical certificate or a valid negative test result in German or English for SARS-CoV-2 must be available and presented upon request (negative PCR test, not older than 72 hours).

People, who suffered from Covid-19 should not take a PCR test for a period of two months. Please contact the LOC at beach@acts.at to provide you with the necessary documents that you need for arrival. For travellers/nationalities not featuring in the list of List of Countries without Quarantine Requirement as defined in the Travel restrictions, respective National Federations need to send the following information of your team delegation members to the LOC to the following email address: beach@acts.at, in order to receive an invitation letter entering Austria.

- Full name, as it is written in the passport
- Date of birth
- Passport number
- Nationality

Athletes and Official delegation members should take this letter with them in hard copy.

Athletes and Official delegation members, who want to enter Austria from a corona risk area may contact beach@acts.at. Please provide us with the following data:

- Full name, as it is written in the passport
- Date of birth
- Passport number
- Nationality

- Day and location of arrival including flight number
- Covid-19 status (recovered, tested, vaccinated) –if vaccinated or recovered please also provide us with the respective certificate

For the entrance athletes / official delegation members will need a valid PCR test and the Pre-Travel-Clearance-document. Please fill in „Eased regulations for entry into Austria § 6 (3)“ for the cause of entry.

1. GENERAL GUIDELINE:

- ✓ Communicate with the organisers on time and follow the instructions of the LOC and the CEV Officials on site.
- ✓ Carefully review the Event Waiver and follow the provisions of the Hygiene Guidelines and the Practical Info document.
- ✓ Use the maximum personal attention and as much as possible isolate for the period prior to travelling.
- ✓ Travelling athletes and accredited delegation members need to provide full and clear information about their travel.
- ✓ Have mandatory a printed valid certificate of negativity Covid-19 PCR Test issued by authorised health laboratories latest 72 hours prior to their arrival. An SMS message is not considered as a valid printed certificate.
- ✓ an athlete/delegation members that has a proven and documented prior infection and a CT value of above 30 are considered as not infectious and will be also admitted for the competition.
- ✓ Ensure they follow all hygiene precaution measures prior/during travel (wearing face masks, regular hand washing/disinfecting, and social distancing). The same measures should be applied throughout your staying in Austria.
- ✓ Follow the guidelines of the organiser regarding the local transportation to the hotel, additional Testing performed, hotel check in and meals offered.
- ✓ Official Team delegation members need to submit their accreditation forms within the set timeline to the organisers. Non accredited persons will not be allowed any interaction with athletes at the venue and official hotel.
- ✓ Proactively and regularly check their health status (including monitoring for any symptoms) before coming to the Venue. This includes a Covid-19 Daily Symptoms Checklist that will be handed to each person upon arrival and shall be daily filled in and returned to the Players Info before departing.
- ✓ Do not move around if you feel unwell, fatigue, cold symptoms, fever, coughing, and in more severe cases shortness of breath which are COVID 19 most common symptoms. In case you have any of the above symptoms please inform directly the Hygiene Officer and stay in your room.
- ✓ Avoid unnecessary movement, visiting closed areas, gathering and crowding. Stay within the areas of the Official Hotel and Venue following the social distancing principles.
- ✓ Observe the rules of cough hygiene, regularly wash your hands with soap and warm water and use hand disinfectant.

COVID-19 TESTS:

- ✓ A PCR test must be carried out for all delegation members and presented upon arrival to the Hotel and during the Preliminary Inquiry, as per the instructions shared by the LOC.
- ✓ Additional tests shall be carried out for all delegation members upon arrival and every 48 hours, as per the instructions and schedule shared by the LOC.

- ✓ The test results have to be forwarded to covid.test-results@acts.at at least two hours before the start of the next match after receiving the test result and test must be presented at the entrance of the venue. Athletes and Delegation member failing to present a valid test will not be allowed entrance to the venue
- ✓ Should an athlete or delegation member gets a positive test, health authorities will be informed. In case of a high CT-value (above 30) this person will undertake under the coordination of the LOC a new PCR test after at least 6 to 8 hours and isolate until the result of this new PCR test. In case of a low CT-value LOC will coordinate the further procedure with the local health authorities and under specific conditions a third test can be made to early terminate the quarantine.
- ✓ Contact persons of a positive tested person have to follow the instructions by Austrian health authorities. Those regulations vary from case to case depending on the immunisation status, players vs. delegation member, etc.
- ✓ Any incidence with a positive test is not considered as Force Majeure for the continuation of the competition for the team involved or delaying the announced competition schedule.

ACCESS TO THE VENUES:

- ✓ Only accredited people can access the competition venues areas.
- ✓ Follow the process described in the Practical Info to book your training.
- ✓ Enter the venue through the dedicated entrance and stay within the dedicated areas.
- ✓ Follow the LOC instructions for all Local Transportation with the event dedicated shuttles.
- ✓ Face mask (preferably FFP2) is mandatory from the time entering to the time leaving the Venues all time while not warming up or playing.
- ✓ Disinfect hands and personal equipment when entering the venue, before and after each training/match day.
- ✓ Players to arrive at the venue with official gear and personal equipment, no sharing of personal equipment or gear.
- ✓ Use hotel room to shower after the match (for the side Courts there will be a possibility to wash hands and legs before entering the shuttle).
- ✓ It is recommended that players after training or match do not socialize and stay in public areas.
- ✓ Number of people will be limited, present at the same time in different areas in order to ensure the implementation of the prevention measures.
- ✓ Handshaking or interaction between any accredited people is prohibited. Match protocol follows the amendments annexed to this document and communicated in the Preliminary Inquiry.
- ✓ Physical distance (at least 1.5 meter) separating of competitors, officials, ball kids.
- ✓ The Organiser will ensure the disinfection of all areas in the Competition Venue and training facilities before, during and after each match.

EQUIPMENT USAGE:

- ✓ No exchanging or sharing personal effects
- ✓ Disinfection of balls after each set by ball retrievers under the supervision of the Court manager

2. OTHER GUIDELINES:

HOTEL:

- ✓ Usage of the hotel common areas as per the information shared by the LOC upon arrival.
- ✓ Usage of masks in all hotel common areas (preferably FFP2).
- ✓ Use the gloves provided in the entrance of the restaurant and the dedicated tables for the event participants.
- ✓ Avoid contact with other guests.
- ✓ Avoid sharing elevator with guests, use stairs when possible to access your rooms.

MEETINGS:

- ✓ Scheduled meetings will take place respecting the safe distance.
- ✓ Clear time schedule for Preliminary Inquiries will be defined per participating National Federation.
- ✓ Organiser will prepare and give upon arrival to the team delegations time schedule and protocol to be followed for all scheduled meetings.

MEDIA AND PHOTOGRAPHERS:

Any media initiatives will follow all precaution measures and will be communicated in detail to all athletes during the Preliminary Inquiry.

- ✓ Limited number of the media and photographers
- ✓ Limited areas where they can move and operate will be defined
- ✓ Photographers and Media shall wear a facemask (preferably FFP2) in the mixed zone
- ✓ In case of any media activities, safe distancing shall be respected.

ANNEX: Match Protocol

Hand disinfection is mandatory before going to the court, before the match starts, during time-outs and after the match.

Before the match

Athletes to wait in a designated holding area near the Field of Play to enter after the court is prepared and disinfected by the court staff. The below timings will be adjusted to the Sport Presentation protocol for the center court and TV matches.

Time (min)	Action
	Previous match finishes, referees to complete post-match formalities and exit court area separately from line judges and scorers.
-10	As soon as court is prepared by the sand levellers, players and officials enter the court area. Players from this time must be in official match uniforms. Watering and raking should be complete by this time. Players warm up in the court and other preparations, officials check match equipment, score sheet, conditions, players area, etc.
-5	Coin toss taken in front of scorer's table (Minimum 1,5 meter from the scorer). (Note: For all Centre Court matches the coin toss time will be performed at the holding area before entering the court)
-4	Beginning of official warm up period.
-1	End of Official warm up period, players to leave the court area to their respective Player's Area. First referee to the referee's chair, second referee to position standing in front of the scorer's table, all other officials take their positions. Entry from their players area to the short side line of their side of playing court (for the centre court Individual player's announcement). After last player's entry to the field of play, the first referee whistles to invite all players to enter the court - no hand shake under the net
0	Start of the match
During the match	Athletes shall go around opposite side of the net during side switch and not under the net. Athletes shall avoid handshaking or other exchange of hand gestures during the match with opponents.
End of match	After the match, the players return to the players' area and wait for the second referee to bring them the scoresheet. The scoresheet is signed by the captains. All participants gather their belongings, and the referees lead the teams to exit the court so that it can be prepared for the next match. Athletes shall avoid handshaking or other exchange of hand gestures after the match with opponents. Line judges and scorers exit together after handing the scoresheet over to the 2nd referee to collect the signatures from both captains. The second Referee to use a different and disinfected pen for the signatures. Teams exit after line judges and scorers have exited the court. Referees to control the process and leave the court last.