

JWOC 2021 COVID-19 BULLETIN

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General conditions related to Covid-19

Our aim is to reduce the number of people and contacts to minimize the risk of infection among participants and organizer.

- To idea is to create and maintain a safe so-called competition isolation "Bubble", with teams, organisers, officials and media representatives who have all tested negative for Covid-19. This means that once in the bubble, external contacts, as well as contacts between groups within the bubble, shall be limited or eliminated where possible.
- This means that you can do only competition-related activities and all out-of-competition contacts are not allowed. It is not allowed for any participating team member to leave the competition area or accommodation unless absolutely unavoidable.
- All organizers, officials and media are being tested no later than 72h before the competitions. Entry to the event and competition arenas without a negative test result is not allowed.
- Everyone has to wear a mask and follow social distancing rules. Masks shall be worn at all times, with only the following exceptions:
 - when in your own room
 - when eating (note: masks should be worn when collecting food and when at the table but not actually eating)
 - during actual training and competition activity (masks shall be worn directly prior to and after such activity)
- Consider the need to potentially pay for all testing, isolation/quarantine and medical treatment when taking out travel insurance. This should ensure the costs of a possible quarantine situation, if necessary (14 - day supplement on average stay in Turkey), potential medical evacuation home for COVID-19 as a patient, or in the worst case, the high costs of hospital treatment in Turkey.
- All organizers are instructed in these rules and will observe that they are followed. We hope for your understanding and responsible behavior (fair play).
- Accreditation will be stopped if the rules are not followed. Flagrant violations of the rules may be referred to the IOF Ethics Panel.

Event entry conditions (if at all effected by Covid-19)

Teams shall not enter participants that are unable to prove that they do not carry transmittable infection from Covid-19

Obligations prior to the event

All participants and organizers are urged to limit unnecessary contacts (including events, training camps, contacts, studies or work) from 10 days before the start of competition at the event (i.e. from August 25 ,2021).

Travel to Turkey

Within the scope of the measures taken against the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, the following decisions are effective on July 1, 2021 regarding entry to Turkey, per the Turkish authorities:

1) Passengers from Bangladesh, Brazil, South Africa, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka are banned from entering Turkey until further notice. But the passengers traveling from these countries may transit to other countries without entering Turkey, our flights from these countries continue to take place. Passengers of 6 years of age and over who are arriving to Turkey from another country but have been in Bangladesh, Brazil, South Africa, India, Nepal or Sri Lanka in the last 14 days, must submit a negative PCR test taken no more than 72 hours before arrival and must be quarantined for 14 days in locations to be determined by the Governorships. If the PCR test result to be made at the end of the 14th day of the quarantine is negative, the quarantine measure will be terminated. Passengers whose PCR test result is positive will be taken into isolation as soon as the positive test result is received, and the measure will be terminated with a negative PCR test result which will be made at the end of the 14th day. Accommodation and airport transfer fees will be paid by the passengers.

2) Passengers of 6 years of age and over arriving from Afghanistan and Pakistan and passengers of 6 years of age and over who have been to these countries in the last 14 days are required to submit a negative PCR test result taken 72 hours before arrival to Turkey. These passengers are required to stay under quarantine for 10 days in quarantine hotels specified by the governorships. Accommodation and airport transfer fees will be paid by the passengers. If the result of the PCR test taken at the end of the 7th day of the quarantine is negative, the quarantine measure will be terminated.

- Students who are citizens of Afghanistan or Pakistan and come to Turkey until September 1, 2021 for higher education will be admitted to board the flight if they present their valid and current student ID (students coming to Turkey to enroll must present the acceptance letter or the registration letter) showing that they study in Turkey. Upon their entry into the country, they will be subject to mandatory quarantine at the Kanuni Sultan Suleyman KYK Dormitory in Istanbul and Tahsin Banguoglu KYK Dormitory in Ankara.
- Citizens of Afghanistan or Pakistan who have a residence or work permit in Turkey will be admitted to board the flight if they present

valid residence or work permit in Turkey. These passengers will be exempt from hotel quarantine and will be able to stay in quarantine at their residential address, and those whose first entry points to the country are cities other than Istanbul or Ankara will be allowed to go to their residences only by private vehicle, will not be allowed to board domestic flights or use public transportation.

- Turkish citizens arriving from Afghanistan or Pakistan will be exempt from hotel quarantine and will be able to stay in quarantine at their residential address, and those whose first entry points to the country are cities other than Istanbul or Ankara will be allowed to go to their residences only by private vehicle, will not be allowed to board domestic flights or use public transportation.

3) Passengers who will be quarantined within the scope of the first and second articles must make hotel reservations via the hotel contact details listed below before their flight at the first point of departure and pay the total hotel accommodation fees before starting their travels. In accordance with the rules set forth by the relevant authorities, passengers who cannot present the proof of payment to the officers at the first points of departure will not be able to board our flights due.

4) Passengers of 6 years of age and over arriving to Turkey from the United Kingdom, Iran, Egypt and Singapore must present a negative PCR test result taken in the last 72 hours prior to arrival to Turkey.

5) Passengers aged 6 and over who are not covered by the first, second and fourth articles and will enter Turkey are expected to present the documents/certificates issued by the relevant country's official authorities at the first point of departure that they have been vaccinated at least 14 days before entering Turkey or have had COVID-19 disease in the last six months starting from the 28th day of the first PCR positive test result. These passengers will not be required to submit a negative PCR/rapid antigen test report and quarantine measures will not be applied for them. If the vaccination certificate or documents indicating that the passenger had COVID-19 disease cannot be submitted, the presentation of the negative PCR test result taken maximum 72 hours before entry or the negative rapid antigen test result taken maximum 48 hours before entry will be deemed sufficient.

6) Passengers are subject to PCR testing on the basis of sampling at arrival in Turkey. These passengers will be allowed to proceed to their final destination after the test samples are taken. If the test results are positive, they will be treated in accordance with the Covid-19 guidelines of the Ministry of Health. Passengers and the persons with close contact with passengers with positive test results will be quarantined for 14 days at the addresses they have determined, and quarantine conditions will be terminated if the PCR test results to be performed at the end of the 10th day are negative. The quarantine conditions of those who are found to be carrying the Delta variant will be terminated with a negative PCR test result at the end of the 14th day.

Form for Entry to Turkey

Please reach to form via <https://register.health.gov.tr/#>

The form must be filled in within the last 72 hours before travel by All competitors and support staff

Information on the website should be filled in order to provide you proper information and protect the health of yours and loved ones during the Covid-19 pandemic. A private HES code will be created automatically by the given information.

The form you will fill may be checked at the borders of the Republic of Turkey whether you have filled in this form or not, and If you haven't filled in the form or made misleading statements, you may face legal and administrative sanctions. Furthermore, you might not be allowed to enter Turkey.

All participants will send this created HES code to OC via info@jwoc2020.org and OC will be able to contact with the person concerned in the case of any contact with Covid-19 patient during JWOC.

Test procedures

Prior to receiving accreditation, all competitors and support staff must perform a COVID-19 test using the PCR method, unless exempt due to previous Covid-19 infection, and meet the requirements for self-isolation until the test result arrives (with the help and coordination of the competition organizer, see below).

- All competitors and other team members must take the required COVID-19 PCR tests at predetermined places provided by the organizers.
 - The first official JWOC event day is September 3, with accreditation possible on September 3 or 4. This means that PCR tests will be carried out on September 2 – 4, shortly prior to accreditation.
 - Organisers will inform exact testing place and time in accordance with your travel and arrivals schedule for the event.
- A valid passport or ID card (official travel document) is required at all testing sites.
- The price of the COVID-19 PCR test is currently 55 EUR, the cost of the test(s) shall be paid by the competitors themselves.
- The payment of the COVID-19 tests will be made in the Event Office. Payment method in Event Office is cash (EUR). No credit card.

Until receiving the test result, it is required to self-isolate (at the accommodation) avoiding all unnecessary contacts (including shops, grocery stores and restaurants). It is allowed to go outside, but social distancing rules must be followed, always wearing a mask and avoiding all close contacts. Pre-ordered meals will be delivered directly to the accommodation's rooms.

If you arrive early in Turkey you will not be required to take a PCR test upon arrival (unless required by the authorities for entry to the country) but must undergo the pre-accreditation PCR test, September 2-4. It is your/your teams responsibility to follow all necessary precautions to avoid the possibility of being infected with the Covid-19 virus during the time prior to accreditation.

During the rest day, September 8, all athletes and team officials shall undergo an Antigen test for Covid-19.

- The organisers will provide a schedule for this testing at the latest 24 h prior.
- The cost of the antigen test is 25 EUR
- If an antigen test is positive, the individual and any close contacts will be isolated pending the results of a PCR test to confirm the test result.

Individuals who have been infected with the Covid-19 virus in the 6-month period prior to the event, i.e. after March 1, 2021, are exempt from the above testing requirements. This must be proven by providing documents showing the infection in a verifiable PCR test result document and a doctor's statement that the individual has recovered from the infection.

Note that this exemption does not apply to individuals who have been partially or fully vaccinated, since vaccinated individuals can still carry and spread the virus actively.

All Participants will be controlled/monitored via the official Life Fits Home (HES) application. This app should be downloaded to smart phones.

Accreditation

Upon receipt of a negative test result, the participant will receive accreditation and may start with competition related activities (trainings, etc.).

- Test results will be available 12-24h after the test was taken.
- Organizers will have to be able to check the official test results of the participants. Therefore, a written permission from the participants will be required for the organizers to have access to the individual test results. Consent form will be sent by e-mail to federations.
- Prior to accreditation all participants will also be required to sign an acknowledgement that they have read and will follow the Covid rules for the Event.

Team leaders are asked to turn to the competition office for accreditation for the team members, there will be no individual accreditation by the athletes. Accreditation will be carried out by appointment only to avoid crowding in the Event Office. Please respect scheduled times.

Each day, all participants will be required to make a health declaration, i.e. confirming that they are not experiencing symptoms. The declaration will be required prior to starting training or competition activities for the day

If the arrival test result is positive

Persons whose test result is positive will not be allowed to participate in the competitions. The person showing a positive test result will be isolated immediately.

- Full medical assistance and support is given to all participating team members in case of a positive coronavirus test.
- The organizers have a separate quarantine hotel ready with required isolation, hygiene and catering capabilities.
- The organizers guarantee medical assistance, testing and safe transport from the persons' location to the quarantine hotel.

Any roommate of a person showing a positive test result, and potentially the entire team of the person, will also be isolated. The Turkish Health Board and the organiser will make a decision about if additional testing is required and if participation will be allowed for those affected.

Responsibility to report illness

Behaviour when feeling sick during the competitions

- If a participating member who has received accreditation develops Covid-19 symptoms (fever > 37.5 C, coughing, sore throat, shortness of breath, running nose, stuffy nose, loss of taste or smell, stomach problems), then
 - The person will put on a mask and isolate him-/herself from the others. If notifying Team leaders or other Team Athletes this shall be done by phone, no in-person contacts.
 - Calls the competition's medical representative (see above, available during the competition 24/7 from 11.07-16.07.2021) and follows instructions given. When needed, an ambulance visit will be arranged.
- Upon suspicion of falling ill during the competitions:
 - Full medical assistance and support is given to all participating team members in case of a positive coronavirus test.
 - The organizers have a separate quarantine hotel ready with required isolation, hygiene and catering capabilities.
 - The organizers guarantee medical assistance, testing and safe transport from the persons' location to the quarantine hotel.
- The Turkish Health Board and the organiser will make a decision about if additional teammates must also be isolated, if additional testing is required and if participation will be allowed for those affected.
- Consider payment for all medical treatment when taking out travel insurance and which would also ensure the costs of a possible quarantine situation (14 - day supplement on average) stay in Turkey), if necessary, COVID-19 as a patient for medical evacuation home country or, in the worst case, the high costs of hospital treatment.

Event office

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In-persons visits to the Event Office should be avoided if possible. If there is a need to visit the Event Office please call in advance to set up a time. Respect scheduled times.

Team official's meetings

Team Officials meetings will be held indoors in accordance with the schedule in competition Bulletin 4.

Please submit questions in advance of the meeting as far as possible.

- Limit attendance to 1 Team Official per team
- Arrive shortly prior to the meeting
- Observe social distancing, spread out in the meeting room
- Mask shall be worn at all times
- Leave immediately following the meeting

Accommodation

Teams are spread out in several accommodations. The same "bubble" rules apply to all whether teams are using accommodations booked via the organisers. Teams are strongly recommended to stay in those four hotels to minimize the Covid-19 risks. The sampling point required for Covid 19 testing will be located in these hotels. Those staying in these hotels do not need to go to the hospital. The OC will ensure that the test results are received and inform the participants of the results

This "virtual bubble" is dependent upon a high degree of personal responsibility.

- To maintain the safe so-called competition isolation "bubble" means that you can do only competition-related activities and all out-of-competition contacts should be avoided. It is not allowed for any participating team member to leave the competition area or accommodation unless unavoidable.
- Generally, it is not allowed for the athletes to go grocery shopping and go to the pharmacy, exception is made for team leaders who may go to the grocery stores and pharmacies on behalf of the whole team. Limit the number of Team Leaders who need to move outside the bubble and think about contacts within the own team.
- In addition to the food service at the accommodations, organizers will arrange for a cafeteria at the competition arena. Avoid crowding also here.
- It is mandatory to wear a mask in all indoor public places in Turkey (incl. shops).
- In the canteen and meeting rooms we follow safe distancing guidelines and limit the occupancy of all rooms up to 50% of the maximum capacity.
- In the accommodation's canteen, meals will be arranged in team groups. Please respect the meal schedule to avoid crowding.

Transports

Transport of athlete bags/equipment from the start to the finish will be arranged by the organiser in a safe way to reduce the risk of Covid-19 spreading. Transportation volunteers will wear masks and gloves when loading/off-loading bags. Please avoid crowding at drop-off locations.

Arena

For arena layout see the competition Bulletin 4.

Access in the arena will be strictly determined by accreditation.

- Remain in accredited areas and avoid contacts with other areas.

Note that there will be no spectators or public present in the arenas.

Warm up and Start Procedure

Masks shall be worn in the start area while not warming up or starting. Sanitizer will be available in the start area.

During the Race

Water/drink stations are organized to minimum potential virus transmission. Disposable cups will be used.

Finish

Masks shall be worn as soon as possible after finishing, and prior to meeting media representatives, officials and other teammates.

Sanitizer will be available in the Finish Area.

Mixed zone

Media contacts will be organized to be social distanced, i.e. separation of at least 2 meters.

Ceremonies

Prize giving ceremonies, medal ceremonies, competition opening and closing ceremonies will take place in open air conditions.

- Masks shall be worn at all times
- Please pay attention to social distancing.

Additional Information - Departure Testing

As many countries require a receipt of negative COVID-19 test before entering, the organizers will be able to arrange testing at the competition arena before the end of competitions for 55 Euros. The test result would be available on the following morning. A certificate of the test result will be provided. Testing will be arranged if there is sufficient interest from the participating teams.

- Those who want to test and get certificate before leaving Turkey, please let us know by e-mail info@jwoc2020.org by 25 August 2021.