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## **EFC Covid-19 regulations applicable on the EFC tournaments**

### **Scope of this document:**

- This document applies to both N\ationals of the host country as well as foreign visitors.
- It includes conditions on which spectators may attend events.

### **Organiser's obligations:**

- Participants must maintain sanitary distance of at least 1.5 meters.
- Body temperature control is to be carried out at the entrance to the venue for all participants.
- Facemasks are mandatory, except for fencers and coaches when fencing or warming up.
- Participants should bring their own bottle of water and must not share it with anyone.
- If possible, the organizers should provide the access to Internet connection in order to follow all information about the progress of the competition with paperless procedure.
- In case, the video consulting procedure is adapted to keep sanitary distance.
- Participants must comply to any additional measures and regulations imposed by local authorities.
- Adequate handwashing facilities must be provided, and these must allow for sanitary distance to be kept. The venues should also provide hand sanitiser around the entrance to each area.
- Doctor and medical staff of the competition wear facemasks, gloves and a visor during treatment of injuries.
- Coach must wear a visor in the minute break if he is closer than 1.5 meter to the fencers, if possible.
- Technicians have to wear visors in case they have to check technical problems on the fencer's equipment on the piste, if possible.

### **COVID-19 Test Certificate:**

- The Host Organizers request an authorized COVID-19 Antigen (not older than 48 hours) or PCR (not older than 72 hours) testing certificate or a vaccination certificate from all participants (fencers, coaches, accompanying persons) released by an accredited laboratory. Alternatively, instead of the vaccination, medical certification about past Covid infections not older than 180 days can be requested.





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- Accreditation (or, say, wristbands) only to be given after verification of Covid-19 certification.
- Invitation: A document that includes all the requirements to be fulfilled by the Host Federation and by fencers as a condition for approval by the EFC of the EFC Official Event. It is the responsibility of the Host Federation to make sure that there are no conflicts between the EFC requirements and existing local, regional, and national rules and regulations in the Host Country.
- National Fencing Federations as well as Host Organizers and the EFC will not be held financially responsible for Associate Participants who must prolong their stay in the host country to comply with travel restrictions and/or quarantines imposed by the Host Country and/or their home country. The same applies about possible expenses of delegations in case of the cancellation of the tournament due to “force majeure” situation in the host country.
- Reception by the EFC of Form Covid-19 acknowledgment of risk and release form liability for organisations is a prerequisite for registration ([annex no. 1](#)).
- All recommendations of the National Authority pertaining to spectators must be strictly applied.
- All spectators must wear facemasks at all times in the venue and respect sanitary distance.
- At all areas of confluence (e.g., screening, registration, weapon check, etc.) required Sanitary Distance must be clearly marked on the floor.
- Presentation and Award Ceremonies - General sanitary and distancing measures apply.

**The organizers are to record all cases of Covid infection reported by delegations after participating in the EFC competitions to the EFC Secretary General ([js@fencing-efc.eu](mailto:js@fencing-efc.eu))**

### Regulations for fencers

- Fencers' handshake at the end of a bout is replaced with a salute and the contact of blades
- Sharing equipment with another participant is not allowed.
- Fencing masks, gloves and weapons must be disinfected by the fencers before the competition
- The participants must bring their own pen to fill in and sign documents.
- Exchanging gifts, typically in teams' event, is suspended until further notice.
- Screaming after the hit is scored is suspended until further notice.
- Rushing to the victorious fencer on the piste or after the fencer leaves the piste is suspended until further notice.
- Congratulatory hugging, kissing or handshakes are suspended until further notice.



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- During rest periods, all people in the fencing piste area must maintain a distance of at least two meters from the fencer(s).
- Coaches are allowed to stay at 1,5 meters from the fencer.
- Reception by the EFC of Form Covid-19 acknowledgment of risk and release form liability for fencers is a prerequisite for registration.

### Sanctions

In all cases of non-respecting EFC Covid – 19 Regulations approved by the EFC Executive Committee sanctions with cards will be applied as follows:

- a) The first infraction – a warning interpreted by yellow card
- b) The second infraction – the strong warning interpreted by red card
- c) Third and final infraction: black card leading to expulsion of the person from the venue of competitions.

Mentioned sanctions are not applied for changing the score of bouts on the piste, but are applicable for both, fencers and other participants of the event. The sanctions can be applied either by the referee at the piste or by the officials of the competition.





COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

**Name of the Tournament:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preamble**

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and experts believe that it is primarily spread through person-to-person contact. The European Fencing Federation, the national fencing federation of the country in which the event is being held and the organising committee of

\_\_\_\_\_ [name of the event] (hereinafter: the "Organisers") have introduced preventive measures aimed at reducing the spread of COVID-19. Nevertheless, the Organisers cannot guarantee that you will not be infected with COVID-19. Participation may also increase your risk of contracting COVID-19.

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I wish to participate in the tournament (hereinafter: the "Tournament") as a [Competitor] [Referee] [Armourer] [Member of the DT] [Supervisor] [Coach] [Trainer] [Other: please specify

\_\_\_\_\_] (underline as appropriate), and to enter any area in which the Tournament is taking place. As compensation for being permitted to participate in the Tournament, I hereby agree to all the terms of this Release from Liability.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and I voluntarily assume the risk of being exposed to or infected with COVID-19 as a result of my participation in the Tournament. I further acknowledge and voluntarily accept the risk that such exposure or infection may result in bodily harm, illness, permanent disability or death. I understand that the risk of being exposed to or infected with COVID-19 during the Tournament may result from the actions, presumed omissions or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, employees, volunteers and participants in the Tournament.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the above risks and take full responsibility for any injury (including, but not limited to, physical injury, disability and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability or expense of any kind that I may suffer or incur as a result of my participation in the Tournament. I hereby undertake to refrain from suing the EFC and its designated individuals, including, but not limited to, members of the Directoire Technique, Refereeing, Referees, Armourers, supervisor, Video & Wireless Technicians, Announcers, Event Managers, etc. and the Organisers and the employees, agents and representatives thereof, whom I release from all liability.





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I understand and agree that this release includes all claims based on the actions, presumed omissions and negligence of the EFC and its designated individuals, including, but not limited to, members of the Directoire Technique, Refereeing, Referees, Armourers, supervisor, Video & Wireless Technicians, Announcers, Event Managers, etc. and the Organisers and the employees, agents and representatives thereof, regardless of whether the COVID-19 infection occurred before, during or after my participation in the Tournament.

The release from liability shall be accepted subject to the substantive and/or mandatory laws of the country in which the event is taking place. I agree that, should any part of this agreement be deemed to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining parts shall remain fully in force. This document shall be governed by the law of the Country of Luxembourg and any legal action brought hereunder shall be brought in the courts of Luxembourg, which shall have exclusive jurisdiction of any such legal action.

Full legal name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT FROM A PARENT OR GUARDIAN (must be completed for participants under the age of 18)**

I am the parent or guardian of the minor named above. I understand the nature of the above Release from Liability and I consent to the minor for whom I am responsible participating in the Tournament. I hereby undertake, on behalf of the minor, to refrain from suing the Organisers and the employees, agents and representatives thereof, whom I release from all liability. I understand and agree, on behalf of the minor, that this release includes all claims based on the actions, presumed omissions and negligence of the Organisers and the employees, agents and representatives thereof, regardless of whether the COVID- 19 infection occurred before, during or after the minor's participation in the Tournament.

Full legal name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

