

Prevention concept for public transport tournaments during the Covid-19 pandemic from March 5th, 2022

The FIE document "FIE OUTLINE OF RISK-MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NATIONAL FENCING FEDERATIONS AND COMPETITION ORGANIZERS IN THE CONTEXT OF COVID-19" from July 1st, 2020 serves as a template. This is available here in excerpts, adapted for public transport, and is valid until further notice.

Competitors exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms are excluded from official ÖRL tournaments and are encouraged to act responsibly and undergo appropriate testing.

Who is allowed to enter the competition site?

- There are no longer any group size restrictions for meetings (persons responsible for events with more than 50 people and operators of non-public sports facilities must appoint a COVID-19 officer and develop and implement a COVID-19 prevention concept)
- All persons must be registered. The organizer has to keep lists for each competition day (for traceability).
- Unregistered persons may not enter the competition site.

How does the on-site registration work?

- All persons are registered on each competition day. This should be done right in the entrance area. The minimum distance must be observed.
- When entering the sports facility, wearing a mouth and nose protector is recommended.
- There will always be only one entrance to the hall.
- There will be a health check to fill out. The completed and signed declaration of consent must be submitted (to be completed in advance).
- Furthermore, all personal data is recorded (telephone number or e-mail, for the purpose of tracing in an emergency).

Measures taken during the tournament

- All people who are in the sports facility are recommended to wear a mouth and nose protector.
- Participants should bring their own bottle of water and are not allowed to give it to others.
- The fencing equipment must be disinfected by the fencers before the tournament and may not be loaned out.
- Participants must comply with any additional measures mandated by the federal government. The general rules of conduct and hygiene always apply.
- There is no need to check the results entered in the tableau and confirm them with a signature. The results are to be presented after collection.
- Referees must use hand sanitizer before and after each assignment.

- Remote controls, tableau, test weight and test gauge are to be disinfected before each issue to the referee.
- Doctors and medical staff at the tournament will wear face masks, gloves and a visor during treatment.
- The examination of the weapons before the fight (test weight, test gauge) is carried out exclusively by the referee, personal use by the fencer is prohibited.
- The handshake of the fencers at the end of the bout is omitted. Likewise, there is no greeting and farewell in a team fight, here only the team leaders greet each other without shaking hands.
- Screaming after the hit is prohibited, as is loud coaching by the trainers (formation of aerosols).
- Congratulations by hugs, kisses, etc. are prohibited.
- Do not touch your eyes, mouth, or nose without first washing / disinfecting your hands. This is the most important preventive measure to avoid contamination.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use a sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- The tournament management has the right to expel people who do not comply with the regulations immediately.

How are the awards ceremonies going?

- The minimum distance must also be observed at the award ceremony. The medals are to be presented to the fencers on a cushion, for example.
- Shaking hands is not allowed.
- A minimum distance must be maintained for taking photos.

Changing rooms and sanitary facilities

- The minimum distance must also be observed in the changing rooms and sanitary facilities
- The organizer must ensure that a daily cleaning of the changing rooms and sanitary facilities.

Exclusion of liability

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