

COVID-19 PROTOCOL MANUAL

VERSION DATE: 9TH SEPTEMBER, 2020



As of 1 September 2020, the Government of Hungary has temporarily closed its borders and reintroduced border control for 30 days at the Slovenian, Austrian and Slovak border sections and at internal air border crossing points. Border crossing is only possible at designated border crossing points, which can be found on the website of the police (www.police.hu) under the border information menu item.

ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT DECREE 408/2020 NON-HUNGARIAN CITIZENS WHO

- A. are participants of an international sport event held in Hungary – not including spectators,
- B. hold a nominative invitation letter issued by the official organizer of the sport event to be held in Hungary,
- C. arrives upon the invitation of the Hungarian sports organization or national sports association
 - C1. a competitor
 - C2. experts in the field of sport, as well as,
 - C3. a person involved in the organization of a sport event

can enter Hungary, if the person proves with a medical certificate issued in English or Hungarian that (s)he has undergone one molecular biological test (SARS-CoV-2 PCR test).

This certificate should include the followings: personal details of the patient, name, email address and phone no. of the lab, date and time of the test, result of the test, ID number of the certificate.

UPDATES ON 9TH SEPTEMBER

The Hungarian Government has introduced easier entry rules for participants of international sport events.

ENTRY CONDITIONS FOR THE OLYMPIC HOPES REGATTA:

- only one negative SARS-CoV-2 molecular biological (PCR) test issued (date on the certification) between 12-17th September
- arrival to Hungary (day of border-crossing) should be between 13-19th September
- invitation letter issued by the OC

ENTRY CONDITIONS FOR THE WORLD CUP:

- only one negative SARS-CoV-2 molecular biological (PCR) test issued (date on the certification) between 19-25th September
- arrival to Hungary (day of border-crossing) should be between 20-26th September
- invitation letter issued by the OC

Please, note that the previous measure (two negative PCR tests within 5 days prior to arrival, 48 hours apart each other) is still in effect, so you do not need to change your plans if you have already scheduled tests accordingly or if your arrival date does not match the new criterias.

The invitation letter issued by the Organising Committee should also be presented to the border authorities. Please, make sure that you've applied for this letter at accommodation@canoeszeged2020.com for the Olympic Hopes Regatta or at accommodation@szeged2020.com for the World Cup.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND

Please, be aware that all deadlines published in the bulletin are still in effect. Please, also note that the Organising Committee does not take responsibility for a rejected border crossing. However, it will do its best to minimise the penalties related to cancellation due to the COVID-19. After discussing your occurrent situation with your assigned hotel, the charge will be exactly the same as the loss suffered by the Organising Committee.

BEFORE TRAVELLING

Please, do not travel if you have a fever or feel sick, if you are experiencing a loss of taste or smell or if you have diarrhoea. Please, note that people with a fever will be stopped at the airport and their entry to Hungary will be refused.

EVENT SITE PRECAUTIONS AND MEASURES

- a medical team will be present at the regatta course doing every-day checks.
- anyone showing possible symptoms will be placed in hospital quarantine by the local authorities.
- in the event of a confirmed COVID-19 case, public health officials will be doing contact tracing. Please, consider that all identified contact persons will be quarantined, as well.
- availability to handwashing, alcohol-based hand gel and hygiene facilities at multiple locations
- regular disinfectant cleaning and good hygiene signage across all venues, changing rooms, training facilities, dining places
- venue cleaning staff will disinfect door handles, toilet handles, bathroom faucet handles, etc. in all areas several times per day
- only single use towels (paper towels) will be provided
- presence of first aid and medical services, including designated medical providers who are able to triage and refer suspected cases for COVID-19 testing throughout the duration of the event

- participants' temperatures will be checked each day, any temperatures above 38°C will be reported to the event medical lead and entrance will be refused
- suspected cases of team/officials, event staff, volunteers, support workers will be isolated
- medical masks will be ready for use by organizers' medical staff and sick individuals
- anyone participating as an external employee (cleaning staff, food handlers, drivers etc.) should wear a face mask
- the teams will be placed at a greater distance from each other than usual
- a separate part of the stands will be provided for the participants

RECOMMENDATION TO THE EVENT PARTICIPANTS (ATHLETES, OFFICIALS) DURING THE EVENT

- Participants should be aware of and cooperate with team medical staff or event organising staff at venues in taking their own/or competitors' temperatures each day, any temperatures above 38°C to be reported to the event medical lead/chief medical officer. Follow the same approach as the management of ill travellers at points of entry (international airports, seaports, and ground, crossings) in the context of COVID-19.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing. Practise respiratory etiquette (maintain distance: at least 1 m), cover coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues or flexed elbow, wash hands). If coughing persists, isolate, and seek medical advice.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, and use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, especially before eating, after using lavatory, after coughing or sneezing and after touching often used surfaces (door handles, handrails, elevators, gym equipment, tables, chairs, pens etc.) Hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout the event venue.
- Participants should wear a face mask while travelling on shuttle buses and are asked to avoid public transport
- Avoid contact with sick people, including avoiding close contact with those suffering from acute respiratory infections.
- Athletes should not share clothing, bar soap or other personal items (including towels and bottles).
- Recommended protocol for the use of water bottles:
- Good team hygiene includes ensuring all players, officials and staff have their own water bottles to prevent the transmission of viruses and bacteria.
- Bottles should be labelled and washed (with dishwasher soap) after each practice or game.
- Advise athletes to avoid touching their own mouths or nose.
- Avoid shaking hands or hugging.

