



Czech Para Open 2021
Ostrava, Czech Republic
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COVID-19 Guidelines

Before Arrival

- All participants should be tested negative for COVID-19 on PCR test within 48 hours before entering the country. Updated information on traveling to the country can be found at <https://www.mvcr.cz/mvcren/article/coronavirus-information-of-moi.aspx>
- All participants before entering to Czech Republic must fill in the arrival form which is on website <https://plf.uzis.cz/>
- Those participants, that have a medical record and have been previously infected with COVID-19, may be required to provide an official certificate to prove the diagnose. Please make sure to prepare in advance all the documentation in case it is needed.

Upon Arrival

- All participants (even the ones vaccinated in their country) will undertake a COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test ("ART Test") at the official hotel.

An Antigen Rapid Test (ART Test) is a rapid diagnostic test suitable for point-of-care testing that directly detects the presence or absence of an antigen. It is commonly used for the detection of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

- In case a person(s) enters in Czech Republic from a country with mandatory quarantine prior the event start based on the host country's rule, neither the person(s) nor the respective National Association are entitled to claim for any reimbursement and shall take on own cost eventual quarantine costs.
- The LOC will only contact participants in case of a positive COVID-19 ART Test. Participants shall receive no official information after the negative results.
- A person who is tested positive at COVID-19 ART test will be immediately isolated. A COVID-19 PCR-based test will follow immediately. In case the person being tested positive at the quick test was in contact before with other persons of the team then a COVID-19 PCR-based test will be made for the whole team. The result of this test is available within 24 hours.
- If the PCR test reconfirms a participant positive, then the host country's rule will apply.

<https://covid.gov.cz/en/situations/infection-and-general-measures/isolation>



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- In case a player or official is taken out of competition by decision of the host country's health office due to positive Covid test(s), neither the National Association nor the person(s) is entitled to claim for any reimbursement and shall take on own cost eventual quarantine costs.

During event

At the hotel:

- Refusal of ART or PCR testing will result in dismissal from participation in the tournament.
- Face masks should be worn at all times at the hotel (except during eating), as well as during transits.
- All shuttle buses are allowed to operate with up to 50% of capacity. In case the bus is reaching its capacity, the participant is not allowed to board and should wait for the available next bus.
- It is strictly prohibited to leave the hotel for any reason without prior approval by ITTF or LOC officials.
- It is recommended not to be in groups and avoid mixing with members of other delegations.
- To avoid the spread of infection (if any), participants should maintain the 1.5 meters distance all the time.
- Anyone who is feeling ill/sick is strictly forbidden to go to the venue or any other competition facilities.
- If any symptoms are experienced at any time and if the body temperature is above 37.5 degrees, please inform staff or volunteers at the welcome desk immediately to seek the appropriate medical attention. Participants with symptoms of a respiratory infection will be refused entry to the competition and entry will be only granted again after negative result of a further ART or PCR test.

At the venue:

- LOC shall ensure proper floor markings are placed to maintain distance of 1,5 m between people in the case of queue formation at the entrance of the venue.
- Availability of handwashing amenities with soap and water, non-contact air hand dryers or paper towels in toilets shall be guaranteed.
- Availability of hand sanitizers shall be guaranteed in the field of play, call area, restaurant, and venue entrance/exit.



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- All meals shall be served at the hotel, in special designated areas only for the participants. Host country laws will apply regarding distance between tables and maximum number of persons per table. It is strictly forbidden to share the table with members of a different delegation. Mixing of delegation members must be avoided at all times.
- It is strictly prohibited to leave the venue for any reason without prior approval by ITTF and LOC officials.
- Face masks should be used at all times except for players during practice and competition.
- At the venue using of showers is prohibited.
- If any symptoms are experienced at any time and if your temperature is above 37.5 degrees, please inform the Competition Manager or the responsible LOC official immediately to seek the appropriate medical attention. Participants with symptoms of a respiratory infection will be send to hotel room in special vehicle. Entry to the competition will be only granted again after negative result of a further ART or PCR test.
- Once the participants reach the venue, intermingling with other people should be avoided as much as possible.
- Physical distancing of 1.5 meters should be always maintained between all individuals.
- During practicing it is strongly recommended not to socialize or stay in groups following the hygiene rules.
- The practice schedule will be prepared by the ITTF Competition Manager.
- If the participant is not practicing or competing, it is strongly recommended not to stay at the venue and go back to the hotel room. If there will be not enough time to go to the hotel and back, participants will stay in the specially designated area for each National Association on the tribunes.
- Spectators from outside the bubble are not allowed.

At the practice area:

- A training schedule will be shared on a daily basis. According to the schedule, player number per table will be limited and specific table allocation will be introduced for the National Associations.
- Accompanying persons per athlete is limited to one. All other participants must remain outside of the training hall.
- In the training area, wearing a mask is mandatory. The mask must cover the nose and the mouth of the participant exception for players practicing.



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Before match:

- Tables in call area must be spaced at a minimum distance of 2m .
- At the call area players, coaches and officials must wear masks.
- Players must sanitize their hands before selecting the balls.
- At the call area, players must always ensure that they maintain a safe social distance of minimum 1m between match officials and other participants.
- In the event that an umpire has to choose the balls on behalf of the players, the umpire shall sanitize its hands before and after the selection process.

At the FoP / During match:

- For match in procedures, Umpires will always enter the FoP before players.
- Coin toss to be done by umpire in front of the umpires table and with players remaining on their sides while maintaining a social distance of at least 1,5 m.
- During match presentation procedures, umpires and players must still maintain an appropriate social distance of at least 1,5 m.
- Umpires and players shall not shake hands. "Hand-raising" salutation shall be used.
- Ball kids, if any, and athletes' entourage shall sanitize their hands before entering and must wear masks while on duty in the field of play.
- Players are not allowed to use their own towels to wipe the match table. Players shall indicate to Umpires if the match table needs cleaning. A designated person will be asked to clean the table.
- No breathing on the ball.
- No hand wiping on table surface.
- Spitting should be avoided in the FoP.
- Players must maintain physical distance when moving during interval or breaks after each game and changeovers.



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End of match:

- Umpires and players shall not shake hands. They can choose to bow or a “hand-raising” salutation, whichever is more comfortable while maintaining physical distance, regardless of formal and informal presentation.
- Players and umpires should leave the venue and return to the hotel as soon as all match procedures are over.

Mixed Zone:

- Masks shall be used by all personnel entering the mixed zone and be separated with an appropriate social distance of at least 1m . Entry to the mixed zone will be denied if a mask is not worn.
- In case of live press conferences or interviews will take place, members of the media shall always stand at least 2m away from the player, and floor markings must be placed.

Important remarks:

- All restrictions are to be strictly applied and any breach of the Guidelines will be individually investigated by a Tournament Jury. The Jury will be comprised of representatives from the LOC and ITTF.
- Participants are not allowed to leave the bubble area (Hotel, Transportation, Venue).
- In all above cases whenever a participant will be tested positive the Jury will deal with the LOC and the Local Health Authorities in order to chase the contacts of the infected participant.
- Credential holders are entitled to follow the guidelines and regulations indicated on their Accreditation Passes. Entering any unauthorized areas could lead to a breach of protocol investigation.
- In case someone is tested positive he/she will be transferred to a different hotel nearby for isolation for 14 days and he/she will be considered out of the bubble. Each Association is responsible for the quarantine cost of their accredited persons.
- Any close contacts of the person who was tested positive will be applied Czech Republic COVID-19 health security measures.



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Disclaimer:

- The LOC and ITTF are reserving the right to change or update the COVID-19 Guidelines. In case of an update or change, participants will be officially informed in due time.
- Participants needing a PCR test for returning to their home country shall inform the host at the same time than confirming their delegation. The LOC will then provide the testing on the participants' cost. Cost per PCR Test is € 120,00.

Every delegate of each NPC must sign this document on behalf of the whole team:

I herewith confirm having understood the hygienic guidelines and conditions for the ITTF Paralympic World Qualification Tournament and explained them to the rest of the members of the team. With my signature I confirm acceptance by all the members:

<i>Name of the NPC representative</i>	
<i>National Association or National Paralympic Committee</i>	
<i>Role at the event</i>	
<i>Date</i>	
<i>Signature</i>	

This document must be signed and sent to czechopenostrava@gmail.com and ittfparaevents@gmail.com