



COVID- 19 GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOLS FOR THE ITTF AFRICA YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP 2022

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL ATTENDEES TO INCLUDE PLAYERS, COACHES AND ALL MATCH OFFICIALS (PARTICIPANTS)

These guidelines below are ITTF AFRICA's minimum standards and procedures in relation to COVID-19 protocol and management.

PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

- For fully vaccinated participants against COVID-19, they will not be required to take a PCR test before departing from their home country, as per the rules of the host country.
- Participants are enjoined to receive the approved COVID-19 vaccine in their home countries and carry along evidence of vaccination.
- To ensure that all participants are adhering to the Event testing protocols, a copy of the vaccination status is required to be provided. **Any participant who does not provide proof of vaccination will be required to follow the testing protocols as an unvaccinated.**
- Participants who are **partially vaccinated** or **unvaccinated** for COVID-19 are required to complete two (2) mandatory Medically Supervised RT-PCR tests as follows:
 - o Test 1 (Mandatory): 7 Days Prior to the Event
 - o Test 2 (Mandatory): Within 48 hours of arrival at the Event.
- Participants who require a departure Test will be are required to fill a form below with the intended date of their departure. The test will be done daily (**window from 9 am to 10 am**) for all intending travelers together. <https://forms.gle/nGp6jGriD3B7pLw7A> (RT-PCR cost 85 \$)
- Participants below the age of 18 required to undergo COVID-19 testing in accordance with the same guidelines and procedures.

All Mandatory Test results and/or Vaccination certificates must be submitted, via upload by National Association (**Before Arrival**) to gbenhassen@yahoo.fr .

Failure to submit pre-event testing as per the requirements will result in players and/or participants being prevented from entering the event facilities and in the case of players withdrawn from the event with penalties applying.



BEFORE COMPETING

- **All participants** will undergo a compulsory COVID RAT test before participation in any of the games (this applies to fully vaccinated participants).
- Participants will receive no official notification if COVID-19 test result is negative, notification will only be given to anyone whose COVID-19 test is positive as isolation protocols will be implemented after notification of the affected participant. Also contact tracing protocols will be instituted as the host country rules are applied.
- Refusal of any participant to take the COVID-19 test results in dismissal of the attendee from participation in any of the event or entry into neither the match venues nor the residential areas.
- Any participant who does not provide proof of vaccination will be required to follow the testing protocols for an unvaccinated individuals and

will not be permitted to enter the event facilities.

DURING THE COMPETITION

At the Hotel:

- Social distance protocols must be adhered to at all times and face masks should be worn at all times in the hotels (except while eating).
- While in transit, participants are advised to always use their face masks.
- Anyone who is feeling sick is advised to notify the LOC officials who will then contact the medical unit to examine and a COVID- 19 test may be conducted.

At the Venue and Practice Areas:

- Availability of hand sanitizers shall be guaranteed at the entrance and exit to the venue, the call area and in the field of play.
- Face masks should be used by all participants at all times except by players during practice and competition.



- Participants are encouraged to avoid inter mingling with other people as much as possible.
- During practice sessions, players are advised to follow hygiene rules; use of the hand sanitizers provided, refrain from hand shaking, avoid sharing of towels and rubbing of wet palms on the table.
- If participants are not practicing or competing it is advised to reduce inter mingling and crowded areas.
- During practice, players should avoid having more than one (1) accompanying person.
- Social distance guidelines must be adhered to at all times in the call area and in the field of play during a match.
- Umpires and players are advised to follow safety and social distancing protocols before and after any match or in the field of play, hand waving salutations are preferred.
- If players need to wipe their tables, they shall indicate to the umpire who will ensure the table is wiped, players should avoid using their towels and personal clothing to wipe the table or wiping of their hands on the table surface.

Before, During and After Match:

- At the call areas; all officials, players and coaches must wear masks at all times.
- Players and officials must sanitize their hands before touching the balls for selection.
- Players are not allowed to shake each other before, during or after any match.
- Players should avoid breathing on the balls.
- Masks may be removed for up to 60 seconds during the Award Ceremony presentation for the taking of presentation photos.



NOTE:

*A person is considered Fully Vaccinated two weeks (14 days) after receiving all recommended doses in the primary series of their COVID-19 vaccination.

*A person who has not completed any or all of the recommended doses in the primary series of their COVID-19 vaccination and/or less than 14 days have not passed since their final dose of vaccination.

DISCLAIMER:

- The LOC and ITTF AFRICA reserve the right to change, review and update the COVID- 19 guidelines.
- In event of any changes or updates to the aforementioned guidelines, official notifications will be given to all participants via the communication channels



I HEREBY CONFIRM THAT I HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD AND ACCEPT ALL THE ABOVE COVID-19 GUIDELINES AND CONDITIONS FOR THE 2022 ITTF AFRICA YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP AND WITH MY SIGNATURE I CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE TO ADHERE TO ALL GUIDELINES.

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PREDEPARTURE COVID-19 TEST	RT- PCR	85\$
	Rapid Antigen Test	20\$

NAME:	
ROLE AT THE EVENT:	
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION:	
SIGNATURE:	
VACCINATION STATUS:	
DATE:	

The above table should be filled out, printed out and scanned back the LOC before arrival.