

COVID-19 Guidelines (v2.0)

Before Arrival

- All participants should undertake a COVID-19 test seven (7) days before departure.
- All participants should be tested negative for COVID-19 within 72 hours before entering the country.
- 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 got vaccinated in their country) will undertake a PCR test at Hamad International Airport or official event Hotel.
- All participants must undertake **48 hours express quarantine** period upon taking the PCR test on arrival.

During quarantine

- All participants must remain at the hotel during the quarantine period.
- **48 hours quarantine** starts at the time of entering the room (ex. starting 16:30 on Sep 25th/ ending 16:30 on Sep 27th).
- All meals and services will be provided in the room.
- In case of developing any symptoms, a hotline will be provided to report immediately.

After quarantine / During event

At the hotel:

- Subsequent swabbing for COVID-19 PCR testing will be undertaken from all participants following the instructions of the Ministry of Public Health.
- Refusal of 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.

- It is strictly prohibited to leave the hotel for any reason without prior approval.
- It is recommended not to be in groups and avoid mixing with members of other delegations.
- Meals shall be served in special designated areas only for the participants who are in the bubble. These areas shall be separated from the other food areas used for the public. Countries to be in designated specific tables to ensure proper physical distancing with a maximum of 4 people per table.
- To avoid the spread of infection (if any), participants should maintain the 1.5 meters distance all the time.
- Delivery services to the hotel are allowed but final decision is by the hotel management.
- Two fully equipped gyms will be opened at the official venue. After their mandatory **48 hours quarantine**, participants will be eligible to use the gyms.
- A welcome desk at the reception shall be the only contact channel between participants and the ATTU/LOC. Communication mobile application shall be used for internal announcements.
- If any symptoms are experienced at any time and if the body temperature is above 37.4 degrees, please inform staff or volunteers at the welcome desk immediately to seek the appropriate medical attention.
- Anyone who is feeling ill/sick is strictly forbidden to go to the venue or any other competition facilities.

At the venue:

- LOC shall ensure proper floor markings are placed to maintain distance of 1m (3 feet) 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.
- It is strictly prohibited to leave the venue for any reason without prior approval.
- Face masks should be worn at all times except during practice and competition.
- At the venue using of showers is strongly discouraged.

- If any symptoms are experienced at any time and if your temperature is above 37.4 degrees, please inform the Competition Manager or the responsible ATTU Group official immediately to seek the appropriate medical attention.
- 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 maintained between all individuals at all time.
- Note that ground level and first floor are included in the bubble while the rest are outside the bubble (not allowed). The paths from the transportation drop-off to the FoP and vice versa will be defined and to be strictly followed.
- During practicing it is strongly recommended not to socialize or stay in groups following the hygiene rules.
- 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.

At the practice area:

- If any of the players practicing have been tested positive in the last COVID-19 test:
 - The player(-s) who has been tested positive will be disqualified and shall follow the local health protocols (testing, quarantine, medication etc.)
 - The other player(-s) and close contact coaches should get a COVID-19 test as soon as possible and further decisions shall be taken based on the results and local health authorities.
- In case of any player/coaches/sparing partners feels ill/sick or developing any symptoms:
 - The medical team shall be called and based on their decision the above actions shall be taken.

Before match:

- Tables in call area must be spaced at a minimum distance of 2m (6 feet 5 inches).
- At the call area players, coaches and officials must wear marks.
- 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 (3 feet) 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 their 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 1m (3 feet);
- During match presentation procedures, umpires and players must still maintain an appropriate social distance of at least 1m (3 feet).
- Umpires and players shall not shake hands. They can choose to bow or a “hand-raising” salutation, whichever is more comfortable while maintaining social distance.
- Ball kids and athletes’ entourage shall sanitize their hands before entering and must wear masks while on duty in the field of play.
- Players must not use their own towels to wipe the match table. Players may indicate to Umpires if the match table needs cleaning. A designated person will be asked to clean the table.
- No breathing on the ball for tackiness.
- 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.
- Match shall be interrupted in the following cases:
 - Any of the players have been tested positive in the last COVID-19 test.
 - The player who has been tested positive will be disqualified and shall follow the local health protocols (testing, quarantine, medication etc.).
 - The other player(-s), coaches and officials should get a COVID-19 test as soon as possible and further decisions shall be taken based on the results and local health authorities.
 - Any of the officials have been tested positive in the last COVID-19 test.

- The official who has been tested positive will be replaced and shall follow the local health protocols (testing, quarantine, medication etc.)
- The player(-s), coaches and other official(-s) should get a COVID-19 test as soon as the match is over and further decisions shall be taken based on the results and local health authorities.
- Any of the volunteers/ball kids assigned for the specific table have been tested positive in the last COVID-19 test.
 - The volunteer/ball kid who has been tested positive will be replaced and shall follow the local health protocols (testing, quarantine, medication etc.)
 - Other volunteer/ball kids should get a COVID-19 test as soon as the match is over and further decisions shall be taken based on the results and local health authorities.
- In case of any player/coach/official/ball kid feels ill/sick or developing any symptoms:
 - The medical team shall be called and based on their decision the above actions shall be taken.

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.
- Every day, a hygiene team shall quickly enter the FoP once the players and umpires have moved off the FOP and clean the following area with disinfectant to prepare for the next match:
 - Coaches’ benches
 - Flooring in the FoP
 - Umpires’ tables and chairs
 - Match table
- 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 worn by all personnel entering the mixed zone and be separated with an appropriate social distance of at least 1m (3 feet). 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 (6 feet 5 inches) away from the player, and floor markings must be placed.
- Players can remove their masks only in case safe distancing is maintained.

Important remarks:

- **All restrictions are to be strictly applied and any breach by any participant shall result to a mandatory quarantine for 7 days in a government facility and then send back to the participant country regardless any test results. Breaches of the Guidelines will be individually investigated by a committee. The Committee will be comprised of representatives from the LOC and the ATTU.**
- **Participants are not allowed to leave the premises (Hotel, Venue).**
- In all above cases whenever a participant will be tested positive the Competition Manager and/or the responsible ATTU Group official will deal with the LOC and the Local Health Authorities in order to chase the contacts of the infected participant.
- All participants must sign a consent form authorizing the local Ministry of Public Health that their PCR test results can be released to a 3rd party.
- 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 moved to a government facility for isolation for 10 days and he/she will be considered out of the bubble. On isolation day 9 he/she will get a test and if negative he/she will be released on isolation day 10 to get back to the bubble hotel or back to his/her country.



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- Any close contacts of the person who was tested positive will remain in the tournament getting a test as soon as possible. Until the result of the test (not more than 24 hours after the testing) the participant shall be treated individually and not in a group to avoid any cross contamination.
- Cross country groupings and gatherings are highly discouraged by the LOC.

Disclaimer:

- The LOC and the ATTU 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.