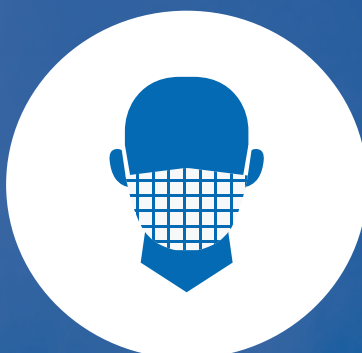


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### FOR PARTICIPANTS



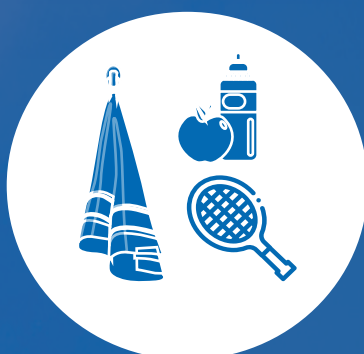
Maintain physical distancing  
at all times



\*Mask must be worn  
while off-court



Have no physical contact  
on/off court



Persons must not  
share equipment



Follow public health  
guidelines for hygiene



Players go around  
opposite sides of the  
net at changeovers



Do not enter the tennis  
club if you have any  
symptoms of covid-19

*\*Wear masks (covering mouth and nose) at all times; The only exception for not wearing a mask, is while being outdoors and physical distancing measures are kept.*

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*Note: this protocol is subject to change, without notice. Last updated 16 December 2021.*

## **INTRODUCTION**

In order to support a safe return to Tennis Europe Junior Tour tournaments, Tennis Europe has devised protocols that all tournament hosts, organisers and participants must follow to mitigate the risk of exposure to - and spread of - COVID-19.

This document applies to all Tennis Europe Junior Tour tournaments with effect from 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

All Tennis Europe tournaments and participants (which includes players, officials, support personnel/coaches/accompanying persons, tournament staff and any other credentialed individual) must comply with the requirements set out in this document.

Information regarding COVID-19 is constantly changing. The information provided in this document is not intended to be a substitute for guidance provided by local, national or international government and health organizations. Tennis Europe makes no representation as to, and assumes no responsibility for, the accuracy or completeness of the information contained in this document in respect of its effectiveness in preventing or controlling the spread of COVID-19.

The Tournament Director is responsible for ensuring the welfare of all persons attending a tournament. This document provides Tennis Europe with the guidance regarding the minimum standards that a tournament must implement in order to safeguard the welfare of participants. A tournament may impose higher standards than those described in this document where it considers it appropriate to do so, or where so required by local legislation. The Tournament Director must ensure that each tournament is conducted in accordance with these protocols as published at the time of the tournament.

The National Association, in association with the Tournament Director, must make Tennis Europe aware immediately of any major issues (including but not limited to the current COVID-19 pandemic) that could impact the progress of the tournament or the health, safety or security of persons involved, whether they occur in advance of or during the tournament.

National Associations/Tournament Directors must be in regular contact (before, during and after the event) with their respective local, regional and/or national authorities.

Tennis Europe reserves the right to refuse approval of or to cancel any previously sanctioned tournament or series of tournaments at any time in case of force majeure and/or on the grounds of health, safety or security of any persons participating or due to participate in, attending or due to attend the tournament(s) or to the successful running of the tournament(s), without any liability on behalf of the Applicant, National Association, Tournament Organiser or Tennis Europe. In addition, Tennis Europe, Applicant, National Association, Tournament Organiser will not be liable to any players/accompanying persons/coaches or any other persons or entities for any costs that they might have incurred in relation to such cancelled Competitions, including but not limited to, any transport and/or accommodation costs. This decision will be made on behalf of Tennis Europe by the Tennis Europe Juniors Committee or its nominee.

**Tennis Europe, the relevant National Association and the Tournament Organiser will immediately investigate to potential cancellation of any Tennis Europe Junior Tour tournament in case of a positive COVID-19 test on site.**

All participants (which includes players, support personnel/coaches/accompanying persons, officials, tournament staff and any other credentialled individual) are strongly recommended to seek advice from their relevant government agencies, travel and medical providers regarding travel to any destination country and any restrictions in place. This advice can change at short notice. It is the responsibility of the participants, if underaged parent and/or legal guardian to take the decision to travel to Tennis Europe events. As such, particular attention should be paid to local governmental measures and decisions.

The tournament organiser is required to have adequate insurance cover for the event.

All participants (which includes players, support personnel/coaches/accompanying persons, officials, tournament staff and any other credentialled individual) are required to have adequate medical, travel and liability insurance, which is not provided by either Tennis Europe, the host National Association or the local organiser.

**Tennis Europe, National Association, Tournament Organiser, applicant cannot be held liable for (and as such are not responsible for reimbursing) any expenses that might occur to the players, coaches/accompanying persons and any other persons or entities due to any potential COVID-19 issue which may occur (i) while travelling to or from Competitions and (ii) onsite before, during and after the event.**

This document is subject to change and may be amended from time to time at the discretion of Tennis Europe. Tennis Europe will make the latest version available on its website: [www.tenniseurope.org](http://www.tenniseurope.org).

Any questions regarding this document should be addressed to Tennis Europe at [juniors@tenniseurope.org](mailto:juniors@tenniseurope.org).

## **KEY PRINCIPLES AND CONCEPTS APPLIED**

### **THROUGHOUT THIS DOCUMENT**

- The overall objective of this document is to describe the measures that are necessary to protect the health and safety of participants in Tennis Europe Junior Tour tournaments. By setting out those measures, participants in all tournaments covered by this document can be confident that the appropriate measures are being taken and have the benefit of a consistent approach.
- Local government authority approval of sporting events. If movement restrictions or other national measures that preclude the organization of competitions have been imposed (or re-imposed) in a country, then these should be followed, and no tennis competitions should be organised.
- Physical distancing protocols organized and mandated throughout tournament venues to optimize the safety and well-being of all participants.
- Additional hygiene and sanitary precautionary measures to be delivered and available prior to, during, and upon completion of each event.
- Increased strict fragmentation and partitioning of all areas (example: arrows) to reduce the risk of groups of people forming inside the same area and potential virus transmission. Players and support personnel must isolate from other participants and spectators, to the greatest possible extent.
- Constant communication by the Tournament Organisation and on-call doctor.
- On-site content distributed with strict physical distancing and hygiene regulations in place.

### **MEASURES FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS ON-SITE:**

- Maintain physical distancing at all times by all participants and spectators.
- Wear masks (cover mouth and nose) while off-court for all participants. The only exception is while being outdoors and observing physical distancing measures.
- Wash/sanitize your hands regularly.
- Avoid touching surfaces where possible.
- Cough into a tissue and discard it immediately.
- Do not touch your face.
- Do not share any personal items.
- Do not attend the venue if you experience COVID-19 symptoms.

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## [Participants \(players/coaches/accompanying persons\)](#)

### **Pre-event**

1. Participants should establish and continue to monitor whether the host country has imposed any entry requirements, such as recent certificates of COVID-19 tests or restrictions based on travel history.
2. Participants will be required to confirm that they have read the Tennis Europe Junior Tour COVID-19 return to competition protocols, will comply with the requirements in full, accept that they provide an adequate level of protection against the risk of transmission of COVID-19, and assume responsibility for any risk of participating.
3. All participants and, particularly, vulnerable individuals who may be at elevated risk of severe COVID-19 symptoms and those who have had COVID-19 are advised to consult with their personal doctors to determine whether it is safe for them to travel to, and participate in, each tournament.
4. Players and support personnel/coaches/accompanying persons are advised to review the terms of their travel insurance and, where appropriate, consider taking out insurance against COVID-19-related risks (e.g. travel, health).
5. Participants should not travel to tournaments if they have had a positive COVID-19 test within the last 10 days, or if they have or have had any symptoms of COVID-19 within the last 10 days, or if they have been exposed to anyone who has COVID-19 or symptoms of COVID-19 within the last 14 days.

### **Off-site**

6. Participants must minimise the time spent in locations to which the public has access, and avoid locations that are crowded, noisy or in which close contact with the public is required. All while outside the Tournament Venue, Participants must comply with the protocols described in the Tennis Europe protocols during the Covid-19 pandemic. Face coverings must be worn at all times when indoors, except when eating and drinking.
7. Participants must avoid dining in locations to which the general public has access (e.g. local restaurants/bars).
8. All participants must self-check their health daily, before leaving their accommodation and must not travel to the tournament site if any symptoms of COVID-19 (and, particularly, fever, new or persistent cough, loss or change in sense of taste and smell) are present, or if there has been any exposure to COVID-19.

9. Face coverings must be worn and physical distancing must be practiced at all times while using transport.

### **Site access**

10. Physical distancing requirements shall, as a minimum, meet the requirements of the relevant authorities of the host location. Where no minimum is specified by the relevant authorities, or where that minimum is less than 1 metre, the minimum physical distancing shall be 1 metre (except for vulnerable individuals, for whom the minimum is 2 metres).
11. Before entering the tournament site, all participants must show the Self-Declaration confirmation that they have filled in advance online on the first day they enter the club, answer verbally to the daily Screening Questionnaire confirming that they are symptom free or did not have any high-risk contact in the last 14 days and submit to a body temperature reading each day that a participant attends. Only those participants who comply with and meet the requirements of screening are permitted on-site.
12. Mandatory temperature screening every day (Fever 38°C or above) by Tournament personnel for players, accompanying persons, coaches, tournament staff, officials daily at controlled entrance points (contact less infrared thermometer).
13. Participants must comply with case management protocols if they fail to meet self-reporting or screening requirements. Participants must report positive Covid-19 tests or COVID-19 symptoms that happen within 14 days of the date on which they left the tournament venue.
14. Players, coaches/accompanying persons must be on-site with their own mask (covering mouth and nose) and wear it at all times unless on court. The only exception for not wearing a mask, is while being outdoors and physical distancing measures are kept.
15. Following a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, or following exposure to COVID-19, participants must comply with the Tennis Europe Junior Tour COVID-19 return to competition protocols (as set out in the case management protocol).

### **On-site**

16. All sign-in must be remote (online/telephone). For full information, please check the rules and regulations of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour.
17. A maximum of one support person/coaches/accompanying person per player will be permitted on-site for individual events.
18. Unaccompanied minors (all players 16/ 14/12 & Under) are not permitted in the tournament site.
19. Players, coaches/accompanying persons must be on-site with their own hand sanitizer.
20. Increase the frequency of hand washing with soap or hand sanitizer, in conjunction with regular disinfection of heavily used areas (toilets, changing rooms, showers, restaurants etc) and surfaces.
21. Mandatory temperature screening every day at controlled entrance points and if they are entitled to participate in the Tournament (contact less infrared thermometer).
22. No physical contacts and no handshake (before, during or after a match).
23. Sharing of equipment is prohibited (towels, bottles, racquets, etc.).
24. At changeovers, go around opposite sides of the net.
25. Players or tournament staff must clean the bench and/or chair after play (with latex gloves, soap and paper provided by the club).

26. Strongly recommended to check the latest World Health Organisation advise here:  
<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>

### **Competition**

- 27. Tennis Europe practice and match protocols (available as a separate document) must be observed throughout a tournament.
- 28. Use of locker rooms (including for players, officials) will be determined by the available space, ensuring that physical distancing can be maintained at all times. No player support personnel/coaches/accompanying person are permitted in locker rooms.
- 29. Non-COVID-19 medical treatment will be limited to the reasonable time necessary for completion. Players must wear face coverings while obtaining medical treatment.
- 30. Participants must wear face coverings during anti-doping testing. Anti-Doping staff must comply with physical distancing, hygiene measures and daily screening.



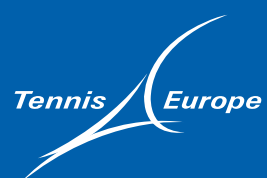
## CONCLUSION

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, additional regulations and precautions are required and may be introduced at any time by Tennis Europe in order for Junior Tour events to proceed in a safe manner. The health, safety and security of all persons involved in the tournament are of principal importance.

Tennis Europe, the National Association, Tournament Organiser, applicant cannot be held liable for (and as such are not responsible for reimbursing) any expenses that might occur to the players, coaches/accompanying persons and any other persons or entities due to any potential COVID-19 issue which may occur (i) while travelling to or from Competitions and (ii) onsite before, during and after the event.

Failure to meet any of the minimum standards in is subject to sanction under the relevant Tennis Europe Junior Tour regulations.

Every individual present on site at a tournament also bears a personal responsibility to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. To plan for a safe return to Tennis it is important to carefully follow the above measures. Our actions will speak far louder than words.



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