

2021 Valencia European Championships Concept Paper

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

The event will follow the latest published [Prevention guidelines for Event Organizers](#) for COVID-19 of the World Triathlon.

Also, the event, is under the regulations of the Regional Government of Valencia, that is the authority with competences in terms of health http://www.san.gva.es/web_estatica/index_es.html

Procedures to enter in Spain

1. For **ALL** travelers: The Government of Spain has implemented a series of measures to protect the general public's health, including health control of passengers upon arrival in Spain. From this website you can fill out the health control form and obtain your QR Code, to show it at the checking points in the airport before to flight to Spain, <https://www.spth.gob.es/>. By default, this page is in Spanish but you can select French, English or German by clicking in the box "Elija Idioma".
2. Restrictions may change quickly, so you need to check the restrictions from your country to enter in Spain. All people vaccinated will be able to enter in Spain, despite de restrictions in place in each moment.

COVID Coordinator: For any question related with COVID restrictions and travel details please contact Alicia Garcia alicia.garcia@triatlon.org

RISK ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION

Valencia "Local Organizing Committee (LOC)", use the WHO risk assessment and risk prevention checklist for "mass gatherings" in the framework of the covid-19 document to design the event.

The organization is implementing its activities to comply with local health authority protocols and minimize the risk of pandemic spread, keeping participants and the public safe and healthy.

A careful management of the schedule and access times of the participants will be implemented to access the competition areas with an adequate social distancing and an immediate exit once finished. The waiting areas will be restricted and controlled by volunteers or security personnel.

Data collection systems (addresses - Phone - Mail) will be used to manage the contacts of everyone involved in the event. This includes athletes, technical officials, coaches, volunteers, staff, authorities. This would ensure that we can trace back to the people potentially involved if a suspicious case is identified. If is confirmed, the protocol established at the moment by the health authorities will be executed.

PARTICIPANTS' HEALTH SCREENING

Athletes must continuously monitor their health status (including temperature detection and monitoring of any symptoms) from 14 days before and during the event.

For information about travelling to Spain, see the "TRAVEL" chapter of this guide.

Temperature check will be carried out every day at the entrance of the venue.

Temperature higher than 37.5°C will be reported to the Medical Director and Medical Staff of the event.

A health coordinator will be appointed within the medical team. He will be responsible for coordinating and monitoring compliance and enforcement of health safety regulations.

Registration procedure: Athletes, coaches, and technical officials, will follow World Triathlon procedures. volunteers, staff, media, and authorities, will be registered online through a specific application.

Due to the current situation of the COVID-19, the World Triathlon Medical Committee has made mandatory for all athletes (including Spanish athletes) to submit a pre-event medical certificate for participating in the event:

- All individuals (except for the LOC, its volunteers and contractors) applying for an accreditation to World Triathlon and Continental Triathlon events must respect the following conditions:
 - Fill in the online pre-event questionnaire through the link that is provided by the LOC
 - Perform an Antigenic or PCR swap pre- travel test within 72 hours before the athletes' travel to the event or no later than 3 days before the event for local athletes/team support and NTOs. Tests that must currently be taken to gain entry to a country are valid as pre-travel tests
- Additionally to this, all elite/u23, junior, youth, para triathletes and guides must submit a pre-travel medical certificate according to the requirements above
- Finally all elite/u23, juniors, youth, para triathletes and guides, coaches, team medical and support NF personnel must perform an Antigenic pre-race test at the arrival in the hosting city. In case of a positive result, a PCR swab test must follow. Time and place for these tests will be determined by the LOC. For the youth and junior athletes, a parent consensus form is required.
- We will continue to respect the decision/rules of the local public health of the host country
- All the specific measures can be found in the table next page:

COVID-19 Health Screening Process for AG athletes and support staff

In our efforts to provide the safest possible environment at all our events this season, we are requiring all Age-Group athletes and their support staff to complete a pre-event Covid-19 screening questionnaire and submit relevant health documents before the event.

Athletes/support team need to:

- Perform an Antigenic or PCR swap pre-travel test within 72 hours before the athletes' travel to the event or no later than 6 days before the event for local athletes/team support. Tests that must currently be taken to gain entry to a country are valid as pretravel tests.

- Complete the pre-event Covid-19 screening questionnaire (and attached the test result above).
- Please make sure to fill in the questionnaire and upload your Covid-19 test result **before** coming to registration/race pack distribution. No race pack/accreditation will be distributed if the above is not duly completed.
- World Triathlon has developed an online tool for the World Triathlon pre-event Covid-19 screening process.

Please connect here to fill the questionnaire and upload your test result:
<https://survey.alchemer-ca.com/s3/50098105/Covid-Pre-Screener>

	Pre-event questionnaire	COVID-19 test before travelling	Medical certificate	COVID-19 test at event	Daily health screening
Elite athletes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
U23 athletes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Junior athletes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Youth athletes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Paratriathlon athletes / Personal handlers / guides	Yes	Yes	Yes for athletes / guides	Yes	Yes
AG athletes	Yes	Yes	Follow public health request	Follow public health request	Yes
Coaches/team medical/support NF personnel	Yes	Yes	Follow public health request	Yes	Yes
TDs / ITOs / NtOs / Competition Jury	Yes	Yes	Follow public health request	yes for the ones in close contact with the athletes; the others follow public health request	Yes
IF Staff / Continental Federation Delegation	Yes	Yes	Follow public health request		Yes
LOC / Contractors	Follow public health request	Follow public health request	Follow public health request	Follow public health request	Yes
ParaTriathlon Swim exit assistants	Yes	Follow public health request	Follow public health request	Yes	Yes

CLOSE CONTACT DEFINITION AND PROCESS TO FOLLOW IN CASE OF POSITIVE CASE

In general close contact will be considered any person that has been in the same place as a case, at a distance of less than 2 meters and for more than 15 minutes.

In case of symptoms, stay alone, and call 112.

USE OF MASK/MOUTH-NOSE FACE COVERING AND RUBBER/DISPOSABLE GLOVES

Spanish laws establish that the use of a mask is mandatory for everyone except, for the athletes during the competition. The use of rubber gloves is not mandatory.

ISOLATION TENT AND SUSPICIOUS CASE

During the event, if a Suspicious Case is identified:

- A surgical mask will be provided;
- That person will be taken to the Isolation Tent at the venue, by a staff member;
- The Doctor in charge of the Isolation Tent will call the City Health Service TELEPHONE and follow the given procedure;
- The Isolation Tent will be provided with exclusive bathroom, sealed water and food, surgical masks, hand sanitizers and alcohol solution wipes.

The definition of suspicious case in Spain is anyone with a clinical picture of sudden-onset acute respiratory infection of any severity that includes, among others, fever, cough, or a sensation of shortness of breath.

VENUE AND EVENT STRUCTURE

Information to be updated

CLEANING AND SANITATION

In addition to the cleaning and sanitization measures already in place in common workplaces, further cleaning and sanitization of surfaces that most commonly come into direct contact with people are planned.

In specific entrance areas, products (disinfectant and paper) are supplied to perform self-sanitization of vehicles and workstations.

ATHLETES' SERVICES

AIRPORT TRANSFER

Official information will be announced at the Athletes Guide

TRAINING FACILITIES

Official information will be announced at the Athletes Guide

LOC recommends to swim at Malvarrosa beach, next to the venue. This will be under athletes responsibility, as at this time of the year, there is no rescue service

<https://www.visitvalencia.com/en/what-to-see-valencia/beaches-in-Valencia/city-beaches/la-malvarrosa-beach>

ATHLETES' AND COACHES' BRIEFING

At World Triathlon events, all coaches' presential briefings are cancelled. The briefing will be online.

The athletes' briefing is not mandatory.

All information about the race will be provided through World Triathlon website.

Special rules for the race:

- The online briefing will be held on a date and time consistent with the World Triathlon Competition Rules and will take place online through the Zoom platform.
- Participants will attend the TD presentation and can contribute questions or feedback through the online Q&A function. If people cannot attend the session in real time, the presentation will be recorded and published on the World Triathlon website for later viewing.
- There are no penalties for those who arrive late or miss the online briefing.
- The event briefing will be available on the event's website.
- The TD will be available for any clarifications: Duncan Hough (duncan@kweenb.co.uk).

RACE PACKAGE DISTRIBUTION

The athlete must pick up the race pack in person at the venue. The schedule will be communicated in the week of the event.

COURSE FAMILIARISATIONS

- Swim and Bike course familiarizations will be available only for Elite and ParaTriathletes
- Official trainings are not planned.

EVENT FORMAT

TRANSITION AREA: Bike racks will be horizontal, and the distance between them will be 1 meter.

AID STATIONS: Only water will be provided at the aid stations. Volunteers will distribute the water to the athletes as usual.

PENALTY BOX: It will be organised in such a way as to ensure social distancing.

FINISH AREA: The finish tape will be disinfected between races. Photographers, TV, and Media will stay 20 m from the finish line. After crossing the finish line, the athletes will be directed to a first recovery area, and after they will continue to the athletes' lounge. At the recovery area the athletes will take the water themselves. Next to the finish area the medical area will be located.

SPECIFIC RISK MITIGATION PLANNED

Antigen Test:

- All the athletes, coaches and Technical Officials, will be tested before the event according to the following schedule:
 - ParaTriathlon; from 10:00 to 11:30
 - Elite; from 11:30 to 13:00
- Place – Venue (Marina de Valencia)

Arrival at the venue:

- All the accredited people will access to the venue, through the security gate, to warranty the control of the people that is inside the venue.
- All people will access to event with temperature log, access time, mask detection, and photo log.
- Everything is stored in a file so that the data is available to the health authorities.
- Venue and courses will be completely closed with fences and authorized personnel.
- In the case of any suspicious case, the medical services will be notified.

Capacity Control

The venue size is around 10.000m2

Non-Essential Services

There will be no massage service.

Technical officials

The event will follow the latest published [Prevention guidelines for Event Organizers](#) for COVID-19 of the World Triathlon.

Seating Areas

There will be no spectators during the competition.

Social Distancing

The recommendations of the health authorities, World Triathlon and FETRI in their protocols will be followed.

Races & Sport Presentation

The event will follow the latest published [Prevention guidelines for Event Organizers](#) for COVID-19 of the International Triathlon Union.

HOW TO PROCEED IN CASE AN ATHLETE NEEDS A TEST TO RETURN TO HIS/HER COUNTRY

Antigen Test:

- The test that will be done on Saturday, you need to check if this frame is enough for you to return to your country according to your country regulations.

PCR Test: In case an athlete needs a PCR test to return to the country:

- Athletes, Coaches or NF's need to fill up the questionnaire <https://forms.gle/6Abr35KLCEeW8vWS6>, not latest than 19th of September. We will inform where will be the place to do the test. It is important to submit this request on time, as we need to plan accordingly to have results on time.
- The cost of the PCR test is on the athlete/coach.

- Tests can be performed:
 - Clínica regenerO3. Centro Médico Valencia
 - C. de Chiva, 20, 46018 València, Valencia
 - 684 10 83 76
 - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/bK3WodjAAQk1HHSx7>
 - PCR - 75 €; Antigen - 30 €
 - Days 24, 25 and 26 from 17:00 to 20:00