

# **Covid-19 Concept Paper for 2021 World Triathlon Cup Haeundae 2021 World Triathlon Cup Tongyeong**

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## **COVID-19 officer :**

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## **1. Introduction**

The event will follow [COVID-19 Guidelines](#) published by World Triathlon and International Race Hosting Guidelines released by Korean Sport & Olympic Committee("KSOC") to minimize the risk of COVID-19 and keep the health of all athletes, coaches, staff, volunteer and accredited people for the event safe as our top priority.

Also, the event approved by Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism("MCST") is under regulation of Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency("KDCA")

Korea Triathlon Federation("KTF") and LOC are working closely in consultation with relevant health authorities, Haeundae and Busan to host the event safely.

## **2. Requirements for entering the country**

### **2.1 VISA requirements**

#### **K-ETA (Electronic Travel Authorization)**

Athletes from nations of 49 countries/regions must get K-ETA in order to travel Korea (from 01 September 2021)

✘The list of countries is subjected to change. Travellers are reminded to check the K-ETA website regularly for updates.

Albania, Andorra, Barbados, Dominica, Guam, Guyana, Holy See, Ireland, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, New Caledonia, Nicaragua, Palau, Saint Kitts-Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Slovenia, United Kingdom, United States of America, Venezuela, Greece, Netherlands, Denmark, Germany, Latvia, Romania, Luxembourg, Lithuania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Sweden, Spain, Slovakia, Estonia, Austria, Italy, Czech Republic, Croatia, Portugal, Poland, France, Finland, Hungary, Norway, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Iceland

How to apply for K-ETA for nationals of 49 K-ETA eligible countries :

1. Nationals of 49 K-ETA eligible countries are required to apply through the Korea ETA website or mobile phone app at least 72 hours before departure. (10,000 KRW) - <https://m.k-eta.go.kr/portal/apply/index.do>
2. Application by proxy is available and in the case of group tourists, one representative applicant may apply for up to 30 people at once

### **63 suspended countries for K-ETA (Electronic Travel Authorization)**

**Athletes and officials from nations of 63 countries/regions must ask Korean Triathlon Federation for K-ETA**

Macau, Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam, Singapore, Japan, Kazakhstan, Taiwan, Thailand, Hong Kong, Guatemala, Grenada, Dominican Republic, Bahamas, Brazil, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Haiti, Antigua and Barbuda, El Salvador, Uruguay, Jamaica, Chile, Costa Rica, Colombia, Trinidad and Tobago, Panama, Peru, Canada, Argentina, Honduras, Paraguay, Ecuador, Russia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Nauru, New Zealand, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Fiji, Tonga, Tuvalu, Australia Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Israel, Qatar, Kuwait, Turkey, Republic of South Africa, Lesotho, Morocco, Mauritius, Botswana, Seychelles, Eswatini, Tunisia

Please email Helen Kim at [helen@triathlon.or.kr](mailto:helen@triathlon.or.kr) or contact +82 10 2073 1284 to request for K-ETA : 1. KTF will send you the K-ETA result (official letter) once it is approved by the Ministry of Sports 2. The applicant must carry the K-ETA evaluation result (official letter) to enter Korea NOTE : It will take 2 weeks so please immediately email with a soft copy of your passport photo page.

### **All the other Countries**

Athletes or officials from all the other countries must get a VISA to enter Korea (K-ETA is not applicable) 1. Please contact the nearest Korean Embassy and clarify required documents for getting a VISA 2. If documents from Korea Triathlon Federation (Invitation letter or other documents) are required, please contact Helen Kim at [helen@triathlon.or.kr](mailto:helen@triathlon.or.kr) or +82 10 2073 1284

**NOTE : It will take more than 3 weeks so please immediately email with a soft copy of your passport photo page**

All applications should be received by October 8th, the latest for both events.

## 2.2 Quarantine Exemption Request

### Quarantine Exemption Guideline

1. Application process required for ALL athletes and officials. Please contact KTF to apply for Quarantine Exemption and submit required documents below:
  - a. Quarantine Exemption Application form with sign (refer to the enclosed form 1)
  - b. Agreement to the Terms & Conditions with sign (refer to the enclosed form 2)
  - c. Flight tickets - please also send a copy to the LOC staff and Travel agency on a reservation is made
  - d. Please fill up the form and email to [helen@triathlon.or.kr](mailto:helen@triathlon.or.kr)
2. KTF will request the Ministry of Sports to issue a Quarantine Exemption on your behalf
3. The Ministry of Sports will review the application and send it to the Korean Embassy located in applicant's country
4. The Korean Embassy will issue a Quarantine Exemption Certificate to applicants via email
5. Applicant must bring along 4 copies of Quarantine Exemption Certificate before leaving for Korea



All applications should be received by October 11th, the latest for both events.

## 2.3 COVID-19 Test before entering

In addition to visa and self-quarantine exemption letter, COVID-19 negative certificate is required and below are the requirements to enter Korea.

1. Test Method: Must be based on PCR, LAMP, TMA, SDA.  
(antigenic/antibody tests such as RAT and ELISA are NOT accepted.)

2. Date of issue: Must be issued 72 hours prior to departure date
3. Required information: passport name, date of birth, test method, date of test, test result, date of issue, name of test institution
4. Language: Must be written in Korean or English

For any inquiries related to COVID-19 including any restrictions and other travel issues, please contact Helen Kim at [helen@triathlon.or.kr](mailto:helen@triathlon.or.kr)

## **2.4 COVID- 19 PCR Tests Information for Departures**

### **COVID- 19 PCR Tests Information for Haeundae to Tongyeong**

There is no possibility for an antigenic/antibody test in Korea. The PCR tests will be conducted according to the below schedule:

- 1) For the ones leaving after the Haeundae event:  
PCR test will be conducted on 22nd Oct. Location TBC.  
If a test is needed on a later day please contact Helen [helen@triathlon.or.kr](mailto:helen@triathlon.or.kr)
- 2) For the ones who will move from Haeundae to Tongyeong:  
PCR test will be conducted on 24th Oct in Tongyeong upon arrival.
- 3) For leaving the country after the Tongyeong event:  
PCR test will be conducted on 29th Oct. Location TBC.  
If a test is needed on a later day please contact Helen [helen@triathlon.or.kr](mailto:helen@triathlon.or.kr)

## **3. Risk assessment and mitigation**

The Local Organizing Committee used the WHO risk assessment and risk prevention checklist for "mass gatherings" in the framework of the covid-19 document to design the event.

The LOC is implementing its activities to comply with the 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 athletes will be implemented to access the competition areas with an adequate social distance and an immediate exit once finished. The waiting areas will be restricted and controlled by volunteers or security personnel.

Data collection systems 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 it is confirmed, the protocol established now by the health authorities will be executed.

A dedicated medical staff will be dispatched in the host hotel and should be coordinated through the LOC staff.

#### **4. Individual Responsibility**

- Participants must behave in a certain way during the trip and manage their personal safety by adopting and using at all times. (mask, personal hand sanitizers, individual food and drink and avoid stopping in crowded places)
- Participants must be careful to always keep a distance of at least one meter from other people, especially those who show that they are not feeling well, have a cough or sneezing or may have a fever.
- If participants have symptoms showing acute breathing problems before, during or after the trip, they must seek medical assistance and inform their health care provider of their movements and travel history.
- People who feel sick (fever, cough) should stay at the hotel and stay away from people until the symptoms resolve. In case of illness, you should stay away from the event. Participants must bring their own equipment (water bottle, towels, masks, etc.).
- Participants must wash their hands frequently with soap and warm or alcohol-based water (at least 65-70%) and rub their hands for 20 seconds.
- Avoid the handshake, the hugs and the five.
- Avoid steam baths or saunas.
- Avoid touching the mouth, nose or eyes.
- The sharing of equipment and equipment is prohibited, always use your own equipment and device.
- Before and after the training activities, participants must shower and change their clothes in their hotel rooms.
- There must be no physical contact between participants, coaches or competition officials.
- Participants' travel insurance should cover medical treatment, return home and cancellation of the trip.
- On the race day, athletes must wear a disposable mask until the last minute and a garbage bin will be placed near the starting line so athletes can throw away their masks.
- All athletes, coaches and staff from outside of Korea must only stay in the host hotel and except for scheduled activities, they must stay in their room and are limited to move around the city.
- All athletes can have a meal at the athlete's lounge in the host hotel.

#### **5. Health Screening of Participants**

- We recommend that all athletes continuously monitor their health status (including temperature detection and monitoring of any symptoms) from 14 days before and during the event. It is not
- A temperature check will be carried out every day at the entrance of the venue.

- All athletes, coaches, officials, LOC staff and accredited people will receive a distinguished sticker once the temperature check is done once a day.
- A temperature higher than 38°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.

## **6. World Triathlon Covid-19 Health Screening Process**

The event will follow World Triathlon's Health Screening process.

In this case, the PCR test conducted at the airport in Incheon will be considered as the pre-race test. Also, the PCR test required to enter the country will be considered as the pre-travel test. 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:

1. Fill in the online pre-event questionnaire through the link:
2. Find the World Triathlon Pre-event Covid-19 Screening Guide  
[https://triathlon.org/pre\\_event\\_covid\\_19\\_screening\\_guide](https://triathlon.org/pre_event_covid_19_screening_guide)

## **7. Close Contact Definition**

Below is the definition set by the Korean governing authority:

"The close contact of a possible or confirmed case is defined as:

- A person who has had direct (face-to-face) contact with a case of COVID-19, at a distance of less than 1 meters in close space;
- A person who has stayed in the same room or space as a COVID-19 possible or confirmed case;
- A person who had direct respiratory secretion contact with a COVID-19 case; "

In Case of Positive test (Information Sharing):

- The government of the Republic of Korea collects information about the infected person.
- The area will be sanitized and information will be communicated to the respective authorities

## **8. COVID-19 POSITIVE CASE MANAGEMENT**

In case of symptoms or doubts, all persons involved in the organization or participation in the event must stay at home or at the hotel, do not go to the emergency room or doctor's office by themselves and immediately inform the race medical manager or a person in charge of the organization.

The race doctor and those responsible for the organization will contact the nearest health center to handle the case.

In case of a positive result, it will be reported to the local health authority and he/she will be isolated immediately in a designated place or his/her room and then moved to a hospital to take additional tests, hospitalized and treated until his/her COVID-19 test comes out as negative. The cost of this process could be changeable depending on hospital policy, however, the actual cost will be charged to him/her.

## **9. ACCESSES TO THE EVENT**

The venue will be organized in such a way as to ensure the physical separation (at least 1 meter) of athletes, officials and support staff and no spectators are allowed.

Persons with fever or who have come into contact with people who are positive for the viruses in the previous 14 days are prohibited from entering.

- Body temperature will be measured for all people entering the venue.
- All areas are accessed wearing surgical masks.
- A special signage is put up at all access points.

## **10. 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.

## **11. SERVICES TO ATHLETES**

### **11.1. AIRPORT TRANSFER**

- As per the Athletes Guide.

### **11.2. TRAINING FACILITIES**

- Athletes are not allowed to use training facilities including swimming pool and gym in the host hotel to avoid contacting general users
- As per the event's Athletes Guide.

### **11.3. BRIEFING FOR ATHLETES AND COACHES**

- Elite athletes' briefing will be held online. Links for registration can be found on the respective athletes' guides.

#### **11.4. REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION**

- All AD cards for the athletes, coaches and doctors of the team will be distributed at the official Race Package Pick up.
- Athletes must have their own set of masks and wear the masks during the registration activities.
- The allocated time slot and the social distancing between the athletes guided by LOC must be respected inside the distribution room.
- If an athlete is not present and there is a waiting list, the athlete must be replaced according to standard procedures.
- The problem should be reported to World Triathlon Entries [entries@triathlon.org](mailto:entries@triathlon.org)
- During the accreditation phase the figures of the "Head Referee" and/or "Technical Delegate" must be present at the race pack pick-up.

#### **11.5 RACE PACK DELIVERY**

- The athlete must pick up the race pack in person and within a time window of two hours at the place indicated by the organization. The pick-up time will be communicated by the organization according to the World Triathlon Competition Rules (2.7).
- During registration, all Elite Athletes will be required to wear disposable masks.

Time slots for each country will be announced soon.

#### **11.6. ATHLETES LOUNGES**

- All volunteers in the Athletes Lounges must wear disposable masks.
- Inside the venues and in the waiting lines, the athletes will be enforced to keep social distance (at least 1 meter). The distance will be indicated by signs and marked with a tape on the floor. The athletes must deposit their bags at the point assigned to them.
- All Athletes will be required to wear disposable masks.

#### **11.7. ATHLETES CHECK-IN**

- All the activities will be simplified and carried out in the shortest possible time with the aim of avoiding crowds.
- All volunteers, technicians and staff will be required to wear disposable masks.
- Inside the venues and in the waiting lines, the athletes will be enforced to keep social distance (at least 1 meter).
- Any checks of the equipment and competition equipment used by the athletes must be carried out visually.
- Officials may need to carry out a manual check of equipment and fittings. In this case,



hygienic wipes will be available for the athletes to clean the equipment after the race officials have checked it.

- All athletes will be required to wear disposable masks during this phase.

#### **11.8. COURSE FAMILIARIZATION**

- As per the Athletes' Guide.

#### **11.9. CONTROL OF THE INCOMING AND OUTGOING TRANSITION ZONE**

- In the entrance row to the Transition area athletes must always keep social distance (at least 1 meter).
- All equipment checks must be performed as visual checks.
- Officials may need to do a physical check. In this case, sanitary towels will be available for athletes to clean the equipment after the officials have checked the equipment.
- All athletes will be required to wear disposable masks during this phase.
- Athletes are requested to check out immediately after the end of the race.

#### **11.10. START RACE**

- The Women's race and the Men's race will be held two hours apart to ensure the sanitization of the environments and equipment between one race and another.
- At the start the athletes will be lined up keeping a distance of 2 meters and 1 meter at the start for the swim.
- Athletes have to wear disposable masks at the athletes' introduction area up until the time they are introduced. There will be a bin to place your masks before you go on the pontoon.

#### **11.11. RACE VENUE**

- Only accredited people will have access to the venue entrance, temperature check.
- Venue and course will be completely closed with fences and authorized personnel.
- Signages related to COVID-19 will be pop up at all the times within the venue to remind social distancing.

#### **11.12. AID STATIONS**

- The aid stations will be managed with a larger number of volunteers and according to World Triathlon rules.
- A team of volunteers will take care of the management of the aid stations and another one for the collection of bottles and/or glasses used by the athletes.
- All volunteers will wear masks.
- The length of the aid stations will follow the World Triathlon rules.
- Only water will be provided at the aid stations.

### **11.13. PENALTY BOX**

- The penalty box will be managed according to World Triathlon regulations for World Cup races.
- They will be organized and positioned in such a way as to ensure social distancing.

### **11.14. MEDAL CEREMONIES**

- The Medal Ceremonies will be carried out according to the World Triathlon protocol, with modifications due to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Special measures will be taken as follows:
  - The podium will have a distance of 2m between the medalists.
  - The athletes will take the podium and collect their medal from the medal stand by themselves. Flowers and champagne are not allowed. We recommend athletes to wear masks during this activity.
  - Only one VIP will be admitted to the prize-giving stage for each ceremony, who will not be able to get in contact with the athletes and will always have to wear the mask.
  - Only one volunteer is involved in the ceremonies, who prepares the trophies on separate trays for each athlete. The volunteer is strongly recommended to wear the mask.
  - The volunteer must disinfect the trays between the podiums.
  - Handshakes or hugs between athletes should always be avoided.
  - The VIP and the athletes can take off the mask during the photo at the end of the ceremony.

### **11.15. PUBLIC AREAS**

- No spectators are allowed so LOC will control the whole venue areas to avoid contacting spectators.