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## COVID-19 CONCEPT PAPER

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## **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 Yenişehir Municipality, that is the authority with competences in terms of health.

Depending on the pandemic data and health status in Turkey at any given moment in time, new rules could come into place in different regions of Turkey.

### **Travel to Turkey**

Within the scope of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic measures, the following decisions regarding entry to Türkiye have been taken by the official authorities of the Republic of Türkiye, effective as of March 4, 2022.

Accordingly, passengers who meet at least one of the conditions listed below are allowed to enter Türkiye and will also be exempt from the quarantine application.

Quarantine measures will not be applied to the following:

- 1- Passengers who have received at least two doses of the vaccines approved for emergency use by the World Health Organization or by Türkiye (one dose for Johnson & Johnson), who submit a document stating that their most recent vaccination took place at least 14 days earlier;
- 2- Passengers who submit a document issued by the relevant country's official authorities stating that they have had the virus within the last 6 months. The 6-month period starts from the 28th day of the first PCR positive test result; and
- 3- Passengers who, before entering Türkiye, present a negative PCR test result received within the last 72 hours or a negative rapid antigen test taken within the last 48 hours.
  - Passengers under the age of 12 are exempted from the PCR/antigen test report and the submission of a vaccine certificate.
  - The requirements listed above do not apply for transfer passengers from international line to international line.
  - Seamen and truck drivers are exempted from SARS-CoV-2 PCR testing and the quarantine application.
  - It is obligatory for all passengers to wear masks at the airports and during the flights.
  - The vaccination certificates of Serbia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Iraq, Libya, Japan, Indonesia, Philippines, and Egypt are accepted by the Republic of Türkiye for passengers who will enter Türkiye with a vaccination certificate.

Participants may check the restrictions, visa and travel situations via these websites which were created by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and Turkey Directorate General of Civil Aviation:

<https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/world.php>



<https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/passport-visa-health-travel-document-requirements.htm>

<http://web.shgm.gov.tr/tr/genel-duyurular/6533-covid-19-tedbirleri-kapsaminda-ulkelere-giris-tablosu-y-ayimlandi>

## **PCR TEST NEEDS FOR DEPARTURE FROM TURKEY**

Contact person:TBA

E-Mail:TBA

Phone Number:TBA

The information for all travelers who need to make a PCR test for departure;

Location: TBA

Days and Time:TBA

Cost: TBA

Results: Results can be given within 12 hours after the specimen given. Test Results are available from the government's website "e-nabiz" or it can be sent to email addresses.

Usually the PCR tests are demanded within 48 hours before the flight landing time so individuals should come to pcr testing area 48 hours before their flights. It is better for them to show their flight documents to be sure for the proper time that the test should be done.

## **LETTER OF INVITATIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS**

The NF can, on request, provide invitation letters.

For invitation letter please contact with Busra Sarioğlu

E-mail: [busrasarioglu@triatlon.org.tr](mailto:busrasarioglu@triatlon.org.tr)

COVID Coordinator: For any question related with COVID restrictions please contact with Dr. Begüm Özüekren Kasapoglu.

E-mail address: [drbozuekren@yahoo.com](mailto:drbozuekren@yahoo.com)

Phone: +90 532 710 89 14

- All athletes, coaches, officials and guides should fill out the form, which you can find the link below.

<https://forms.gle/p5VkrK26J1MbKf7p9>



## **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 distancing 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.

## **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 Turkey, 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.

## **World Triathlon Pre-Event Covid-19 Screening Process**

All athletes along with the support staff applying for accreditation this event must respect the following pre-event Covid-19 screening conditions (as a minimum):

- Fill in the online pre-event questionnaire
- Perform a PCR pre-travel test 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.



- World Triathlon has developed an online tool for the World Triathlon pre-event Covid-19 screening process. Please follow the instructions below based on your role at the event to learn how to submit the questionnaire and upload the necessary documents [https://triathlon.org/pre\\_event\\_covid\\_19\\_screening\\_guide](https://triathlon.org/pre_event_covid_19_screening_guide)

Additional conditions may be imposed on events from the local health authorities. These additional measures will be communicated to all via the events' Athletes Guides.

#### **World Triathlon Event COVID-19 screening process**

- Antigen tests for all athletes, coaches, officials and support NF personnel are required at the event location. A time and place for these tests will be determined by the LOC.
- Daily health screening is also required in all events.
- • The above process is a standard process in all the events this season. Additional conditions may be imposed on events from the local health authorities. These additional measures will be communicated to all via the events' athletes guides.

A summary of the pre-event and event COVID-19 screening process can be found at the table below:

Categories	Pre-event questionnaire	Process before traveling	Medical certificate before travelling	COVID-19 test at event	Daily health screening
Elite athletes	In case of stand alone event only			In case of stand alone event only	yes
U23 athletes					yes
Junior athletes					yes
Para triathlon athletes/ personal handlers/ guides					yes
Youth athletes	n/a	Respect the travel regulations set by the host country	Follow public health or World Triathlon request	Follow public health request	yes
AG athletes				In case of stand alone event only	yes
Coaches/team medical/ support NF personnel	In case of stand alone event only			In case of stand alone event only	yes
TDs /ITOs/NTOs/ Competition Jury	In case of stand alone event only			yes for the ones in close contact with the athletes; the others follow public health request	yes
IF/Continental Federation Delegations	In case of stand alone event only			Follow public health request	yes
LOC/ Contractors	Follow public health request			In case of stand alone event only	yes
Para triathlon swim exit assistants	In case of stand alone event only				yes

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

In general, any person will be considered as a “close contact” that has been in the same place as a positive case, within 1 meter or less during at least 15 minutes. In case of any symptoms or respiratory difficulties, you must isolate yourself immediately and call 112.

Any person tested positive to Covid-19, will be placed in quarantine by the Turkish authorities and will not be authorized to leave the country.

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

According to World Triathlon the use of a mask is mandatory for all athletes, technical officials and team support (except, for the athletes during the competition). Country laws will determine the use of masks for the LOC staff, volunteers and each contractor. The use of rubber gloves is not mandatory. It is very important to respect social distancing.

## **ISOLATION TENT AND SUSPICIOUS CASE**

During the event, if a Suspicious Case is identified:

- A surgical mask will be applied (provided or used), preferably by the own Suspicious Case (need to clarify if athletes/team members must have their own and spares);
- That person will be taken to the Isolation Tent by a staff member;
- The Doctor in charge of the Isolation Tent will call the National Health Service and follow the given procedure;
- The Isolation Tent will be provided with an exclusive bathroom, sealed water and food, surgical masks, hand sanitizers and alcohol solution wipes.

The definition of a suspicious case is fever, chills, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss or changes in sense of smell or taste.

## **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**

You can find the email address and phone number below for your transfer requests.

E-mail: [triathlon@olcartour.com](mailto:triathlon@olcartour.com)

Phone: 00905333926969

### **TRAINING FACILITIES**

Track and Field:

[Nevin Yanıt Atletizm Pisti](#)

8:00 to 10:00 or 19:00 to 21:00



Swimming Pool:

[Olimpik Yüzme Havuzu](#)

8:30 to 10:30 or 16:00 to 18:00

## **ATHLETE LOUNGE:**

Use of masks will be mandatory as well as social distancing and all the provisions for use of hand sanitizer.

## **ATHLETES' AND COACHES' BRIEFING**

Briefings will be online.

All information about the race will be provided through WORLD TRIATHLON website.

Special rules for the events:

- The online briefing will be held on a date and time consistent with the World Triathlon Competition Rules and will either be pre-recorded and available only on the events' website or take place online.
- If live, 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 race briefing will be available and accessible on the events' website.
- The TDs will be available for any clarification via email or on site.

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## **RACE PACKAGE DISTRIBUTION**

Athletes will collect their race packages in person at the time and location indicated by the LOC. The exact time slots for each NF will be communicated the week of the event. In case of any positive cases from the antigen tests done prior to the race pack distribution, the involved athlete will not be able to collect the race package and covid-19 isolation protocols will apply.

## **COURSE FAMILIARISATIONS**

- Bike course familiarization will take place (time to be confirmed)
- Swim course familiarization will take place (time to be confirmed)
- Official training is not planned.

## **PROVISIONAL EVENT SCHEDULE**





### Friday, 15 April 2022

08:00 – 09:00	Antigen Tests & Race packet pick up Juniors
09:00 – 11:00	Antigen Tests & Race packet pick up Elites
10:00 – 11:00	Race Briefing Juniors (Online Zoom Briefing)
11:00 – 12:00	Race Briefing Elites (Online Zoom Briefing)
14:00 – 15:00	Swim Familiarization Juniors
15:00 – 16:00	Swim Familiarization Elites

### Saturday, 16 April 2022

07:00 – 07:45	Bike Familiarization for Juniors and Elites (all together)
12:30	Transition opens for Junior Women
14:00	Junior Women race starts
15:00	Transition opens for Junior Men
16:30	Junior Men race starts
18:00	Medal ceremony

### Sunday, 17 April 2022

12:30	Transition opens for Elite Women
14:00	Elite Women race starts
15:00	Transition opens for Elite Men
16:30	Elite Men race starts
18:00	Medal ceremony

**TRANSITION AREA:** Bike racks will be individual, and the distance between them will be 2 meters.

**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**

Arrival at the venue:

- All the accredited people will access to the venue, through the control access point, to warranty the control of the people that are accessing the venue.



- All people will access the 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 the field of play will be completely closed with fences and authorized personnel.
- In the case of any suspicious case, the medical services will be notified.

**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 spectators during the competition. Social Distancing: The recommendations of the health authorities, World Triathlon and NATIONAL FEDERATION 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 World Triathlon.