

RESTARTING INTERNATIONAL
BADMINTON TOURNAMENTS

SAFETY PROTOCOLS & OPERATING PROCEDURES





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1.0 Introduction:

The COVID-19 pandemic saw the suspension of both domestic and international badminton tournaments. The last top flight tournament played was the Yonex All England Open in March this year.

However, with the world showing some signs of recovery from the pandemic and many aspects of life returning to a “new normal”, some governments have given the go ahead for sports competitions to restart, albeit with many restrictions.

It is understandable that there are still concerns on the spread of the virus and these measures, including the mandatory testing, are designed to alleviate some of these concerns.

The BWF is also preparing to restart international badminton tournaments and the following guidance has been published to assist BWF Major Championships and HSBC BWF World Tour host organising committees in the staging of their Badminton tournaments in 2020 due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

It is also recommended that these guidelines can be used for BWF Tour and BWF Grade 3 tournaments, however this should be discussed in consultation with the relevant hosts and Continental Confederation. The advice is based on WHO guidelines for sports events and mass gatherings. In addition to these guidelines, each host organising committee must strictly follow the advice and measures put in place by their local and/or national health authorities.

The measures put in place aim to create the safest possible environment for all stakeholders involved in the tournament including players, organising committee work force, volunteers, media and technical officials.

Key to creating a safe environment is the creation of a “badminton family bubble”, and this involves making it mandatory for each and everyone in this bubble to be tested at each tournament.

As the situation around COVID-19 hopefully improve as time goes by, BWF may remove some of the guidelines and/or provide dispensation to some of the described procedures. If however the situation worsens BWF may also strengthen the guidelines and request additional requirements be put in place.

2.0 Testing Plan

To ensure the safest possible environment for players and entourage, BWF will be implementing a COVID-19 testing plan for each Major Championships and HSBC BWF World Tour tournament, which will entail a group of accredited personnel being tested prior to each event. The aim is to as much as possible create infection free ‘bubbles’ within the venue environment. All players and team entourage will be required to undertake COVID-19 PCR tests at each Major Championships and HSBC BWF World Tour tournaments.

There will be at least one mandatory test per player at each event.

2.1 Zones

Tournament personnel will be divided into three categories – Green, Orange and Red:

Green	Orange	Red
Players *	Media	Spectators
Entourage **	TV staff	Spectator stewards
Umpires	Photographers	Spectator security
Referees	Security	Spectator catering
Line judges	Venue volunteers	VIP's
Tournament doctors	Cleaners	
BWF staff and partners	Venue staff	
Team liaison officers	Catering personnel	
Stringers	Sponsors	
Visual Reality	BWF Council	
Shuttle control	Sports presentation	
FOP management team		
Player assembly point managers		
Anti-doping control		
Prize presentation ushers and prize presenters etc		
BWF appointed media		

*BWF will provide support to the testing plan, which will be limited to a fixed accreditation number and all players must be tested.

** Teams to limit the number of personnel in the entourage based on a need-to basis. Any accredited entourage over and above the accreditation limit will be required to undertake testing at their own cost.

Green – Tested, mandatory temperature check

Orange – Not tested, mandatory temperature check

Red – Not tested, non-mandatory temperature check (LOC to decide if required)

Green

The Green category includes all stakeholders that will come into direct contact with the players and players' entourage. All these will be tested on arrival to the tournament city preferably at the venue. The local organising committee should consider reconfiguring the accreditation zones so that the Green Group stakeholders are isolated from the Orange and Red groups as much as possible.

Orange

The Orange Group includes all stakeholders that would normally be considered to come into contact with the players and players' entourage on an irregular basis during tournament. This group will not be tested however will be subjected to mandatory temperature checks and/or other operating guidelines issued by BWF upon entry to the venue. Special protocols will be in place for media and TV RHB's, please see below for more information. The Orange Group should be isolated as much as possible from the Green and Red groups.

Red

The Red Group includes personnel who would not ordinarily come into contact with players and players' entourage. This group does not need to undergo testing or temperature checks unless advised by the local health authority. At no time should personnel from the Red Group come into contact or be in the vicinity of the Green Group. An example of this would be security, if stewards are mandated to check bags upon entry for both spectators and accredited persons then the spectator stewards should check spectators for the entire event and not switch to accredited persons at any point.

2.2 Accreditation Zone Considerations

The Accreditation Zones should be marked and enforced to minimise contact between Green and Orange groups, Orange and Red groups and to ensure that there is no contact between Red and Green Groups.

In order to ensure minimum interaction between personnel from the different groups, the LOC should consider allocating the same resources (ie: volunteers) to the same section/area. For example, the group of volunteers assigned to manage the Players' Lounge should be the same group of volunteers for the duration of the tournament.

LOC should also only allocate minimum number of volunteers in order to service a particular section/area. Too many volunteers mean greater risk exposure. This potentially may result in volunteers/officials in the Green Group to work longer hours.

The final accreditation zones and flow of movement will be developed in a consensus between BWF and LOC/Host based on the needs/logistics/design of each venue.

In developing the Accreditation Zones, it must always be a consideration to minimise the footprint and movement of personnel in each group. If the venue is within walking distance to the hotel, if possible, it is recommended that the same route be used for members of the Green Group in order to avoid unnecessary interaction with other persons.

2.3 Testing procedure

The exact testing procedures will be determined by the local health authority or designated testing body at each event and will be communicated to Member Associations before the tournament. The tests will be carried out in a secure environment at a designated test facility on arrival (typically the Saturday and Sunday – or earlier depending on start of the

tournament) before the event with results available as soon as possible. In addition, follow up testing during the weeks of competition will be conducted with a relevant frequency (will be announced at a later time), to continuously validate that the Green Group Personnel (see section 2.1 and 2.1) is not infected. **Accreditation passes will only be issued to Green Group Personnel (see section 2.1 and 2.2) once a negative test has been obtained.**

The total number of people in the Green Group will be determined by BWF in consultation with the LOC.

2.4 Testing Strategy

The testing strategy is divided into the following:

- a) Players / entourage leaving home country to participate in first tournament – all players / entourage leaving from their home base must be tested and possess documentation to state that they have tested negative for COVID 19. The cost is to be borne by the respective Member Association/player(s)/entourage.
- b) Players entering a new country after traveling or playing in a competition in a different country – players /entourage to be tested upon arrival either at the airport, venue or other designated testing facility with results to be received as soon as possible. Tournament activities will not include qualifying rounds as limitation will have to be put on number of participants and to ensure that the schedule of the tournament can be conducted in an appropriate way.
- c) Further testing will be done during the week to continuously validate that participants are free from infection. Exact timing for testing to be notified to participants ahead of the tournaments, but if needed further testing can required with a short notice notification. **All testing activities are mandatory and a prerequisite to getting an accreditation and access to the tournament.**

It is highly recommended that the majority of players aim to arrive in a tournament city latest by Sunday morning (earlier for Major Championships – i.e. Tuesday but latest Wednesday morning) so as to ensure the tests are carried out and results obtained before official practice start.

2.5 Test Method (subject to further confirmation)

The PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) method will be used as this test is effective in confirming the presence of COVID-19 virus. This test requires having both a nasal swab and throat swab sample taken and analysed whether the individual is infected or not.

Depending on the locality, a test result can be obtained between 30 minutes to 72 hours.

3.0 New Minimum Requirements for all BWF Major Championships and HSBC BWF World Tour hosts

Area	Guidelines
No Qualifying rounds	With immediate effect and until 31 Dec 2020 or decided otherwise by BWF, all HSBC BWF World Tour tournaments activities will not include qualifying rounds as limitation will have to be put on number of participants and to ensure that the schedule of the tournament can be conducted in an appropriate way.
COVID 19 PCR Test (departure from home base)	It is mandatory that all players, coaches, managers and team entourage leaving their Member Association's base are tested and return a negative test result. This is to ensure that participants have at least travelled and start the Championships with some assurance that they are COVID 19 free. This test must be done using the PCR method and should be done no later than three (3) days before arriving at the tournament airport. This test is to be done at the team/player's own cost
Mandatory Test COVID 19 PCR Test (upon arrival at tournament base)	Host in consultation with BWF will implement COVID 19 PCR test on all personnel to be given Green Group access. The final number of personnel to be tested will be subject to BWF approval. The BWF will come up with a financial package to help implement this strategy No Green Group accreditation is to be issued if a person declines or does not go through this test.
Temperature screening	Each day, accredited persons are required to be temperature-screened each time upon entering the venue. The screening is a rapid-fire temperature check at venue entry points such as the accreditation entrance and media entrance. This is to ensure that any potential symptomatic persons are identified and can be seen by medical staff before coming into contact with other event personnel.
Face Masks	Green Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When preparing or playing in a match, wearing of face mask is <u>not required</u> - When not preparing or playing but in the Green Zone, wearing of face mask <u>is required</u> Orange Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must wear face mask when in Green Zones - Encouraged to wear face mask when in other zones Red Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wearing of face mask is dictated by advice from local health authorities

Physical Distancing	The rules for physical distancing shall be closely followed and exercised throughout the tournament. The provided facilities and available spaces/areas should be set up in way that physical distancing is respected and/or follows guidelines issued by the local health authorities. In the absence of local guidelines, a minimum distance of 1 metre is recommended.
Shaking Hands	No shaking hands before the start of the match, after match, at prize giving ceremonies, nor any souvenir presentation ceremonies, meet and greet activities. Instead of shaking hands, players can touch rackets with their opponents and nod/put their hand across their chest when greeting the match officials.
Prize Ceremonies	All participants/personnel involved in the prize presentation ceremony must disinfect their hands with alcohol-based hand sanitisers before the start of the ceremony. Physical distancing regulations shall be followed at all times.
Dedicated Isolation Rooms/Areas	All venues must have dedicated isolation rooms for medical examination which are situated away from spectator and busy back of house areas. Furthermore, pre-determined routes to the isolation rooms that avoid populated areas should be assigned.
Medical Personnel	Qualified medical personnel as per local health authority guidelines/qualifications must be available to handle any COVID-19 suspected cases.
On Court Interview	On-court interviews will not be implemented.
Service Judge Provisions	Service Judge must wear latex gloves or use alcohol-based hand sanitisers whenever on duty during a match and always practice good hygiene measures such as not touching their face, sneezing into their hands, etc.

4.0 General Guidelines for hosts:

4.1 General

Area	Guidelines
Information	LOC must ensure to inform all participants about the exact provisions in place in connection with the event. This shall be communicated in conjunction with BWF to all parties in due time in advance of the tournament. This information is required when submitting the prospectus for the tournament.
Communication Strategy	The LOC shall develop a crisis communication strategy for COVID-19 before the event.



	<p>A designated person – spokesperson shall be appointed to lead all media activities and manage all external communications related to COVID-19. In the case of a COVID-19 related incident, all communications should not be released without approval from the nominated BWF official. This is to ensure a coherent approach and a standardised message.</p>
Preventive/Protective Measures	<p>Alcohol-based hand sanitisers must be available in all Green Zones/lounges in Green Zones and should be available throughout the venue and in all communal areas such as the TO’s lounge and media centre.</p> <p>Common areas, door handles, toilet handles, changing rooms shall be disinfected several times a day.</p> <p>It is also advised to keep room doors open or have them managed by volunteers wherever possible, in order to minimise the number of people touching the handles.</p> <p>Closed bins for safe disposal of hygienic materials shall be provided in all rooms.</p> <p>The display of health advisories at the venue is encouraged, reminding participants to maintain high levels of personal hygiene.</p> <p>For the use of face masks, please refer to section on face masks.</p>
Volunteers Workforce	<p>The number of volunteers shall be reviewed and kept to the absolute necessary.</p> <p>The age and health record of the volunteer to be considered before signing on volunteers. This is to avoid having volunteers who may be at greater risk if exposed to COVID-19.</p>
Umpires Hotel Rooms	<p>It is recommended all umpires are accommodated in single rooms.</p>

4.2 Organisation

Area	Guidelines
Airport Arrivals/Pick-up	<p>The LOC must collect all necessary information for arrival passengers and share this with the tournament participants accordingly. All participants must adhere to the local health/airport authorities’ guidelines for entering the country.</p> <p>Wherever possible, each arriving team shall be transported separately. If not possible, the LOC shall ensure that there are empty seats between players on the buses.</p>

	<p>However, teams arriving on the same flight can share the same bus/transport as long as physical distancing is observed.</p>
Hotel Check-in/Liaison Desk	<p>The check-in procedures shall be organised in a way that physical distancing is respected and shall be managed as quickly as possible.</p> <p>LOC/host to discuss with the official hotels on managing queue/use of common areas (pool, gym, breakfast room).</p>
Transport	<p>The LOC shall plan to minimise the mixing of teams during transfers between the official hotel and the main & practice halls. In addition, there shall be empty seats between players on the buses.</p> <p>Temperature screening is recommended before participants board the bus.</p> <p>Bus drivers are also recommended to wear face mask and to be temperature screened before operating the bus.</p> <p>The host/LOC also to ensure the service provider disinfect/sanitises the bus regularly</p>
Contact-tracing	<p>Host to seek advice from local health authorities and stadium authorities on contact tracing requirements.</p>
Accreditation Centre	<p>The accreditation desk shall be set up in a way to respect physical distancing. The number of people at the accreditation centre at any one time shall be limited and controlled.</p>
Official Briefings	<p>The number of team managers attending the meeting shall be limited and it is recommended that each team only send one representative unless absolutely necessary to send another staff, mainly for managers who may require interpreters/translators.</p> <p>Seating arrangements should be set up in a way that there is at least 1m between seats.</p> <p>Host should also ensure that the meeting room is sanitized and cleaned before any briefing/meeting takes place.</p> <p>Both the team managers' meeting and umpires briefing should include a COVID-19 update from host on the current situation locally, including the exact protocols for suspected and confirmed patients, infection prevention and control measures as well as where to find more information.</p>
Welcome Dinner	<p>Any activities or functions involving bringing together large groups of people should be avoided, therefore organizing a welcome dinner should be considered carefully.</p>



<p>Flow of Movement</p>	<p>Wherever possible, the flow of movement within the venue should be one-directional. Corridors and narrow spaces are advised to be kept free to allow movement.</p> <p>Accreditation and access areas to be colour coded – green, orange and red in order to ensure all accredited personnel and spectators/non-accredited personnel stay in their respective zones.</p> <p>The final accreditation zones and flow of movement will be developed in consensus between BWF and LOC/Host based on the needs/logistics/design of each venue.</p> <p>In developing the accreditation zones, it must always be a consideration to minimise the footprint and movement of personnel in each group. If the venue is within walking distance to the hotel, if possible, it is recommended that the same route be used for members of the Green Group in order to avoid unnecessary interaction with other persons.</p>
<p>Venue Catering</p>	<p>Catering outlets shall introduce a queuing system, with customer positions marked on the floor at least 1m apart or as per local health authority guidelines. If tables were set up, these shall be placed at least 1m apart as well, with the number of customers limited based on the size of the table.</p>

4.3 Player Facilities

Area	Guidelines
<p>Warm-up Courts</p>	<p>Access and use of warm-up courts shall be controlled. The courts shall only be accessed by athletes with upcoming matches.</p> <p>Each court shall accommodate a maximum of eight players, where all players adhering to the physical distancing regulations. If there are more players waiting to warm up, a time limit must be imposed and controlled by the organisers in consultation with the Referee.</p> <p>This area needs to be cleaned/wiped down with disinfectant regularly.</p> <p>Access to the warm up courts is strictly on a need-to basis and applicable to accredited personnel who have Green Zone access.</p> <p>Volunteers/stewards assigned to this area shall be the same personnel for the duration of the tournament and the number must be strictly controlled.</p>



<p>Practice Courts</p>	<p>The LOC shall try their best efforts to limit the mixing of teams on the official transport to the practice hall.</p> <p>The practice schedule shall be prepared in a way that minimises the number of people at the practice hall at any one time.</p> <p>This area needs to be cleaned/wiped down with disinfectant regularly.</p> <p>Access to the practice courts is strictly on a need-to basis and applicable to accredited personnel who have Green Zone access.</p> <p>Volunteers/stewards assigned to this area shall be the same personnel for the duration of the tournament and the number must be strictly controlled.</p>
<p>Players’ Lounge</p>	<p>LOC shall consider setting up a players’ lounge which is spacious enough to accommodate players by following the physical distancing measures. Group set-up shall be avoided, any tables, sofas, beanbags shall be placed at least 1m apart. The lounge shall be cleaned and disinfected several times a day.</p> <p>If the size of the lounge is rather small, limiting the number of players in the lounge or limiting the time spent in the lounge can be another solution for keeping the physical distancing measures.</p> <p>If food is served, then it is recommended to have packed food or as advised by the local health authority.</p> <p>Access to the players’ lounge is strictly on a need-to basis and applicable to accredited personnel who have Green Zone access.</p> <p>Volunteers/stewards assigned to this area shall be the same personnel for the duration of the tournament and the number must be strictly controlled.</p> <p>As general advice, all players/coaches/managers/entourage are encouraged to go back to their respective hotel upon completion of their match/duty/duties. This is to avoid crowding and to reduce risk of exposure to any unwanted virus/disease.</p>
<p>Players’ Seating Area</p>	<p>Players’ seats shall be arranged in a way that there is adequate space between and around each seat. There must be a minimum of 1m space or as advised by the local health authority.</p> <p>The LOC, in consultation with BWF, must identify a route that avoids players/coaches/managers/entourage from crossing or getting into the seating area through Orange or Red zones.</p> <p>As general advice, all players/coaches/managers/entourage are encouraged to go back to their respective hotel upon completion</p>

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Dressing Room(s)	It is highly recommended that players avoid using dressing room showers unless absolutely necessary.
Physio Services	Both the physio and the players are advised to wear mask during the treatment. The physio bed and equipment must be disinfected after use. In case multiple physios are available, it is advised to place the physio beds in separate rooms.
Stringing Service	<p>The setup of stringing service shall follow the physical distancing rules, with each machine placed at least 1m apart. The collection points should be within the back of house areas and not public areas.</p> <p>The drop off and collection of rackets for stringing service shall be arranged in a way that there is minimal contact between the players and the stringers.</p>
Hotel Fitness/Wellness	The organising committee shall advise participants on the exact rules of using the gyms and wellness areas in the official hotels.

4.4 Field Of Play (FOP)

Area	Guidelines
Player Assembly Area	<p>Technical Officials and player positions in the assembly area shall be pre-marked on the floor and must keep a distance of 1 metre between positions.</p> <p>If space does not permit, a staggered start must be put in place in order to respect physical distancing rules.</p> <p>Access to the players' assembly area is strictly on a need-to basis and applicable to accredited personnel who have Green Zone access.</p>
Match Control	<p>The number of personnel at the match control desk must conform to physical distancing guidelines from the local health authority.</p> <p>In the absence of such guidelines from the local health authority, a minimum distance of 1 metre between and around each personnel is mandatory.</p> <p>Access to match control is strictly on a need-to basis and applicable to accredited personnel who have Green Zone access.</p>

<p>Instant Review System (Hawk-eye)</p>	<p>The number of personnel at the Instant Review Operations desk must conform to physical distancing guidelines from the local health authority.</p> <p>In the absence of such guidelines from the local health authority, a minimum distance of 1 metre between and around each personnel is mandatory.</p>
<p>Live Streaming</p>	<p>The number of personnel at the live streaming operations desk must conform to physical distancing guidelines from the local health authority.</p> <p>In the absence of such guidelines from the local health authority, a minimum distance of 1 metre between and around each personnel is mandatory.</p>
<p>Player March-on and March-off</p>	<p>During the player march-on and march-off procedures, adequate distance shall be kept between the participants. Whenever possible, TOs and players shall be announced and walk-on separately. The flow of movement on the FOP shall be one-directional.</p>
<p>Player Clothes Boxes</p>	<p>To be cleaned after each match/change of ends. This can be done either by a volunteer or line judge.</p>
<p>Commercially Branded Players' Chairs (if applicable)</p>	<p>To be cleaned after each match/change of ends. This can be done either by a volunteer or line judge.</p>
<p>Trophy Walk-on (if applicable)</p>	<p>The number of people involved in the Trophy walk-on shall be limited to the absolute minimum. The trophy and the trophy pedestal shall both be disinfected before the walk-on procedure.</p>
<p>Coin Toss</p>	<p>If the same coin is used for multiple matches, the coin shall be disinfected between matches. Umpires shall ensure that there is adequate space between players during the coin toss.</p> <p>All coin tosses by guests/sponsors is suspended until further notice by BWF.</p>
<p>Shuttlecock Dispenser</p>	<p>A shuttlecock dispenser must be provided at each end of the court. The dispenser will be managed/loaded by shuttlecock control staff. When a player wants to change a shuttlecock and is allowed to do so by the Umpire, the player takes a shuttlecock from the dispenser and returns the used shuttlecock to the Service Judge with the racket or drops it into the shuttle box.</p>
<p>Coaching</p>	<p>Each player/pair is only allowed one coach while playing.</p>

4.5 Media

Area	Guidelines
<p>Interview Area - Mixed Zone or Press Conference Room</p>	<p>Until further instructed by BWF, all hosts are to provide an interview area at the tournament. This can be a Mixed Zone set up or Press Conference Room but all interviews will be conducted by the following personnel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) BWF designated magazine crew – the crew members will be tested and be given Green Group access. This crew will need to be separated from other media personnel and located in the Green Group area b) Host Broadcaster - the crew members will be tested and be given Green Group access. This crew will need to be separated from other media personnel and located in the Green Group area c) Rights holding broadcasters - the crew members will be tested and be given Green Group access. This crew will need to be separated from other media personnel and located in the Green Group area <p>No other members of the media/journalists/photographers are allowed in the interview area and these media shall be allocated Orange Group access.</p> <p>The order of priority for the interview is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Host Broadcaster 2. Rights holding Broadcasters (RHB) 3. BWF/Infront <p>Given the limited number of media/crew allowed to be in the interview area, it is important for the hosts to ensure the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Availability of translators in the interview area especially Japanese and Korean languages. These translators must also be tested and confirmed negative for COVID 19. b) Strong and stable internet connection for the BWF crew to upload the interviews and/or send the video/audio to the media centre. c) A holding area may be required as the crew can only do one interview at a time. If a holding area is unavailable, then players will be allowed to go for their cool down but on the provision that they will be called back for the interview once the earlier interview is completed.

	<p>The BWF will review all media requirements/guidelines from time to time and will update the requirements depending on whether the COVID 19 situation improves or worsens.</p>
Media Centre	<p>The shared media centre is only for Orange Group media personnel.</p> <p>Accredited media representatives must be limited, taking into account physical distancing and the available space. Seating arrangements in the media centre shall also follow the rules set on physical distancing, with 1m distance between each seat and each row of seats.</p> <p>In the absence of local health authority guideline on minimum distance, a 1 metre space is required between and around each seat/table.</p> <p>All interviews conducted by the BWF designated magazine crew shall be made available for Orange Group accredited media via video/audio/flash quotes by the local organising committee/host.</p>
Media Tribune	<p>Similar to the media centre, seating arrangements on the media tribune shall also respect physical distancing guidelines.</p> <p>In the absence of local health authority guideline on minimum distance, a 1 metre space is required between and around each seat/table.</p> <p>The media tribune must be separated into two areas – Green Group accredited media and Orange Group accredited media. These two groups must be kept separated.</p> <p>If space constraints do not permit the separation, the media tribune must be made available for Green Group accredited media only.</p>
Press conference	<p>Please refer to Interview Area guidelines/requirements.</p>
On Court Interview	<p>All on court interviews are suspended until further notice.</p>
Host Broadcaster/Rights holding Broadcasters	<p>Only the following TV crew are allowed on the Field of Play:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Host Broadcaster crew b) Infront ENG crew cameraman (1 only) c) RHB ENG crew cameramen (1 per RHB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Only allowed to film players from their country

	All the above TV crew must be tested and produce a negative result, at their own cost, if they are to be allowed onto the field of play.
Photographer Positions	<p>All photographer positions shall be clearly marked on the Field of Play. A distance of 1m should be kept between the photographers/line judges/tv crew. It is the responsibility of the appointed media manager to control the rotation of positions between the photographers and that they adhere to the physical distancing guidelines.</p> <p>Only the following photographers are allowed on Field of Play:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Host photographer (up to 2) b) BWF (up to 2) <p>Physical distancing regulations must be adhered to (in the absence of local health guidelines, minimum 1 meter) and highly recommended to wear face masks at all times.</p>
Commentary Positions	<p>The number of personnel at the commentary position(s) must conform to physical distancing guidelines from the local health authority.</p> <p>In the absence of such guidelines from the local health authority, a minimum distance of 1 metre between and around each personnel is mandatory.</p>

4.6 Other

Area	Guidelines
Prize Presentation	<p>All personnel/guests/finalists to be briefed not to shake hands during the proceedings.</p> <p>All personnel/guests/finalists must use alcohol-based hand disinfectant before the start of prize ceremony.</p> <p>Only podium finishers are allowed to be on the podium (children/family members/entourage members are strictly not allowed).</p> <p>Group photo is allowed but physical distancing guidelines as per the local health authority must be followed. In the absence of such guidelines, a minimum distance of 1 metre between and around the guests/players must be observed.</p>



	<p>The prize presentation podium should be big/wide enough to ensure physical distancing guidelines are adhered to between the two finalists (2 players or 2 pairs).</p>
<p>Player Appearances and Player Activation</p>	<p>Player appearances and player activations should be discussed between BWF and the Host on a case by case basis and governed by the local health authority recommendations.</p> <p>All player appearances at the booth area are to be suspended as this involves bringing the player from a Green Group area to a Red Group area.</p> <p>However, player appearance/meet and greet activities via online can be explored and to be discussed with the relevant personnel on a case by case basis.</p>
<p>VIP Lounge</p>	<p>In order to ensure good food hygiene practices, it is not recommended to offer buffet service as sharing of utensils and cutlery may potentially spread the virus.</p> <p>If food is to be served, then all catering personnel must be tested negative for the virus and wear face masks and gloves while serving food or as per the advice of the local health authority.</p> <p>Physical distancing guidelines as per the local health authority must be followed. In the absence of such guidelines, a minimum distance of 1 metre between and around the guests/personnel must be observed.</p>
<p>VIP Seats</p>	<p>Follow local authority advice on spectator numbers and physical distancing measures.</p> <p>If it is necessary to reduce VIP attendees, then BWF will need to be consulted on the allocations.</p>
<p>Spectator Seats</p>	<p>Follow local authority advice on spectator numbers and physical distancing measures.</p>
<p>Booth Positions</p>	<p>Hosts to advise based on local health authority guidelines/regulations.</p>

5.0 MANAGING SUSPECTED COVID 19 CASES

The Host to develop and agree a response plan in case someone at the tournament becomes ill with symptoms of COVID-19 (dry cough, fever, sore throat, shortness of breath etc). This plan has to be developed in consultation with the local health authority and BWF

This plan should include at least:

- Identify a room or area where someone who is feeling unwell or has symptoms can be safely isolated
- Have a plan for how they can be safely transferred from there to a health facility
- Know what to do if an accredited personnel/spectator tests positive for COVID-19 during or just after the tournament
- Agree the plan in advance with your partner healthcare provider or local health authority. This plan shall include management of infected person(s) and people who have come into contact with the infected person

Note: The identification of an individual with a positive infection will not in itself lead to a cancellation of the tournament. Firstly, all partners in delivering the tournament will be informed (BWF, Host MA/LOC and local health authority) and the person identified placed in isolation. Those who have been in immediate contact with the individual will be identified, contacted and tested. Any subsequent steps following the result of this contact testing will be made after consultation between the tournament delivery partners; BWF, Host Member Association/LOC and Local Health Authority.

5.1 Definitions:

Infected Person

- An infected person is a person who has a positive PCR (laboratory) test confirming the presence of COVID-19.

Potentially Infected Person

- A potentially infected person is someone who has symptoms or signs suggestive of COVID 19 and/or is awaiting results of testing following a close contact.

Close Contact

- Is someone who had contact with an infected person (being contact within 1 metre and for >15 minutes);
- Provided direct care to an infected person without using proper personal protective equipment;
- Stayed in the same close environment as an infected person (including sharing a room or being at the same gathering) for any amount of time;
- Travelled in close proximity with (that is, within 1 m separation from) an infected person in any kind of conveyance.



Quarantine

- This is the restriction of activities of or the separation of the people who are not ill but who may have been exposed to an infected person or disease. The purpose of quarantine is to monitor their symptoms, ensuring the early detection of cases and preventing possible further disease spread.

Isolation

- This is the separation of ill or infected persons from others to prevent the spread of infection or contamination.