



LOUTRAKI - GREECE

**HYGIENE PROTOCOL for the
WORLD SENIOR VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
GLOBAL CUP, LOUTRAKI
25th -30th August 2021**

1. INTRODUCTION

This Hygiene Protocol (hereinafter, the “Protocol”) sets forth the necessary procedures to be followed by all participants during the “Global Cup Loutraki” event.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The Protocol provides guidelines and outlines protection measures about the planning and implementation of the GLOBAL CUP” event, the preparation of the athletic grounds, the organised movement of participants and the actions to be taken if there are positive virus cases.

2.2. The Protocol is based on the COVID-19 health risk assessed according to the most recent available national and international data; it has been drafted in compliance with the guidelines given by the Hygiene Committee of the General Secretariat for Sports (GSS), EODY (National Public Health Organisation - Greece).

2.3. The situation may change in the context of a new outbreak or decline of the epidemic; this means that the content of the Protocol is to be updated depending on developments, scientific evidence and the guidelines given by competent National Authorities, following the

recommendations of the Hygiene Committee. After such updates, the Protocol is to be submitted to the Hygiene Committee of the General Secretariat for Sports to be approved.

2.4. Given that all those involved during the event may be socially active — in compliance with State guidelines in force — the probability of infection due to activities beyond those stipulated by this Protocol remains high. This is why it has to be emphasised continuously to all those involved how important personal responsibility is for taking all protection measures necessary and avoiding any high-risk social activities, as stipulated by the State

https://gga.gov.gr/images/Genikes_Odigies_YEE_Octob_2020_07-10-20.pdf.

2.5. In order for the spread of the virus to be limited as much as possible during the “GLOBAL CUP” event, it is compulsory for all those involved (athletes and organising staff members) to have or produce a negative rapid test detecting SARS- CoV-2 on the day they are accredited.

2.6. Specifically for participants arriving from other countries, the protocol stipulates the following concerning their arrival in the country: <https://travel.gov.gr/#/>

2.7. The GLOBAL CUP Hygiene Committee liaises between the Special Hygiene Committee of the General Secretariat for Sports and EODY concerning matters pertinent to COVID-19. The Games Hygiene Committee consults on state measures in force and probable risk. It also advises on any other matter not included in the guidelines provided by this Protocol.

2.8. The Reference Hospital for the specific event is General Hospital of Corinth, which will make personnel and necessary means available to support sports activities and to which medical cases are to be transported for assessment and treatment. General Hospital of Corinth will receive any suspected cases of COVID-19 for initial assessment. Further health care for COVID-19 cases just follow the guidelines given by EODY and EKAV (National First Aid Centre).

2.9. It is not possible for this Protocol to provide full protection in all cases of COVID-19 and it is recognised that in certain cases decisions will have to be taken following a Recommendation by the Hygiene Committee in the context of combining health risk management and economic risk, taking into account the guidelines of the State and the General Secretariat for Sport.

3. PROTOCOL PRINCIPLES

3.1. During the games, the protocol for Volleyball Sport must be implemented, which is to be updated by EODY and by the General Secretariat for Sports; the protocol will be posted on the GSS website.

https://gga.gov.gr/images/Genikes_Odigies_YEE_Octob_2020_07-10-20.pdf).

3.2. More specifically, all general measures that concern keeping a record of anyone entering the premises, of the hygiene of premises, of keeping safe distances and maintaining personal hygiene and disinfection processes for premises and equipment.

https://www.gga.gov.gr/images/ΓΓΑ_Οδηγίες_COVID-19_Φάση_Γ_13.10.2020.pdf

3.3. All State decisions concerning the presence of spectators in the grounds must be implemented. If spectators are to be admitted, State guidelines will be in force and this Protocol has to be updated accordingly.

3.4. Updated decisions by the State have to be implemented, when travelling abroad or arriving in Greece, when Greek or International athletes are coming from countries with high COVID-19 transmission rates.

https://www.gga.gov.gr/images/Οδηγίες_ΓΓΑ_για_αθλητικές_αποστολές_προς_την_Ελλάδα_01_10_20.pdf

3.5. During their accreditation procedure for the “GLOBAL CUP” event, athletes must fill in a form with their personal information and the GSS form concerning their Pre-Games Medical History. This information will be kept on record by the Games Hygiene Committee, in compliance with Legislation on Personal Information. The pre-games check form can be found at this link:

https://gga.gov.gr/images/entypo_proagonistikou.docx).

3.6. All athletes and every member of the Organising staff (technical, medical, athletic, administrative) must be administered the rapid test to detect SARS-CoV-2 antigen up to forty-eight (48) hours before the official opening of the games. Accreditation may be given only if the result of the test described above is negative. No results from a privately administered Rapid Test may be admitted without certification by a certified laboratory. If the result is positive, EODY will be informed and the case in question will isolate at home or at the hotel, according to the guidelines of EODY and Civil Protection Authorities.

3.7. Presenting a negative PCR-test for COVID-19 detection is also acceptable for issuing accreditation, provided this has been performed in the last 48 hours before the official opening of

the games and the person examined has produced a confirming document to this effect from a certified laboratory in the English language.

3.8. The Hygiene Committee has to be informed immediately, either by telephone or through a mobile application, of any suspicious symptom (e.g., fever, fatigue, coughing, difficulty in breathing, anosmia ['smell blindness']) presented by any athlete or personnel member or other associate. The person presenting such symptoms should remain at home or at the hotel. If the symptoms make this necessary, the patient must be taken to the Games Reference Hospital (Dunant) for medical examinations.

4. PROCEDURES

4.1. The number of personnel members from all agencies involved in organising the games must be the absolute minimum to ensure smooth operations, according to GSS and EODY guidelines in force at any given time.

4.2. Everyone arriving at the event premises has to have their temperature checked before entering. Procedures to be followed when a suspicious case is encountered are found below:

4.3. Entry to the premises is only allowed to athletes/their accompanying members/accredited personnel.

4.4. Participants must be transported using event's buses, public transport or taxis or private cars. Given the continuous spread of the virus in the general population, it is absolutely necessary that face-masks be used during transportation. Organisers will include a sufficient number of facemasks in the material provided to participants at the time of their accreditation.

4.5. When one enters the athletic premises, their temperature must be checked and recorded by security personnel. Full names, communication information and time of entry of anyone entering will be recorded in a special list. There must be signs posted at all entrances reminding people to keep safe distances and use personal protection measures. Anyone entering signs a solemn declaration that on the specific day they present no symptoms of the virus. The list must be filed in the daily records, care of the organisers, so as to facilitate necessary traceability. An example of the list is available at the website of GSS. (https://gga.gov.gr/images/log_sheet_v8.pdf)

4.6. If any individual reports symptoms of fever, coughing, difficulty in breathing, myalgia [muscle pains], diarrhoea, sore throat, anosmia ['smell blindness'] or unusual fatigue, they will not

be allowed entry into the premises and they will be guided as to how to communicate with the Hygiene Committee.

4..7. Security personnel at every entrance must ensure that all those entering are using facemasks. Facemasks must also be available to be provided in case the person entering does not have one on their person.

5. PREPARATION OF PREMISES

5.1. Those responsible for the premises must ensure that all sports facilities have been thoroughly cleaned by the cleaning crew. After cleaning with ordinary detergents, athletic facilities, changing rooms, the canteen and the offices intended for use are disinfected using the right solution according to updated guidelines given by EODY about non-sanitary premises (<https://eody.gov.gr/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/covid19-apolimansi-14-05-20.pdf>).

5.2. In commonly used premises, there must be GSS posters placed in prominent places displaying information on protective measures against the spread of COVID-19.

5.3. All premises and facilities of sports grounds (e.g., entrance to the games/matches grounds/courts, entrance to changing rooms and inside them, inside the accordion walkway, the canteen, and so on), disinfectant alcoholic (70%) solution (or gel) must be available at prominent places, to ensure hands can be easily disinfected.

5.4. In the toilets and at all washbasins there must be liquid hand soap and disposable hand towels. It would be useful if the water flushing mechanism also released chlorine.

5.5. Changing rooms need to be well-ventilated. Where possible, outdoor tents should be used for athletes to change. Within the changing rooms, there must be at least one vacant place clearly indicated between athletes' places to ensure distances are maintained.

* (As of 13 Oct 2020), GSS 3rd Phase Guidelines are implemented at all organised sports premises/facilities and, therefore, those relevant to changing rooms also have to be observed.

5.6. Those responsible for the premises must stipulate the routes that participants in the "GLOBAL CUP" event should follow within facilities, so that they may avoid coming across other people not involved in the games (cordoned off areas - use of signs indicating the route to be followed).

5.7. All cleaning and disinfection procedures for the premises have to be completed at least 3 hours before the expected arrival of the athletes.

5.8. A well-ventilated and isolated area has to be designated at each facility for temporary stay of individuals with suspicious symptoms (e.g. fever) until the Hygiene Committee takes over.

6. PERSONAL PROTECTIONS MEASURES

6.1. General measures proposed by EODY and GSS for preventing the spread of COVID-19 are presented below and must be observed with a sense of personal responsibility.

6.1.1. Avoid crowds, handshaking and embracing.

6.1.2. In commonly used areas, a 2m distance from other persons has to be observed and a protective facemask must be used.

6.1.3. Frequently wash hands with soap and water, for at least 30 seconds, or cleanse using an alcohol-based disinfectant.

6.1.4. Restrain from touching your face (nose, mouth, eyes), particularly after touching other objects many other people have touched (e.g., handles, switches, etc. in commonly used areas).

6.1.5. Cover nose and mouth with a paper tissue when coughing or sneezing; dispose of the tissue immediately using a waste bin. If no paper-tissue is available, use the bend of your elbow.

6.1.6. If someone has a fever or presents other symptoms compatible with COVID-19 infection (difficulty in breathing, unusual fatigue, coughing), they may not enter game premises and the Hygiene Committee has to be immediately informed.

7. PROCEDURES WHILE GAMES ARE IN PROGRESS

- 7.1. The Hygiene Committee ensures all participants have been accredited. Identification requires combined proof, i.e., passport/ID card/driving licence.
- 7.2. Athletes enter the games grounds after all necessary procedures have been completed and all supporting agencies are in place.
- 7.3. Athletes sit on benches maintaining safe distances between them. Disinfectant solutions must be available at all benches.
- 7.4. Athletes must use personal towels and personal hydration fluid (water-isotonic drinks) containers. They may also use disposable paper cups for water fountains.
- 7.5. Any food or food supplements must be in individual disposable packaging.
- 7.6. During the games, handshaking and embracing should be avoided.
- 7.7. During game intervals, all surfaces of athletic equipment and grounds must be disinfected using appropriate disinfectants.
- 7.8. Any interviews must be given in a specially arranged and well-ventilated area and all protection measures and safe distances must be observed.
- 7.9. After the changing rooms have been used, all their premises and corridors must be disinfected according to the guidelines of competent agencies and this protocol.
- 7.10. As for holding specific sports events (matches/games), a protocol describing in detail what is going to happen for the specific sport event in the context of the pandemic is going to be drafted and sent to the Hygiene Committee for approval.

8. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE REST OF THE PERSONNEL

REFEREES

- 8.1. The referee/umpires of the various games must also have had a rapid test within 24-48 hours before the match starts, and test results must be digitally notified to the “GLOBAL CUP” event Hygiene Committee. If the referees/umpires enter the athletic grounds before the match

starts, the test must be administered by the nursing personnel of Henry Dunant Hospital present at the sports facilities and the results notified to the Hygiene Committee through secure mail applications (Whatsup, Signal, e-mail).

8.2. Referees/Umpires observe personal protection measures and wear a facemask at all premises, except during the actual match/game time.

8.3. Every referee/umpire must use a personal water (preferably bottled) or isotonic drink container.

SPECTATORS

8.3. If spectators are allowed to be present at the grounds, they have to be seated with at least two vacant seats between them or maintain a 2m distance between them; they also have to wear facemasks according to EODY and GSS guidelines in force at any given time.

CANTEENS - CATERING PERSONNEL

8.4. Canteens on the premises are allowed to serve participants only using a 'Self-Service' system and offering only individually packed portions of the range of products available. Catering services must follow the guidelines given in the protocols in force for catering and buffet service, [Joint Ministerial Decision 1881/29.5.2020 - Official Gazette 2084/B/30-5-2020](#).

OTHER CEREMONIES - ACTIONS WITHIN GROUNDS

8.5. When there are State decisions in force that ban the presence of spectators on the premises, promotion actions, shows and performances by entertainment groups during the games, award presenting ceremonies, prize presentations and other actions must be held while observing state guidelines for wearing facemasks and maintaining distances.

9. MEASURES IF THERE IS A COVID-10 POSITIVE CASE

9.1. Actions on finding a positive result when a person is checked during accreditation.

If a participant is found positive during the scheduled initial check, the person is immediately placed in quarantine at home or at the hotel in compliance to the following guidelines:

9.1.1. The games Hygiene Committee and EODY are informed immediately

according to the guidelines in force.

9. 1.2. The person is transported to Henry Dunant Hospital so that the result of the Rapid Test using PCR for COVID-19 may be confirmed.

9. 1.3. Those positive to the PCR COVID-19 test that are asymptomatic remain isolated for 7 (seven) days; at that time the PCR COVID-19 test is repeated, as stipulated by the GSS and EODY. If the persons are still asymptomatic, and the new test is negative, their isolation may be terminated. If the result is still positive, they remain isolated within their residence and EODY is notified accordingly. For relevant GSS guidelines, click the following link:

9. 1.4. Asymptomatic unprotected close contacts must follow the guidelines issued by EODY about self-isolation.

9. 1.5. Third-party COVID-19 contacts (contact-with-a-contact) are not considered unprotected contacts and need not isolate themselves.

9.2. Actions on finding a symptomatic case within a sports team

9.2.1. If an athlete of a specific sports team is found to present symptoms (fever - coughing, etc.), this team is placed under increased monitoring and cannot participate in matches until laboratory results confirm the cause of the athlete's symptoms using a PCR COVID-19 test. The team may continue to train separately from other teams.

9.2.2. The symptomatic person is transported to General Hospital of Corinth to be examined. If the coronavirus infection is confirmed, then the rest of the team members are also tested using a PCR COVID-19 test.

9.5.4. If a total of 3 (three) positive results are found in a team-sport team, the team is definitively removed from the games and its accreditation is cancelled.

9.5.5. If another positive test result is found (a total of two), then the team continues to participate in the games under increased active monitoring.

9.3. Actions on finding many symptomatic cases within a team

9.3.1. If three (3) or more athletes in a team present any symptoms, this team is

immediately removed from the games/matches until laboratory results confirm the cause of their symptoms using a PCR COVID-19 test.

9.3.2. The entire team is transported to General Hospital of Corinth so that the result of the Rapid Test may be confirmed using a PCR COVID-19 test. If the coronavirus infection is confirmed, the team is definitively removed from the games/matches and its accreditation is cancelled.

10. MEASURES OF INCREASED ACTIVE MONITORING

10.1. Whenever increased active monitoring is decided for the members of a team, the following measures must be taken:

10.1.1. All athletes and the rest of the staff are informed about the need to restrict their social contacts and movements unless these are absolutely necessary for the team.

10.1.2. Only those who are absolutely necessary for a sport are allowed to be admitted to sports grounds.

10.1.3. During training practice everyone, except the athletes, must wear facemasks.

10.1.4. The leader or trainer of the team is responsible to ensure that at 08:00 every morning an e-mail message is sent to the Hygiene Committee, reporting in brief that the entire team (athletes, trainers, technical staff) present no fever or other symptoms (fatigue, coughing or difficulty in breathing, or cold-like symptoms or anosmia ['smell blindness']).

10.1.5. In cases when anyone reports a suspicious symptom, the entire team remains outside the sports premises under the responsibility of their leader or trainer and the Hygiene Committee is notified so it may proceed with any necessary actions.

The above protocol reflects the actions of the event to ensure the health of participants, athletes, referees and organizers. Observance of individual protection and hygiene measures is everyone's responsibility.

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EVENT PROGRAMME

Wednesday 25 th August 2021 (0d)

- Arrival of Teams Teams Training - optional (according to the teams' arrival)
- 17.30 All Captains have to be at the reception of their hotel as the shuttle bus are going to pick them up
- 19.00pm Captains' Meeting
- 20.00pm Welcome Reception

Thursday 26 th August 2021 (d1)

- 9.00-14.00 PRELIMINARY ROUND ROBIN
- 14.00 & 15.00 Team players and Escorts who have booked through the packages have to be at the reception of their hotel as the bus are going to pick them up for the Excursion to Heraion Lake <http://www.ypanema.gr/el>

Friday 27 th August 2021 (d2)

- 9.00-14.00 PRELIMINARY ROUND ROBIN
- 16.00-19.00 PRELIMINARY ROUND ROBIN
- 20:00 GLOBAL CUP banquet at Isthmus Canal (19.15 the bus will be at the reception of the hotel)

Saturday 28 th August 2021 (d3)

- 9.00-14.00 PLAY-OFF ROUND Galanopoulos Hall / Corinth Sports Hall SportCamp Sports Hall

Sunday 29th August 2021 (d4)

- 10.00-16.00 KNOCKOUT ROUND
- 16.00-19.00 BRONZE MEDAL MATCH
- 19.00-21.00 GOLD MEDAL MATCH
- Medals Ceremony Galanopoulos Hall

Monday 30st August 2020 (+1d)

- Departure of teams Athens