



Hygiene Protocol

Covid-19

Single matches and minor tournaments for national teams and E-cup for club teams

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1.0 Introduction

This document provides guidelines for single matches for national teams and clubs participating in E-cup 2020/2021 considering the current Covid-19 pandemic. These guidelines serve as an overview of amendments that will be implemented for the specific international match.

This document and these routines shall serve these three important goals:

1. Contribute to minimize the risk of an outbreak of covid-19 during the championship.
2. Describe routines for handling an outbreak of covid-19.
3. Satisfy regulations given by Norwegian Health authorities as well as the EHF.

This document (the protocol) will describe at the higher level the concept for keeping the single international matches (national teams and clubs participating in E-cup) a safe and healthy place for all participants. Specific and detailed guidelines/regulations for the different groups will follow this protocol as appendixes.

Chapter 2-8 describes the routines and procedures for matches played in Norway. Chapter 9 describes the routines when a Norwegian team returns to Norway after an away-match.

This protocol has been developed by The Norwegian Handball Federation based upon EHF's Hygiene protocol, and with great contribution from Chief medical doctor of Olympiatoppen Thomas Torgalsen.

With the Covid-19 situation constantly evolving, this will be a living document and we will re-issue guidelines when changes are required. The aim is to ensure that all possible mitigation steps are taken to reduce the risk of infection for all those involved in the match, although the risk cannot be eliminated. All stakeholders participate in the match at their own risk.

All nations are expected to test regularly during the preparation phase prior to international matches. All participating nations and clubs have to submit a formal declaration that they fully will comply with this document.

European cup for club teams, minor tournaments and single matches for national teams are given exceptions quarantine regulations during working hours in accordance with Norwegian regulations, "Corona regulation § 6f".

Athletes and support staff who come to Norway to participate in or return from the following international sports competitions are exempt from entry quarantine during working hours when they have tested negative for SARS-CoV-2 after the arrival of Norway and they are tested every three days for 10 days after arriving at Norway or until they leave the country:

- a. individual matches at senior level in international club tournaments under the auspices of the European Handball Federation (EHF), and individual international handball matches at senior level, conducted by 15 January 2021, which is subject to the Norwegian Handball Federation's infection control protocol «International (single) matches / Covid-19 protocol / NORWAY / Version 1.0" and where the organizer ensures that local personnel and volunteers have tested negative for SARS-CoV-2 before participating physically in the implementation of the event.*

In the event of a positive test, the person shall be in isolation, cf. § 7, and the employer shall notify the municipality.

2.0 Summary

- Number of teams outside EEA/Schengen will be limited throughout the season.
- A bubble concept will be enforced during the matches in Norway.
 - No cross-over between zones.
 - Arriving teams will be met at the airport and guided directly into the team bus. Teams are instructed to keep distance and avoid crowded areas.
 - Constant health monitoring of all persons in the red zone.
- All personnel have to provide a negative covid-19 test (PCR test) not older than 72 hours prior to the match.
- All personnel arriving from abroad will be tested (PCR) upon arrival. Thereafter they will be tested every 72 hours in accordance with Norwegian regulations, as long as they stay in Norway. (Antigen/Rapid test if approved.)
- All personnel in red zone will be accommodated in single rooms at a dedicated hotel.
- The visiting team will be a separate cohort and have dedicated area (floors), meeting room and transport. The same goes for the EHF officials. When in quarantine meals will be served in the respective cohort's/team's meeting rooms.
- Any positive covid-19 test will be handled by the local health authorities, which also provides all necessary arrangements regarding isolation.
- If/whenever situation demands all tickets will be suspended and the matches played without spectators.
- Exceptionally charter flights may be used.

3.0 Number of planned events:

- One tournament in Bergen with NOR, GER, FRA og DEN 25.-29.11.
 - Approximately 120 team members.
 - 50 officials and staff members. (Mostly Norwegians.)
- One qualification match against Belarus in January 2021.
 - Approximately 60 team members.
 - 30 officials and staff members.
- Following club teams participating in different European cups:
 - Elverum
 - Vipers
 - Storhamar
 - Kolstad
 - Drammen
- Club matches equals numbers for single national team matches.

4.0 Information and confirmation

All stakeholders will receive a copy of the protocol in advance.

- The organiser will conduct a presentation of the protocol (digital meeting) with the following visiting team responsible.
- The teams as well as personnel with dedicated tasks in connection to the match/matches must send a declaration confirming that they have read the protocol and fully will comply to its content.

- Media personnel will receive information regarding regulations and routines when they apply for a press accreditation. Upon receiving the accreditation badge, they must confirm compliance to regulations and routines.

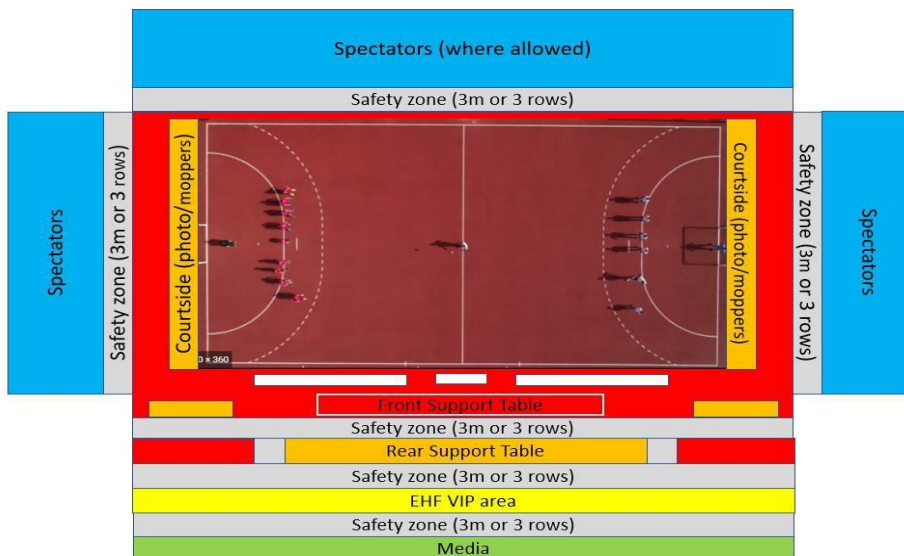
5.0 Bubble concept / Zoning

In order to minimize risk of covid-19 outbreak a bubble concept is developed. In short, the bubble concept is a method to separate groups based on functions and needs. The concept that will be enforced during the international matches 6 zones/groups, with minimum possibility for cross-zone contact. The zone/group definition is based on a logical and practical division of the venue.

The players are central during the international matches and our priority will be to ensure they are protected. The red zone area will be a protected area for everyone who is directly involved with the players. It is important to stress that no red zone member shall be in contact with anyone else at any given point during the competition.

Orange zone members will not have access to the red zone/bubble, unless permitted by authorities upon request. At all times, the orange zone member shall remain at 2m distance from red zone members and wear a facemask. i.e. mopping crew can enter the court area when a referee has provided permission.

It is also recommended that officials and staff working in the yellow and orange zones have their temperature checked with a forehead thermometer every morning or on arrival at the arena. Anyone with a temperature of more than 37.5 should go into immediate self-isolation and the matter be reported to the team/LOC Covid Officer and the appointed Covid-19 coordinator. They should not enter the arena.



Zone	Area	Group	Max Numbers	Accreditation
Red	Court, courtside/bench, changing rooms & treatment rooms, warm-up areas, front support table, doping control room, toilets and access,	Players, Team officials, Instant Replay, Referees and Delegates, EHF Venue Manager, EHF photographer, EHF Media supervisor, Anti-Doping, Floor Manager, Score operator/timekeeper, LOC Media Representative, Team guides,	Tbd	CCC
Orange	Courtside / behind goal – must be at least 2m away	Photographers, Medical services, TV Production/cameras, Mopping Crew, Security	Tbd	2,4,5
Yellow	Stands, separate offices / meeting rooms / outside area (TV/Security)	EHF Staff members, Infront Staff, Hall entertainer/announcer, Match stats/data, TV Production, Swiss Timing, Kinexon, Fire service, Police/Security	Tbd	2,4,5,6,7,8 (with personalisation)
Green	Stands	Media	Tbd by OC	2,4,5
Blue	Stands	Spectators, Security	Tbd by OC	X

5.1 Spectators

It is planned with maximum 200 spectators at each match.

However, the organiser is prepared to suspend all tickets and play the matches in “an empty hall”.

Zero spectators will have several positive effects regarding the risk of spreading the covid-19.

- Reduce/minimise the risk of spreading infection to the local community.
- Reduce the number of necessary staff members to organise the matches.
- Ease the work in accordance with infection tracing.

6.0 Approval by local health authorities

The Norwegian organiser (club or federation) must seek written approval for each match by the local health authorities. Such approval or denial will be based upon all relevant information for the planned match provided by the organiser.

7.0 Dedicated Covid-19 personnel

7.1 Covid-19 coordinator

The organiser will have an on-site Covid-19 Coordinator who will be responsible for checking transport, hotel and arena measures, liaising with the participating teams' Covid-19 officers, and ensuring that the Covid-19 guidelines are all followed.

The organiser's Covid-19 Coordinator will be responsible for liaising with the respective teams covid-19 officer as well as the government and authorities to ensure that all relevant laws and guidelines are always followed, and that measures are taken in the event of a positive test.

7.2 Covid-19 officer

All teams should appoint a Covid-19 Officer who will be responsible for ensuring all mitigation measures are followed by players, team and match officials and all other personnel involved with the team participating in the match.

The Covid-19 Officer should work in close cooperation with the team's medical officer or advisors. The Covid-19 officer should be knowledgeable about the symptoms and transmission of SARS- CoV-2, as well as the relevant laws and preventive measures for disease transmission.

The Covid-19 officer should notify the EHF and organisers immediately if new travel restrictions or bans are enforced by the government or local authorities, which could impact the ability of the visiting team to travel to the match.

The Covid-19 officer is responsible for checking the health and temperature of all participants within their team delegations every morning and evening, keeping a log of the results and making sure appropriate measures are taken should one or more in the delegation feel unwell or show symptoms related to Covid-19.

8.0 General hygiene

These measures are always mandatory for all persons involved in international matches:

- Be aware of all the symptoms of Covid-19 and notify medical staff if symptoms appear. Stay away from alle people if you show symptoms related to covid-19.
- Always practice good hand and cough hygiene.
- Maintain social distancing. A distance of at least 2 meters is recommended wherever possible.
- Teams and team officials are recommended to each carry a personal hand sanitiser.
- Always wear a face mask fully covering mouth and nose in public areas.
- Turn away from other persons near you if you need to cough or sneeze.
- Do not shake hands with other people.
- Avoid busy places (even where social distancing measures are in place) and large crowds of people.

9.0 Covid-19 test regime

9.1 Pre arrival regime

All team delegations and international travellers participating in international matches should develop their own regular Covid-19 testing regimes in line with local health regulations.

All team delegations as well as EHF-officials travelling from abroad, must present a negative SARS-CoV-2 test result obtained within the last 72 hours prior to travelling to Norway. These results should be shared with the EHF and the Covid-19 Coordinator prior to travel.

All persons mentioned above, as well as the timekeeper, scorekeeper and Floor-Manager are part of the red zone/bubble concept – see point 3. These persons shall be prior to the match. Everybody will be quarantined in the official hotel dedicated solely for persons within

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the red zone/bubble until the test result of the first test (after approx. 16-24 hours) is known to be negative. After the first test-results are confirmed negative, training and matches can commence, but all participants in the red zone/bubble concept will be restricted to the red zone/bubble until departure and will be subject to continuous tests every 72 hours until departure.

Media personnel travelling from abroad will have to present a negative SARS-CoV-2 test result obtained within the last 72 hours prior to travelling to the starting point of the match.

9.2 Arrival routine:

All persons arriving from abroad have to be tested when arriving in Norway. Team delegation and EHF officials will be met at the airport and guided directly to the dedicated hotel. The home team (organiser) is responsible to facilitate and cover the cost for this test. Until the test result is ready and negative, they will be quarantined in their respective hotel room. Thereafter they will be tested every 72 hours during the stay. (Normally the stay will last for 2-4 days.)

If approved by Norwegian health authorities, antigen/rapid tests may be used. Otherwise all tests will be PCR tests.

Catering will be organised in separate rooms for each group/cohort. However, if the current situation demands, the meals will be served as “room service” to teams/persons in quarantine. (The teams will leave Norway within 3-4 days after arrival.)

Media personnel must undergo testing upon arrival and remain in quarantine until the arrival test is confirmed negative. (If the stay for media personnel is more than 3 days, a second test must be taken.) During the period between test 1 and a potential test 2 and 3, media personnel is allowed to work but must otherwise be quarantined in their respective hotel.

9.3 Positive test results

9.3.1 Pre arrival:

In their own country, teams should follow local health regulation advice if any players or staff tests positive for Covid-19. They should only return to the team when it is fully safe to do so, and they have tested negative for the virus or can provide a test result with a crossing threshold (Ct) above 30 and are no longer considered to be infectious.

If a team has had a positive test for one of its players or staff, the other team members will be regarded as close contact persons and should be quarantined. They are required to present a negative testing result obtained within 24 hours. Players are allowed to return to the competition upon approval with a second negative Covid-19 test prior to departure as well as a medical confirmation that they do not show any symptoms of Coronavirus-disease. If several players contract the virus and the team feels it can no longer field a competitive team, they should contact the EHF immediately.

9.3.2 When in Norway.

If a player or official tests positive for Covid-19 after arriving in Norway, the match will be cancelled.

The player or official will be transported to, and isolated in a separate hotel. Transportation and dedicated hotel for isolation will be provided by the local health authorities.

The rest of the team members will be quarantined for 10 days, but can leave Norway at any time as long as the departure can be done in a safe way.

9.4 Quarantine and isolation:

All participants will have single rooms. Participating teams as well as EHF officials will have their own dedicated areas in the Hotel. The single rooms and the dedicated areas will serve as quarantine for the respective cohort. When in quarantine all meals will be served in separate rooms for each team. However, if the current situation demands, the meals will be served as “room service” to teams/persons in quarantine.

Prior to every event the organiser shall provide a written agreement with local health authorities or private provider with regards to TISK. If a private provider is used, the plan and description shall be sent to local health authorities for approval.

Any positive covid-19 test will be handled by the local health authorities of the respective municipality, which also provides all necessary arrangements regarding isolation (transportation, accommodation in a hotel dedicated for the purpose, etc.) and hospitalisation if necessary.

Organiser (The Norwegian Handball Federation or Norwegian club) will guarantee for the cost in connection with isolation and quarantine.

9.5 Infection tracing

All persons in the red zone have to comply with the detailed time schedule prepared for each group/individual. This will enable the organiser to know the whereabouts of all these people at any given time, easing the work of infection tracing. The Covid-19 coordinator and his staff will, when asked, assist the local health authorities in the infection tracing process.

Persons outside the red zone will be instructed to keep a track on their movements and who can be considered as close contacts.

10.0 Accommodation

The Covid-19 Coordinator will be present for the arrival of the teams at the hotel. Only one team official can go to reception on arrival to check-in the team. The rest of the team should wait in the bus.

- All players and officials will be allocated single rooms in Norway.
- The hotel will have dedicated areas for the teams, officials and event personnel in the red bubble concept.
- Hand sanitizers will be provided on the dedicated floor and in common spaces (dining room, meeting room).
- Dedicated dining and meeting rooms for each delegation will be provided.
- Dedicated hotel staff to each cohort whenever possible.
- Contact with hotel staff in the dining area will be minimised:
- Food and drink will be laid out prior to meals before players arrive.

- No clean-up of tables will be undertaken until the players/officials have all left the room, so that the smallest number of staff is present in the dining room during meals.
- Players/officials should only use the toilets in their own room during their stay at the hotel.

11.0 Travel and transportation

The teams should ensure that they follow all local guidance and regulations while travelling to ensure they mitigate against the risk of contracting the virus.

Exceptionally charter flights may be used.

Each team will have its own dedicated bus, and all transportation from the airport to hotel/venue and back to the airport will be provided by the organiser.

All teams will be met by a local guide in the airport and guided directly into the team bus. All teams have to practice social distancing in the airport and avoid crowded areas.

All vehicles will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected immediately before being used to transport the teams and officials.

In need of transportation of person infected with covid-19, this transport will be provided by local health authorities.

12.0 Routines for away-matches

12.1 Pre-travel

- All teams will have their own detailed Covid-19 mitigation plans in place, in line with the protocols issued by The Norwegian Handball Federation regarding national activities.
- All team members must have valid travel insurance before leaving Norway.
- The team will register the travel on the governmental site www.reiseregistrering.no.
- Teams travelling abroad shall pay extra attention to hygiene matters and social distancing before travelling abroad.
- All routines regarding the travel and match arrangements will be double checked and players as well as team officials will be thoroughly be briefed.
- The team is responsible for implementing all the necessary measures in their regular domestic environment to minimise the risk of bringing covid-19 infection to the opponent team.

12.2 During the stay

- The Norwegian team shall as far as possibly follow the routines and procedures described in chapter 2-8.
- At the airports crowded areas shall be avoided and eating/dining at the airport shall not take place.

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- The Norwegian team shall have a dedicated area at the hotel, and at no time interact with groups or persons not having a function in the game/event. Meals have to be served in separate areas.
- No public transportation shall be used.
- Face mask to be used under transportation.
- Social distancing to be practised at all time outside training and match.
- Frequently use of hand sanitizer.

12.3 Returning to Norway

- The team (players and officials) will follow the Norwegian corona regulation § 6c.
 - Players will be tested at arrival.
 - Players to go directly into quarantine.
 - When test 1 is confirmed negative they are allowed to work, but must otherwise stay in quarantine.
 - Retesting every 72 hour for a period of 10 days.
 - After 10 days with confirmed negative tests the quarantine is lifted.

13.0 Legal procedures

Violation of any part of this protocol is regarded as a violation of the EHF regulations and will be sanctioned in accordance with the respective EHF regulations or NHF regulations (for Norwegian teams).

Appendixes:

Appendix A: Special instructions for the team delegations and other red zone personnel.

All teams will have their own detailed Covid-19 mitigation plans in place, in line with local government guidelines, and remain responsible for implementing the necessary measures in their regular domestic environment. Participating teams are responsible for doing all preparations in a safe environment and ensuring that they follow all national guidelines and safety recommendations.

All nations and teams are expected to test regularly during the preparation phase prior to the match. These pre-arrival arrangements are utmost important with regards to the overarching goal to keep international matches free from covid-19 infections.

All participating nations have to submit a formal declaration that they fully will comply with this document.

Covid-19 Officer

All teams should appoint a Covid-19 Officer who will be responsible for ensuring all mitigation measures are followed by players, team and match officials and all other personnel involved with the team participating in the match. The Covid-19 Officer should work in close cooperation with the national team's medical officer or advisors.

The Covid-19 officer should be knowledgeable about the symptoms and transmission of SARS- CoV-2, as well as the relevant laws and preventive measures for disease transmission.

The Covid-19 officer should notify the EHF and organisers immediately if new travel restrictions or bans are enforced by the government or local authorities, which could impact the ability of the visiting team to travel to the match.

The Covid-19 officer is responsible for checking the health and temperature of all participants within their team delegations every morning and evening, keeping a log of the results and making sure appropriate measures are taken should one or more in the delegation feel unwell or show symptoms related to Covid-19.

Testing

Person showing symptoms related to covid-19 will be quarantined in their hotel room and undergo immediate testing. (Person remains in quarantine until test result is ready.)

Health monitoring

All players shall check health and temperature every morning and evening and report the result to the team's covid-19 officer.

All officials and staff in the red zone bubble should have their temperature checked with a forehead thermometer every morning.

Anyone with a temperature of more than 37.5 should go into immediate self-isolation and the matter be reported to the team Covid Officer and EHF. Teams should keep a log for everyone in the red zone.

Disinfection

Court and court surrounding area maintenance shall be finalised one hour before the arrival of the players in the arena. A clear hygiene regime shall be setup to disinfect all red zone areas. This regime shall be implemented prior to the matches and training sessions. All cleaning and disinfection will be carried out in accordance with the requirements set by Norwegian health authorities.

Accommodation

The red zones include the hotel and its surrounding areas. All hotel personnel shall always wear a face mask and remain at 2m distance from any player/official. Each team and EHF officials shall have separate floors without cross-over to other guests. A clear hygiene concept shall be set-up by the hotel, i.e. cleaning rooms, restaurant areas, elevator

Transportation

Organiser will provide all necessary transport, ensuring that the transportation is carried out in a safe way.

Appendix B: Special instructions for other personnel from OC and LOC.

For all functions/personnel outside the red zone applies:

- Compliance, at all time, to the general hygiene procedures laid down in chapter 5.
- All staff to carry a personal hand sanitizer at all time.
- Orange zone members will not have access to the red zone/bubble, unless permitted by authorities upon request. At all times, the orange zone member shall remain at 2m distance from red zone members and wear a facemask. i.e. mopping crew can enter the court area when a referee has provided permission.
- It is recommended that officials and staff working in the yellow and orange zones have their temperature checked with a forehead thermometer every morning or on arrival at the arena. Anyone with a temperature of more than 37.5 should go into immediate self-isolation and the matter be reported to the team/LOC Covid Officer and EHF. They are not allowed to enter the arena.
- All local staff members with functions inside the arena or at the hotel must have a negative covid-19 test no older than 72 hours.
- For Norwegian staff members the social contacts should, the last 3 days be limited to work/school and their own family/household.

Appendix C: Special instructions for Hotel

The OC Covid-19 Coordinator will be present for the arrival of the teams at the hotel. Only one team official can go to reception on arrival to check-in the team. The rest of the team should wait in the bus.

- All players and officials will be allocated single rooms.
- All teams will be Covid-19 tested on arrival at the hotel (or another place organised by the home team) and quarantined within their own group until the results of the test are received. When in quarantine all meals will be served in separate rooms for each team. However, if the current situation demands, the meals will be served as “room service” to teams/persons in quarantine.
- The hotel will have separate areas for the teams, officials and event personnel in the red bubble concept.
- Hand sanitizers will be provided on the dedicated floor and in common spaces (dining room, meeting room).
- Teams should wear face masks outside the hotel and when travelling.
- The hotel will provide thorough cleaning and disinfecting of rooms and spaces used by the team immediately before the team's check-in and to ventilate all rooms.
- Hotel staff should wear facemasks and regularly disinfect hands; access to the hotel will be denied to anyone showing symptoms of infection.
- Dedicated dining and meeting rooms for each delegation will be provided.

Contact with hotel staff in the dining area will be minimised:

- Food and drink will be laid out prior to meals before players arrive.
- No clean-up of tables will be undertaken until the players/officials have all left the room, so that the smallest number of staff is present in the dining room during meals.
- Players/officials should only use the toilets in their own room during their stay at the hotel.

All hotel staff are instructed to minimize social contacts, limited to work/school and their own family/household.

Appendix D: Special instructions for Media

- Journalists must wear a face mask throughout every match.
- No Mixed Zone where players and journalist interact face to face, not even with a plexi wall in between. A virtual mixed zone can be set up for interaction between players and journalists the necessary boxes and devices will be set up accordingly.
- Flash interviews may take place at the end of the match in a pre-arranged area and must be agreed in advance and be under supervision of the Media Manager/Floor Manager. Interviewers must wear a face mask and respect social distancing by using a 2m boom microphone, cleaned before every interview.
- A Press conference can only take place if there is a separate entrance/exit for the players and no cross over with any journalist can happen. There shall be at least 3m distance from the stage area to the first row of journalist. A link will also be provided for off-site journalists, with the possibility to submit questions via the Media Manager.
- No players, coaches, or any other red zone member can visit the onsite TV studios.

Testing:

- All journalist accredited for the match must show a negative covid-19 test (PCR) not older than 72 hours before arrival at the venue.
- All journalists arriving Norway from abroad must:
 - Be tested on arrival.
 - Stay in full quarantine until the test result is conformed negative.
 - After first negative result the journalist may start working, but otherwise stay in quarantine.
 - Thereafter they will be tested every 72 hours, until leaving Norway.

General media guidance

- All media representatives will be registered with full contact details.
- Media representatives must follow the Covid-19 regulations in place at the match.
 - All media representatives accredited for the match must show a negative covid-19 test (PCR) not older than 72 hours before arrival at the venue.
 - All media representatives arriving Norway from abroad must:
 - Be tested on arrival.
 - Stay in full quarantine until the test result is conformed negative.
 - After first negative result the journalist may start working, but otherwise stay in quarantine.
 - Thereafter they will be tested every 72 hours, until leaving Norway.
- All media representatives should carry hand disinfectant and wash hands regularly.
- Media representatives can only access the green zone, except for those given courtside access at specific times and under supervision of the Media Manager/Floor Manager.
- Catering for media will comply with all health regulations.

Photographers

- The photo places will follow social distancing measures.
- The photographers will not be allowed to touch the ball under any circumstance.

TV Production

- It is the TV Production's responsibility to ensure that the appropriate Code of Conduct regulations are respected, as well as all local Covid-19 guidelines.

- All TV production staff will need to follow the same guidelines as for other media.
- TV personnel operating in the Orange zone must ensure that they always remain at least 2m away from all players and officials.
- TV personnel operating in the Red zone will be part of the bubble concept.

Appendix E: Special instructions for spectators

The decision on whether to allow spectators to attend matches depends on country regulations. The organiser will be responsible for ensuring all health and safety regulations are met for spectators. If spectators are allowed, a distinct prevention concept for the visitor area will be provided by the organizers.

At this time, the EHF highly recommends that visiting team fans do not travel to matches and therefore the 10% ticket allocation for visiting nations is suspended.

- The numbers of spectators attending will be within limits set by local government regulations.
- Spectators must stay within the blue zone.
- Spectator seating will allow for social distancing, as per local country regulations.
- Retail/refreshment shops will follow social distancing measures.
- Steps will be taken to ensure social distancing for all queues at the arena entrance or in the retail area, in line with local country regulations.

If/whenever situation demands all tickets will be suspended and the matches played without spectators.

Appendix G: Special instructions for anti-doping routines

A clean and disinfected room will be made available for anti-doping checks. Anti-doping personnel will be part of the red bubble concept.

The size of the Anti-doping room always has to be big enough to enable social distancing. The Anti-doping room should be properly cleaned after every match, and the toilets after each use.

Players who are elected to undergo an anti-doping test will be escorted by red zone personnel to the facilities where the control will take place.

Anti-doping personnel will wear full medical protection gear during the test procedure.

After the completion of the anti-doping test, the players will be escorted back to their team by red zone personnel.

Appendix H: Special instructions for the venue

Substitution area

The substitution area has been adjusted to the red zone restrictions. A selection of staff members has access to the front support table placed in the red zone. The second support table is placed in the Yellow zone in the tribune stand right behind.

In addition, two red zone areas on the tribunes shall be created on either side of the second support table for a minimum of 20 persons each (e.g. red zone members not directly involved with the match, red carded players, players/team officials not participating the specific game, etc). The area shall be separated from all other accreditation and ticket holders with at least a 3m free zone on each side of the section. In addition, the area shall have a clear routing without crossing any red zone access routes.

- Front Support Table (part of the red zone)
- EHF Venue Manager (2x)
- Anti-doping (2x)
- LOC Floor Manager
- Instant Replay(2x)
- Swiss Timing(tbc)
- Back Support Table:
- Swiss Timing(9x)
- Music (2x)
- Announcer
- Assistant Announcer
- Announcer
- Kinexon (2x)
- Infront (2x)
- TV FloorManager

Changing rooms

- All teams and referees will be allocated dedicated changing rooms with toilets and treatment rooms throughout the duration of the tournament.
- Clean towels will be provided each matchday.
- Arena staff will ensure that the changing rooms, treatment rooms and toilets are thoroughly cleaned in accordance with Norwegian governments requirements and regulations.
- Upon arrival of the teams on match days, no event personnel will be allowed in the changing rooms.
- Teams are encouraged to practice social distancing in the shower room and keep showering time short.
- Access from the teams and referee rooms onto the court will be within the red zone and supervised accordingly.

Preparation

- All arena public areas will be thoroughly cleaned before the arena opens for the arrival of the teams and officials.
- The court floor, goals, player seats, timekeeper's table and seats will all be cleaned in accordance with Norwegian governments requirements and regulations.
- Hand sanitizers will be provided in each changing room, meeting room, treatment room, toilet and at the timekeeper's table courtside and in any shared areas in orange/yellow/green zones.

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- In addition to the regular briefing, all event personnel (marshals, security, medical, cleaning, moppers, etc.) will be fully briefed on Covid-19 measures.
- Medical equipment, and on-site doctor as well as an ambulance will be present for all match days, and the nearest hospital will work in close cooperation with the organisers.

Training venues

- The red zone concept will also apply at training venues, with the court and courtside players' area restricted for red zone players and officials.
- The Training venue will normally be the same as the match venue.
- There will be no mixing with officials or media from other zones and no media interviews should take place at the training halls.
- All training halls, including where relevant the main arena, should be thoroughly cleaned before the teams arrive.
- The court floor, goals and player seats will all be cleaned and disinfected before the teams arrive.
- Hand sanitizers will be provided in each changing room, meeting room, treatment room, toilet.
- If there are several back-to-back training scheduled, sufficient time should be allowed between sessions for the goals and players seats in the hall to be thoroughly cleaned, but not the floor.
- It is recommended that teams not use the changing rooms at the training venue and instead change and shower at their hotel. However, if it is necessary to use the changing rooms, these should also be thoroughly cleaned before the team's arrival.
- Toilets restricted for red zone players and officials should be available at all training venues.

Appendix I: Special instructions for match management

Team and staff arrival

Access to the arena will be via dedicated 'zone' entrances (red, orange, yellow, green), no mixing is allowed.

Teams and officials (red zone) will be dropped immediately by their entrance.

Team bench

The team benches will be cleaned and disinfected before the teams arrive and at half time.

At half time teams should take all their belongings from the bench back to the changing room or place them in separate player piles at the back of the bench, so that cleaning of the bench can take place. Nothing should be left on the bench.

Timekeeper's table

The timekeeper's table will be cleaned and disinfected before the arrival of the officials, including all equipment (scoreboard controls, laptop, etc).

All officials at the table should wear face masks during the match.

All communications between the timekeeper's table and bench must be done while observing social distancing rules.

Pre-match procedure

- Only essential staff should be at the court entrance (TV Producer, Covid-19 Officer, Camera Operator, Security) and all must respect social distancing.
- Referees can lead the teams out on court.
- No mascot children will take part in this walk-out.
- When standing in the centre for the introductions, players and referees should respect social distancing.
- Teams and referees should have no contact with each other when entering (no high five/fist bump).
- Player introductions can then be made as usual.
- There should be no exchange of gifts/mementos.

During the match

- When a ball goes off court it should be recovered, where possible, by a player.
- In case a ball hits the face of a player, the ball shall be exchanged.
- If a player requires medical assistance from the bench, the referees should ensure that other players are standing at least 2m back when the team staff arrive to provide treatment.
- If a player requires the assistance of the local medical teams, they must wait to be called by the referees, who will ensure the area and access is clear of players. Local medical staff should wear mask and gloves.
- The teams should conduct their time outs at least 4m away from the timekeeper's table.
- If moppers need to enter the court, the referee should ensure that players are standing back at least 2m before allowing the moppers to enter court.

Half-time

- The teams/officials should leave the court in the following order (this should be supervised by the MatchCovid-19 Officer): Referees, team nearest the exit, team furthest from the exit, table officials.

- At half-time teams should take all their belongings from the bench back to the changing room or place them in separate player piles at the back of the bench, so that cleaning of the bench can take place. Nothing should be left on the bench.
- The MatchCovid-19 Officer should remain on hand to ensure that the teams and officials remain segregated in the tunnels and when re-entering the court.
- Only essential staff should be at the court entrance (TV Producer, Match Covid- 19 Officer, Camera operator, security) and respect social distancing.
- No media interviews will be conducted with players/officials at half-time.
- No entertainment will take place on court during half-time.
- During half-time the team benches, timekeeper's table, goal posts and any other relevant equipment will be cleaned and disinfected.

Anti-doping controls

A clean and disinfected room will be made available for anti-doping checks. Anti-doping personnel will be part of the red bubble concept.