

# ***COVID-19 PROTOCOL MANUAL***

***2020***



## ***DEAR NATIONAL FEDERATIONS,***

*at Hungarian Canoe Federation, our community is our greatest asset – and our greatest priority. We are closely monitoring and following advice from Hungarian and foreign authorities as well as the World Health Organization.*

### **INFORMATION ON HUNGARIAN ENTRY REQUIREMENTS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS PERIOD**

In order to support the organization of international sports events, the Hungarian government has introduced a facilitation of entry for those arriving in Hungary in connection with these sports events. The most important measure of this decision is that there is no quarantine obligation for the countries arriving. However, the legislation classifies countries into 3 categories (green, yellow, and red) based on the epidemiological risk. \*

#### **RED CATEGORY (HIGH RISK)**

Albania, Bosnia-Hercegovina, Belarus, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Ukraina, All Australia, All Asia (except China, Japan), All Africa, All South America.

#### **YELLOW CATEGORY (MEDIUM RISK)**

Bulgaria, Canada, China, Great Britain, Japan, Norway, Roumanie, Sweden, Russia, Serbia, USA

#### **GREEN CATEGORY (LOW RISK)**

All other countries

*\*The classification of categories will be reviewed by the Hungarian government from time to time. We will notify the National Federations about the changes in the classification.*

The condition of the facilitated entry is an invitation letter issued by the Hungarian Canoe Federation. Participants from the countries classified in the green category can enter Hungary without any restrictions, while from the countries classified in the yellow and red categories the condition of entry are two consecutive negative SARS-CoV- 2 molecular biologic tests taken 48 hours apart within the previous 5 days, in accordance with the official medical regulations.

### **INVITATION LETTER**

The invitation letter required for entry facilitations can be requested at [accommodation@szeged2020.com](mailto:accommodation@szeged2020.com) Please note that the invitation letter is personal, so that the entire team entering Hungary must be listed by name.

## **CANCELLATION AND REFUND**

Please, be aware that all deadlines published in the bulletin are still in effect. Please, also note that the Organising Committee does not take responsibility for a rejected border crossing. However, it will do its best to minimise the penalties related to cancellation due to the COVID-19. After discussing your occurrent situation with your assigned hotel, the charge will be exactly the same as the loss suffered by the Organising Committee.

## **BEFORE TRAVELLING**

Please, do not travel if you have a fever or feel sick, if you are experiencing a loss of taste or smell or if you have diarrhoea. Please, note that people with a fever will be stopped at the airport and their entry to Hungary will be refused.

## **EVENT SITE PRECAUTIONS AND MEASURES**

- a medical team will be present at the regatta course doing every-day checks.
- anyone showing possible symptoms will be placed in hospital quarantine by the local authorities.
- in the event of a confirmed COVID-19 case, public health officials will be doing contact tracing. Please, consider that all identified contact persons will be quarantined, as well.
- availability to handwashing, alcohol-based hand gel and hygiene facilities at multiple locations
- regular disinfectant cleaning and good hygiene signage across all venues, changing rooms, training facilities, dining places
- venue cleaning staff will disinfect door handles, toilet handles, bathroom faucet handles, etc. in all areas several times per day
- only single use towels (paper towels) will be provided
- presence of first aid and medical services, including designated medical providers who are able to triage and refer suspected cases for COVID-19 testing throughout the duration of the event
- participants' temperatures will be checked each day, any temperatures above 38°C will be reported to the event medical lead and entrance will be refused
- suspected cases of team/officials, event staff, volunteers, support workers will be isolated
- medical masks will be ready for use by organizers' medical staff and sick individuals
- anyone participating as an external employee (cleaning staff, food handlers, drivers etc.) should wear a face mask
- the teams will be placed at a greater distance from each other than usual
- a separate part of the stands will be provided for the participants

## **RECOMMENDATION TO THE EVENT PARTICIPANTS (ATHLETES, OFFICIALS) DURING THE EVENT**

- Participants should be aware of and cooperate with team medical staff or event organising staff at venues in taking their own/or competitors' temperatures each day, any temperatures above 38°C to be reported to the event medical lead/chief medical officer. Follow the same approach as the management of ill travellers at points of entry (international airports, seaports, and ground, crossings) in the context of COVID-19.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing. Practise respiratory etiquette (maintain distance: at least 1 m), cover coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues or flexed elbow, wash hands). If coughing persists, isolate, and seek medical advice.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, and use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, especially before eating, after using lavatory, after coughing or sneezing and after touching often used surfaces (door handles, handrails, elevators, gym equipment, tables, chairs, pens etc.) Hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout the event venue.
- Participants should wear a face mask while travelling on shuttle buses and are asked to avoid public transport
- Avoid contact with sick people, including avoiding close contact with those suffering from acute respiratory infections.
- Athletes should not share clothing, bar soap or other personal items (including towels and bottles).
- Recommended protocol for the use of water bottles:
- Good team hygiene includes ensuring all players, officials and staff have their own water bottles to prevent the transmission of viruses and bacteria.
- Bottles should be labelled and washed (with dishwasher soap) after each practice or game.
- Advise athletes to avoid touching their own mouths or nose.
- Avoid shaking hands or hugging.

