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RETURN TO INTERNATIONAL TENNIS PROTOCOLS

1. Foreword

In order to support a safe return to international tennis tournaments, the ITF has devised protocols that ITF tournament hosts and Participants must follow, to mitigate the risk of exposure to, and spread of, Covid-19 (the **Protocols**).

This document applies to the following ITF-owned and sanctioned tennis tournaments: World Tennis Tour Mens, Womens and Juniors (including Junior Team competitions), Beach Tennis, Seniors and Wheelchair Tennis.

All Participants in ITF tournaments (which includes players, support personnel, officials, tournament staff, contractors and any other credentialled individual) must comply with the requirements set out in this document.

Information regarding Covid-19 is constantly changing. This document is not intended to be a substitute for guidance provided by local, national or international government and health organizations. The ITF makes no representation as to, and assumes no responsibility for, the accuracy or completeness of the information contained in this document in respect of its effectiveness in preventing or controlling the spread of Covid-19.

The Tournament Director is responsible for ensuring the welfare of all persons attending a tournament. This document provides the ITF's guidance regarding the minimum standards that a tournament must implement in order to safeguard the welfare of Participants. A tournament may impose higher standards than those described in this document where it considers it appropriate to do so, or where so required by local legislation (although there may be cost implications for the tournament). For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in these protocols preclude the implementation of additional precautions that aim to manage the risk arising from Covid-19 on an individual or group basis. The Tournament Director must ensure that each tournament is conducted in accordance with these protocols as published at the time of the tournament.

This document is subject to change and may be amended from time to time at the discretion of the ITF. The ITF will make the latest version available on its website: www.itftennis.com. Any questions regarding this document should be addressed to the ITF at covid19@itftennis.com.

2. Introduction

The overall objective of this document is to describe the measures that are necessary to protect the health and safety of Participants in ITF tournaments. By setting out those measures, Participants in all tournaments covered by this document can be confident that the appropriate measures are being taken and have the benefit of a consistent approach.

3. How to use this document

The information in this document describes the main requirements for tournament hosts when organising international tennis tournaments during the Covid-19 pandemic. All tournament hosts are advised to read this document and to familiarise themselves with the relevant amendments to the regulations for the tournament(s) in question.

4. Eligibility to host an ITF tournament

This section describes the criteria by which the ITF will decide whether a tournament is eligible to be added to the ITF calendar of events. In order to be eligible for addition to the ITF calendar, the following criteria must be met:

- a. Government legislation must permit a tennis event to be held in the host country.

For the avoidance of doubt, local or national (as applicable) government legislation and guidance in the host country takes primacy over these protocols only where they impose more stringent standards or restrictions, [except where expressly stated](#) (otherwise, these protocols shall be applied). Accordingly, where such legislation or guidance prohibits a tournament from being held for any reason, then no ITF tournament in that location will be permitted.

- b. The host nation's borders must be open to international visitors, giving sufficient and reasonable access to that nation to players, as determined by the ITF.

'Sufficient' refers to the number of countries from which the host nation is accessible. 'Reasonable' refers to the restrictions imposed at the point of entry (e.g. quarantine). [Entry restrictions that are based on a person's vaccination status may be accepted as a reasonable requirement at the ITF's discretion.](#)

At the time of application, [tournament](#) hosts must notify the ITF of access restrictions and keep the ITF updated as to any changes in those restrictions. This includes details of any waivers that permit access to the host country to Participants, which are not generally available. [Organisers may be required to demonstrate to the ITF that all reasonable steps to obtain waivers have been taken.](#)

- c. Each organiser must, on application to host a tournament, confirm that it will implement the minimum standards set out in the 'risk mitigation' section of this document.

Failure to meet any of the minimum standards in the 'risk mitigation' section is subject to sanction under the Code of Conduct of the relevant ITF tour regulations.

[Where a tournament that has been added to the calendar subsequently is unable to meet all of the above criteria, the tournament host shall advise the ITF as soon as possible and the ITF Coronavirus Events Group shall determine whether the tournament shall be removed from the calendar.](#)

5. ITF tournament framework during the Covid-19 pandemic

This section sets out the ITF's guidance, recommendations and minimum standards that all tournaments must meet in order to adequately protect the health and safety of Participants in relation to Covid-19. These include:

- Physical distancing must be respected at all times by all Participants and spectators.

This applies to all Participants (except for those who require essential physical assistance, in which case the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (known as 'PPE') must be used where physical distancing is not possible), to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19 by the avoidance

of close and prolonged contact. For the avoidance of doubt, compliance with physical distancing requirements applies between Team Members, during team competition.

Physical distancing requirements shall, as a minimum, meet the requirements of the relevant authorities of the host location. Where no minimum is specified by the relevant authorities, or where that minimum is less than 1 metre, the minimum physical distancing shall be 1 metre (except for vulnerable individuals, for whom the minimum is 2 metres – see below). To avoid creating confusion for other Participants, physical distancing must be practised by members of the same household.

Where physical distancing is not possible, then masks must be worn [\(except for Participants with exemptions – see section 7/General\)](#). Seating plans should avoid face-to-face orientations, failing which a screen should be placed between facing seats.

- Personal hygiene measures must be taken by all Participants. Personal hygiene includes:
 - Regular hand-washing or hand-sanitising;
 - Not touching your face;
 - Coughing into your elbow, or a tissue and immediately discarding the tissue;
 - Wearing a mask where appropriate

To facilitate this requirement, tournaments must make available for use by all Participants a suitable supply of hygiene materials [at appropriate locations](#) and may wish to provide a package of sanitiser, wipes and tissues to all Participants on arrival.

- Methods of identifying potential cases of Covid-19 prior to entry to the tournament site and of identifying Participants who may have been exposed to Covid-19 during a tournament must be implemented. These methods may include testing or screening. (See 'risk mitigation' section).
- Consideration must be given to additional protection for vulnerable individuals. At a minimum, physical distancing for such individuals must be 2 metres. Vulnerable individuals [must identify themselves to the Tournament Supervisor and Covid-19 Officer, and](#) are those that are at elevated risk of severe Covid-19 symptoms¹, including:
 - People with underlying health conditions, [such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, or cancer](#);
 - People aged 65 and above. [\(Note: where a multi-age group event includes players of age 65 and above, the minimum physical distance should be 2 metres for all age groups at that event\).](#)
- The minimum number of Participants required for the tournament to operate should be permitted on-site.

The risk of infection increases where the density of people increases and where there are failures to comply with physical distancing requirements and hygiene precautions. A full list of authorised Participants and tournament staff and their functions must be included as part of the tournament's risk assessment (see 'risk mitigation' section).

¹ See, e.g.: https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus#tab=tab_1

For team events, the host organiser must advise the participating teams in the event fact sheet of the maximum number of team members, VIPs and other delegates who can be accommodated on site, based on the capacity of the venue. All teams must be permitted the same number of team members, VIPs and delegates.

As a general approach, the maximum capacity in all areas of the venue must be restricted to that which is manageable while maintaining physical distancing.

- Players and support personnel must be segregated from other Participants and spectators, to the greatest possible extent.

Tournament hosts must ensure that tournament staff and spectators/other venue users share as little on-site space as possible, e.g. by providing dedicated routes for players and support personnel to move around the site. Where the tournament venue is used simultaneously by non-Participants, all reasonable efforts shall be made to minimise the shared use of space, particularly at entry and exit points, and in locker rooms, bathrooms and dining areas.

- The Referee has sole discretion to cancel a tournament in progress for Covid-19-related reasons.

Reasons for cancellation include where there are insufficient players to complete the tournament, and where the Covid-19 protocols cannot be implemented such that risk to the health and safety of Participants is elevated. The Referee shall consult the Covid-19 Officer and the ITF prior to cancelling a tournament in progress.

6. Compliance

This section describes the framework by which any failures to meet the minimum standards are managed. Effective implementation of the minimum standards for hosting tournaments requires a programme of monitoring and, where those standards are not met, enforcement.

Tournament organisers and all Participants are collectively responsible for reducing the risk of Covid-19 transmission. Failure to comply with any requirement places the health of other Participants at an elevated risk of infection. Failure to comply by a tournament may result in a sanction under the ITF Code of Conduct including a fine and/or revocation of approval to sanction ITF tournaments.

The Tournament Referee/Supervisor is responsible for monitoring and enforcing failures to comply with the requirements in this document by players and player support personnel. The Covid-19 Officer shall support the Referee or Supervisor to monitor and enforce compliance with these Protocols, but has no decision-making authority. Failures by tournaments to comply with requirements will be enforced by the ITF.

7. Risk mitigation

This section sets out the measures that are required to reduce the risk to Participants of Covid-19 transmission.

The Covid-19 virus presents an elevated health risk to all Participants. Steps to reduce that risk must be taken by all ITF tournaments hosts and Participants. Relevant areas in which an elevated risk may exist, and the minimum standards and/or recommendations for mitigation of those risks, are set out below.

Note: nothing in this document precludes tournaments from going beyond the minimum specified standards where it considers it appropriate to do so, or where so required by local legislation.

Pre-event

- A Covid-19 Officer must be appointed and identified to the ITF. The Covid-19 Officer must be on-site throughout the tournament (including, as a minimum, from the day the Referee arrives on-site to the day he or she departs) and will be responsible for the overall preparation, implementation and monitoring of the tournament's risk assessment (where provided), the minimum standards in this document and all relevant government requirements on behalf of the tournament. Adequate resources must be dedicated to this function. It is expected that this will be a dedicated role at larger tournaments.

Note: nothing in this document precludes tournaments from going beyond the minimum standards specified in these protocols where it considers it appropriate to do so, or where so required by local legislation.

- A risk assessment, relevant to the context of the tournament, and describing the Covid-19 risk factors and mitigation measures that will be taken to protect the health of Participants, must be completed in advance of the tournament by all Tournament Directors any tournament where (a) neither the Tournament Director nor the Covid-19 Officer have previously organised a tournament under these Covid-19 protocols and/or (b) no tournament has been organised under these Covid-19 Protocols at the venue in question. In all other cases, production of a risk assessment is strongly encouraged, unless required by ITF. A risk assessment template is available as a supporting document on the ITF website². In any event, the most recent risk assessment should be available to the Tournament Director and Covid-19 Officer.
- Details of a local location (i.e. hospital, testing centre etc.) that provides Covid-19 testing services (whether PCR or Lateral Flow) must be identified to Participants.

Local testing services may be required, in the event that Participants require such testing (e.g., in order to access another country or to confirm whether they are infected with Covid-19). Key information to be provided includes location, opening hours, testing costs, and turnaround time for results, and should be provided by the entry deadline (but in any case no later than 14 days in advance of the tournament and kept updated). Any such use of those services is at the Participant's expense.

² <https://www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/organisation/publications-and-resources/tournament-organisers/>

- Tournament hosts should make reasonable efforts to obtain insurance to cover cancellation of the tournament due to Covid-19. Event cancellation insurance may be difficult to obtain and/or expensive. However, where it is available at a reasonable price, tournament hosts are recommended to obtain it.
- Tournament hosts should make available to Participants relevant information about local requirements and restrictions. Local restrictions should include any location-specific travel advice, and should be provided by the entry deadline (but in any case no later than 14 days in advance of the tournament and kept updated). At a minimum, the information should include:
 - Any requirement to have a certified negative Covid-19 test prior to entering the country or participating in the tournament;
 - Any quarantine requirements on arrival into the host country.
- Tournament hosts are strongly encouraged to liaise with the relevant authorities to explore ways in which any quarantine requirements for Participants upon entry to the host country can be relaxed, or alternative less time-consuming access methods applied.

In practical terms, quarantine restrictions are likely to prevent access to a tournament for players and support personnel. Local authorities may be willing to relax those requirements under certain circumstances (e.g. where the traveller has a [recently-obtained](#) certified negative Covid-19 test, or where they will be subject to sufficient movement restrictions for the duration of their stay). Any such relaxations will encourage participation, [and tournament hosts are encouraged to seek such relaxations from the relevant authorities](#).

- While not mandatory, all Participants are strongly encouraged to carry a supply of self-administered Covid-19 tests and use them prior to departing for a tournament and on a regular basis (e.g. every 2 days if using Lateral Flow tests, or every 4 days if using PCR tests). For the avoidance of doubt, vaccination against Covid-19, while recommended, is not mandatory in order to participate in ITF events under these protocols.

Off-site

- Where possible, tournaments should offer a hotel that is dedicated (or has a dedicated section) for tournament Participants, located close to the tournament venue.

If a dedicated hotel cannot be provided, the fewest number of tournament hotels is recommended. Tournament hotels should be encouraged to implement physical distancing and hygiene practices that are consistent with the requirements of these protocols.

Participants should note that, where one person in a shared room is required to quarantine or isolate, due to infection or exposure to Covid-19, then the same will be required by other person(s) sharing the room, [except where that person qualifies as an Exempt Participant](#).

- The maximum capacity of tournament vehicles must be as dictated by the physical distancing requirements in place at the event concerned. Masks must be used by the driver and all passengers while in the vehicle. [Where possible, the vehicle should be ventilated by keeping its](#)

[windows open](#). Tournament-provided transport that is used by Participants must not be available for use by any other person.

Where tournament transport is provided, parking arrangements should permit physical distancing and avoid interaction between Participants and spectators. Sanitiser should be provided at pick-up [and drop-off](#) points.

- Physical distancing must be maintained prior to entry to the site, including by spectators. Hand-washing with soap and water or sanitiser must be made available at all entry points.

The general principle is to minimise the number of people waiting to enter the venue at any time and to maintain the relevant physical distancing requirement while they are waiting.

Credentials should be obtained online and in advance of the tournament. Ideally, separate entrances/exits would be provided for (1) players, support personnel and officials, (2) tournament staff and (3) spectators.

Site access

- Before entering the tournament site, all Participants must complete a daily self-declaration of being Covid-19 symptom-free and not having had any high-risk contacts in the last 14 days and be subject to daily temperature screening. Only those Participants who comply with, and meet the requirements of, screening are permitted on-site. [Notices should be posted at site entrance points, emphasising the 'no screen, no access' policy. Organisers shall make all reasonable efforts to prevent any Participant from entering the venue without being subject to self-declarations and temperature screening. Those who are found on-site without having completed a self-declaration or temperature screen for that day may be removed from the site.](#)

Tournament hosts must comply with any testing that is required by the relevant local authorities in the country concerned and which goes beyond the ITF minimum standards. Where additional testing is required by such authorities, the Tournament host must submit to the ITF in writing at least one week in advance of the entry deadline (i) evidence of the requirement and (ii) the cost of testing for each individual ([where applicable](#)). Unless otherwise approved by the ITF, up to 50% of the cost of each test or US\$20 (whichever is the lower) [for a maximum of three tests](#) at any tournament may be passed on to the Participant. Where such testing is not required by local authorities, but is implemented at the discretion of the Tournament host, all of the cost of such testing shall be borne by the Tournament host. Records of all Participants' screening responses shall be retained by the ITF in case of a Covid-19 outbreak, in accordance with applicable data protection laws.

Failure to comply with testing will result in the person concerned being denied entry to the site and not being permitted to participate in any ITF tournament until such time that they comply with those requirements in full.

Where a Participant has (a) a certified positive SARS-Cov-2 RT-PCR test that was taken between 10 days and 90 days prior to arrival at the event in question, or (b) a certified positive IgG antibody test that was taken within 30 days prior to arrival at the event in question, or (c) been fully vaccinated (at least 14 days previously) against Covid-19 with a vaccine named on the World

Health Organisation list of approved vaccines (an Approved Vaccine)³ (www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/covid-19-vaccines/advice) and does not have Covid-19 symptoms that are not otherwise explained and verified by an infectious disease specialist, that Participant ~~will~~ may be exempted from testing and screening protocols for the duration of the event (an **Exempt Participant**), except for daily self-declarations, which all Participants must complete.

In order to activate an exemption, the Participant may apply for exemption via the ITF UNO accreditation platform⁴. However, for tournaments that does not use ITF UNO, participants will be required to show hard copies of the necessary documents to the Covid-19 Officer on-site. In either case, Participants must produce their positive PCR test and/or IgG antibody test and/or vaccination certificate showing that all vaccinations have been received and clearly showing the dates of those vaccinations⁵. Applications and requests for exemptions by other means will not be accepted⁶. The exemption described above does not over-ride any local requirements.

Exemptions are at all times conditional on the Participant remaining asymptomatic. If any Exempt Participant displays any Covid-19 symptoms (as described in the daily self-declarations), or tests positive for Covid-19, then their status as an Exempt Participant shall be revoked and shall not be reinstated unless and until the Independent Doctor rules out infection with Covid-19 or the relevant isolation requirements.

On-site

- Tournament staff/security must be trained to implement Covid-19 procedures, including (where the role involves close contact, such as during bag searches) the use of Personal Protective Equipment (known as 'PPE') at all relevant times, including site entry and exit and indoors.

Where the normal requirements of a tournament staff role mean that the physical distancing requirements cannot be maintained, then the organiser will need to source, and make available to the relevant role(s), a suitable supply of Personal Protective Equipment (known as 'PPE') for all tournament staff. Consider providing masks at site access points.

- All sign-in must be remote (online/telephone), as detailed in the tournament fact sheet. Completion on telephone sign-in requires players to have an in-person telephone conversation

³ For the purposes of these protocols, 'fully vaccinated' means having received, at least 14 days prior to arrival at the event in question, all required doses of an Approved Vaccine, excluding booster dose(s).

⁴ Covid-19 certificates will be treated in compliance with the requirements of applicable data protection laws.

⁵ QR codes cannot be read, so will be returned as 'not granted'.

⁶ Where an application for exemption due to being fully vaccinated is based on a single dose of a two-dose vaccination following recovery from infection, confirmatory evidence of the relevant legislation or responsible authority guidance that grants full vaccination under such circumstances must be provided⁶. All applications must be received no later than seven days prior to the Monday of the week of the tournament in question. **Note that it cannot be guaranteed that exemption applications received after this date will be processed prior to the event in question.** Failure to provide a certificate by the stated deadline may result in the Participant being subject to (a) testing and screening during the tournament and (b) the relevant follow-up protocols in the event that that testing returns a positive result or a failed screen. Exemptions based on positive PCR tests and positive IgG antibody tests must be renewed prior to their expiry, in order to maintain Exempt Participant status. Such renewal is the sole responsibility of the Participant.

with the Supervisor of the event. Leaving a voicemail is not sufficient. Tournaments may extend the sign-in period to accommodate telephone sign-in.

- The fewest number of on-court officials required to provide the appropriate level of officiating must be used (as per *ITF Officiating Requirements*). Any request to depart from the *ITF Officiating Requirements* must be approved in advance by the ITF. Accommodation that permits physical distancing must be provided for the use of officials between assignments.
- Spectators are only permitted where permitted by local authorities, and [only in such numbers permitted, and under any other conditions imposed, by local authorities](#). Where permitted, spectators must be segregated from Participants to the greatest extent possible.

Where applicable, only mobile tickets should be issued to spectators. Notice of ticket holders' responsibilities should be sent in advance, supported by on-site signage. Staggered arrival, entry and exit of ticket holders should be encouraged. Multiple entry and exit points (separate from Participants) that prevent congestion are recommended.

All seats should be designated seats. Cash transactions at amenities should be discouraged. Movement flow around the venue should be managed to prevent congregation of groups.

At its sole discretion, the ITF may place a lower limit on the number of spectators (or the extent of public use of the venue) compared to that permitted by local authorities (or refuse to accept spectators or public use at all), where Participants cannot be separated from spectators or other users of the venue to an adequate extent.

- Only essential staff movement around the site must be permitted. Movement protocols should encourage physical distancing and hygiene, such as one-way systems, marked pathways and physical distancing markers provided at appropriate locations, such as amenities and entrance/exit points. In toilets, separate entry and exit doors are recommended.
- Adequate ventilation must be provided in all high-use, multiple-occupancy indoor spaces, where possible. Ventilation contributes to the dispersal and dilution of airborne droplets that may transmit Covid-19. Where air conditioning is used, it should be set to use a fresh air supply, rather than recirculation, and air flow should be directed away from individuals. Where possible, outdoor venues are preferable.

For ventilation recommendations, see:

- https://www.rehva.eu/fileadmin/user_upload/REHVA_COVID-19_guidance_document_V4.1_15042021.pdf (accessed on 5 December 2021). and
- <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0360132321000706>
- For all events and functions [and in all on-site amenities](#), physical distancing and personal hygiene must be respected throughout.

While indoors, masks should be worn at all times [\(except for Participants who are exempt from doing so\)](#), excluding at Opening Ceremonies, providing that physical distancing requirements are maintained. In all on-site amenities and locations (team benches, hospitality, player dining;

player/team lounge, tournament offices), physical distancing and hygiene must be respected at all times.

All seating areas, including team benches, VIP hospitality and Presidential Box and for tournament officials, must comply with physical distancing requirements.

- Only pre-packaged meals and individually-sealed drinks should be provided. For the avoidance of doubt, buffet meals ~~are not permitted~~ should not be provided where feasible. In the event that the provision of buffet meals is unavoidable, all reasonable hygiene measures should be implemented to minimise the risk of infection (e.g. ensuring physical distancing, regular changing of utensils and cleaning of surfaces, mandatory use of masks while collecting food). Public water fountains should be disabled. Dedicated and physically-separated amenities for staff/players/teams should be provided, where possible. Player lounges may be located at the tournament hotel, subject to ITF approval in advance.
- Media are permitted on-site (including journalists, TV camera operators, live scoring etc.), but must comply with physical distancing, hygiene and screening requirements. In any case the number of media must be limited according to the available space in the relevant media facilities, such that physical distancing can be maintained at all times. All media activities (including on-court interviews) must meet physical distancing requirements, and take place in adequately ventilated rooms, or outside.

Where present, print media are not permitted to attend draw ceremonies. Post-draw interviews must take place in a separate room following the draw. If a separate room is not available, the room in which the draw took place must be cleaned prior to the interviews.

- No visitor may enter the site perimeter boundary, within which access is controlled, unless they are subject to the same screening requirements as Participants. It should be possible for persons making deliveries to remain outside the access perimeter, and only the items being delivered cross that perimeter. Consideration should be given to disinfecting deliveries, where deemed necessary.
- All areas of the tournament venue that are used by Participants should be subject to regular and sufficiently frequent disinfecting.

Common areas should be deep cleaned weekly, with regular disinfecting of high-touch surfaces and in high-traffic areas (surfaces and areas subject to regular cleaning should be set out in the risk assessment, but will include chairs, toilets and all door handles) throughout the day.

Deep cleaning covers areas that are not part of a traditional 'surface' clean, e.g. behind, inside and under objects; inside and outside windows, full dusting and disinfecting of all surfaces that may be touched (e.g., handles, switches, sockets, control panels). Staff should be responsible for disinfecting their personal items, such as computers, keyboards and telephones. An adequate supply of suitable cleaning products will be required, that allow cleaners to:

- Decontaminate with disposable cloths/paper towel and a fresh solution of general-purpose detergent and water or detergent-impregnated wipes;
- Rinse and dry;
- Disinfect using 70% isopropyl alcohol.

Cleaning staff must be trained in these procedures and all cleaning staff must wear Personal Protective Equipment (also known as 'PPE'). Each tournament will need to ensure that a sufficient supply of cleaning products is available for this purpose.

Daily cleaning includes medical facilities (between treatments), locker rooms and showers (between uses), toilets, player dining and player lounges, and wheelchair storage facilities. Wheelchair players shall be responsible for placing their wheelchairs in storage locations and are responsible for ensuring that their wheelchairs are disinfected at the time of storage. The tournament is responsible for cleaning the high-touch parts of the storage area (e.g. door handles). Anti-doping staff shall be responsible for cleaning the Doping Control Station.

Access points should be passable without the need to touch surfaces (excluding fire doors, toilet doors and anti-doping facilities). Measures should be taken to discourage unnecessary touching of surfaces.

- Adequate on-site signage must be provided as an aid to compliance with physical distancing and hygiene precautions at all key points around the venue, but particularly in the toilets and areas where surfaces are likely to be touched. Signs should include contact details of the Covid-19 Officer and the location of the medical post.

Competition

- ITF practice and match protocols (available as a separate document) must be implemented. Where a positive Covid-19 result for a Player is received during a match, the Referee shall immediately withdraw the Player from the match, irrespective of the score.
- Use of locker rooms (including for players, officials and ball persons) must be determined by the available space, such that physical distancing can be maintained at all times. No player support personnel are permitted in player locker rooms, except for those required to provide essential physical assistance.

Showers are permitted only after matches and only where:

- Physical distancing can be maintained;
- Where the player is competing in more than one match in a day and during team events.

Where the locker room includes a player/team lounge, the shower area must be physically separated from all other parts of the lounge.

Only single-use personal cleaning products should be provided.

- [For the avoidance of doubt, medical treatment is subject to these protocols.](#) Non-Covid-19 medical treatment will be limited to the reasonable time necessary for completion.

The maximum number of people undergoing treatment at any one time must be determined by the available space in the relevant room(s), such that physical distancing can be maintained at all times (except during treatments).

A schedule of treatment times must be published. Medical staff must maintain the strictest hygiene precautions and must use adequate Personal Protective Equipment (also known as 'PPE') during all treatments. Physical barriers between adjacent treatment spaces may be used. Additional treatment facilities meeting the same specifications may be provided at the player hotel(s), subject to ITF approval in advance.

All treatment bookings should be online. Between each treatment/patient, all equipment must be cleaned and medical staff must change their PPE as necessary.

Anti-doping staff (where present) must comply with physical distancing, hygiene measures and daily screening [while conducting their duties](#).

General

- The ITF case management protocol must be implemented if a Participant does not meet the requirements of the screening [\(for which the Tournament Supervisor/Referee are responsible\)](#), or if any person tests positive for Covid-19 or reports Covid-19 symptoms within 14 days of the date on which they left the tournament venue [\(which the player is obliged to report and which the ITF will implement\)](#). Case management protocols are provided at Appendix Two.
- Tournament hosts must retain contact details (email address and mobile phone number) of all Participants for a limited period after the tournament, to facilitate the identification and/or notification of those who have or may have been exposed to an affected individual.

'Exposed' refers to anyone who has been in close contact with the affected individual within the previous 48 hours of the onset of the affected individual's symptoms. A Close Contact is defined as: anyone [\(except Exempt Participants, who shall not be designated as such, unless otherwise decided by the Local Health Authorities\)](#) with the following exposure to a confirmed Covid-19 case, from 2 days before to 14 days after the confirmed case's onset of illness (defined as the date of the positive test): being face-to-face within 1 metre for a total of at least 15 minutes; direct physical contact. For the avoidance of doubt, anyone living in or sharing the same household or household-like setting (e.g. hotel room, apartment or hostel) is automatically classed as a Close Contact.

Where required by local legislation, public health authorities must be notified of Covid-19 cases. ITF will endeavour to notify exposed Participants and other tennis organisations, as necessary.

- [Participants may apply to the ITF for exemption from the requirement to wear a mask. Applications must be submitted in advance to the ITF at Covid19@itftennis.com and will be granted where the Participant provides evidence to the ITF's satisfaction from a qualified professional \(e.g. doctor\) that the Participant has a condition that would qualify him/her as exempt from wearing a mask under the rules of the country in which the event concerned takes place. As part of the application, the Participant must also provide the rules/guidance of the country in question. Note: such an exemption under these protocols does not supersede any local authority requirement for masks to be worn.](#)

APPENDIX ONE – DAILY SCREENING AND SELF-DECLARATIONS

Precautions must be taken to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19 at ITF tournaments (“Tournaments”). One element of this is to check whether participants have any of the main Covid-19 symptoms. All participants should have their temperature checked using an infra-red thermometer, and be asked the questions below on a daily basis prior to entering the Tournament venue.

THE TABLE BELOW MUST BE COMPLETED FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS DAILY

	<u>Result</u>	
<u>Part 1 – Temperature screen</u>	<u>Under 38°C</u>	<u>38°C and above</u>
<u>Part 2 – Self-declaration questions</u>		
<u>Do you have any of the following symptoms of Covid-19?</u>		
<u>Fever (38°C and above).</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>New or persistent cough.</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>A change or loss in your senses of taste or smell.</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Fatigue</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Cold-like symptoms.</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Congestion or runny nose.</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Sore throat.</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Have you in the past 14 days been diagnosed with Covid-19 or had any of the above symptoms of Covid-19?</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Have you in the past 14 days been in close contact* with anyone who has Covid-19 or Covid-19 symptoms?</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>

**Close contact refers to: being face-to-face within 1 metre for a total of at least 15 minutes; direct physical contact; living in or sharing the same household or household-like setting (e.g. hotel room, apartment or hostel).*

Only those participants who have a measured temperature of below 38°C and who answer ‘no’ to ALL of the self-declaration questions are permitted on-site. Any participant who has a measured temperature of 38°C or answers ‘yes’ to any of the questions must not be permitted on-site. The decision to deny access is final and cannot be appealed.

Records of attendance on-site will be retained by the ITF, and will be shared with Tournament staff for monitoring access to the tournament site during the Tournament period only and otherwise as required by law. Records will be kept securely and retained only for as long as is necessary for the ITF to manage the risk of Covid-19 at ITF Tournaments and events. For more information about how and why the ITF collects, processes and stores your personal data in response to Covid-19, please see the ITF’s Covid-19 Privacy Notice, which is available on the ITF website at www.itftennis.com.

NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

APPENDIX TWO – CASE MANAGEMENT PROTOCOLS

This appendix describes the protocol to be followed if any Participant returns a positive Covid-19 Test or ‘fails’ the self-declaration or the temperature screen. **ITF Protocols and Local Health Authority case management protocols will not be mixed or used simultaneously.**

Where a positive Covid-19 Test result for a Player is received during a match, the Player shall be immediately withdrawn from the match by the Tournament Referee, irrespective of the score⁷.

The Covid-19 Officer is responsible for notifying the ITF of all positive Covid-19 Test results via the ITF Covid-19 email address (covid19@itftennis.com)⁸.

Positive Covid-19 Test

If any Participant returns a positive Covid-19 Test result:

- That Participant (the “Affected Participant”), the Covid-19 Officer and Tournament Supervisor must be notified (as applicable);
- The Affected Participant is responsible for informing their employer;
- The Covid-19 Officer must notify the local public health authorities;
- The Affected Participant shall be returned to and isolated in their accommodation⁹ (or stays there if the test is taken at the hotel). The Covid-19 Officer shall provide the identity of the Affected Participant to the hotel. If the test is taken on-site, the Affected Participant shall be moved to an isolation room until they are able to be returned to their accommodation. (Note: additional accommodation costs shall be borne by the Participant);
- The Affected Participant must complete isolation in accordance with these protocols and/or local government requirements and any instructions issued by the Covid-19 Officer, Tournament Referee or local authority;

Failure by any Participant (including Exempt Participants) of self-declaration or temperature screen

If this happens off-site:

- The Covid-19 Officer, and Tournament Supervisor must be notified immediately;
- That person shall return to and be quarantined in their accommodation;
- The Participant is responsible for informing their employer;
- The Covid-19 Officer should apply the Follow-up Testing Protocol below.

If this happens while on-site:

- The Covid-19 Officer and Tournament Supervisor must be notified immediately;
- The Affected Participant shall be placed in quarantine;
- The Affected Participant is responsible for informing their employer (as applicable);
- The Covid-19 Officer should arrange a Covid-19 test and apply the Follow-up Testing Protocol below.
- The Affected Participant must complete quarantine in accordance with local government requirements and any instructions issued by the Covid-19 Officer, Tournament Referee or local authority.

Once a case of Covid-19 has been confirmed, all locations at the venue that the Affected Participant visited must be disinfected.

⁷ It is expected that the Referee will explain the reason for the withdrawal to the Player, and then to the Chair Umpire.

⁸ This email address is only accessible to the ITF Covid-19 Officer (at the time of writing, the ITF Senior Director, Integrity & Legal).

⁹ A Participant who tests positive will be permitted to isolate at home when (a) their home is sufficiently close to drive (alone) there in a reasonable time, (b) the Participant has been declared medically fit to travel, and (c) driving home is permitted by the local public health authorities.

Follow-up Testing Protocol

Affected Participants must complete isolation and/or quarantine required under this section in accordance with these protocols and/or local government requirements and any instructions issued by the Covid-19 Officer, Tournament Referee or Local Health Authority. Where Local Health Authority requirements for follow-up testing are in place for the tie/event in question, these will take precedence over these Follow-up Testing Protocols.

A. Participants who fail a Covid-19 Test

- The Affected Participant should take a second Covid-19 test as soon as practicable. If the failed test is a PCR test, then all follow-up tests must also be PCR tests. If the failed test was a Lateral Flow test, then the follow-up tests may be either PCR or Lateral Flow.
- Participants who fail the second Covid-19 Test may not participate in an event covered under these protocols for 10 days, counting from the day of the first positive test.
 - If the second Covid-19 test is positive, the Affected Participant must isolate for the period of time specified by the relevant local authorities, from the day of the first positive test (or as per local requirements, if different). For the avoidance of doubt, if the event is still in progress at the end of that isolation period or 10-day non-participation period (whichever is longer), the Affected Participant may take part in the remainder of it.
 - If the second Covid-19 test is negative, a third Covid-19 test should be taken at least 24 hours after the second test, during which the Affected Participant shall be isolated.
 - If the third Covid-19 test is negative, the Affected Participant should be permitted to leave isolation (subject to any reason otherwise, such as may be required by the Local Health Authority, or as determined by the tie Referee).
 - If the third Covid-19 test is positive, then the Affected Participant will remain isolated for the remainder of the locally-required isolation period. For the avoidance of doubt, if the event is still in progress at the end of that isolation period or 10-day non-participation period (whichever is longer), then the Affected Participant may take part in the remainder of it.

B. Participants who fail a self-declaration or temperature screen, develop Covid-19 symptoms or who are designated as a First-Level Close Contact¹⁰

Note: A First-Level Close Contact is defined by the ITF as anyone (except Exempt Participants, who shall not be designated as such, unless otherwise decided by the Local Health Authorities) with the following exposure to a confirmed Covid-19 case, from 2 days before to 14 days after the confirmed case's onset of illness (defined as the date of the positive test): being face-to-face within 1 metre for a (cumulative) total of at least 15 minutes; direct physical contact. For the avoidance of doubt, anyone living in or sharing the same household or household-like setting (e.g. hotel room, apartment or hostel) is automatically classed as a First-Level Close Contact. Please note that for events where the Local Health Authority conducts contact tracing, the definition may be different.

- The Participant concerned should take a Covid-19 test:
 - If that Covid-19 test is positive, the Participant will be isolated for the period of time specified by the relevant local authorities from the date of most recent contact with the confirmed Covid-19 case (and that Participant becomes an Affected Participant). For the avoidance of doubt, if the event is still in progress at the end of that isolation period, then the Affected Participant may take part in the remainder of it.
 - If that Covid-19 test is negative, then the Participant will be eligible for the Lateral Flow Test to Release Protocol.

¹⁰ Where the Participant concerned is still at the location of the tournament, First-Level Close Contacts shall be identified by the Covid-19 Officer. At other times, this shall be the responsibility of the ITF.

- Participants who fail a Covid-19 Test may not participate in an event covered under these protocols for 10 days, counting from the day of the most recent contact with the confirmed Covid-19 case.

Lateral Flow Test to Release Protocol

First-Level Close Contacts may avoid isolation by taking a Lateral Flow test for 5 consecutive days, subject to each of those tests being negative and the Participant remaining asymptomatic. If any such Lateral Flow test is positive, or the Participant becomes symptomatic, then the First-Level Close Contact shall be isolated for the remainder of the period specified by the relevant local authorities from the date of most recent contact with the confirmed Covid-19 case.

C. Inconclusive and unanalysed tests

Where a test result is inconclusive (or where a Participant's sample is not analysed), the Participant concerned shall be tested again as soon as possible. Pending receipt of the result of that additional test, the Participant shall be presumed to be Covid-19 negative (unless he/she fails the self-declaration or temperature screen in the meantime), but shall be advised to strictly observe these protocols (particularly physical distancing, mask use and hand-washing) in the meantime.