

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS & NATIONAL COMPETITIONS WITH OVERNIGHT STAY



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*strict compliance with
competition protocol*

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1. Purpose of Protocol



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1. **Creating uniformity for all organizers**
2. **To give support and clarity for organisers and athletes**
3. **Conformity with the base protocol of the Flemish Government in the context of professional sports events**

→ The application of the Protocol is subjected to new decisions of the consultative committee

4. **Clarity and transparency**
5. **Give expression to current applicable provisions**

→ Art 8 of the DM from 28th October 2020 is allowing the use of indoor sports infrastructures for top athletes in the context of training and professional competitions

→ Art. 15, §5 of the DM from 28th October 2020 gives an exception to the prohibition of gathering for professional competitions without an audience.



2. Organisational measures

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- **Competition schedule!**

- All the aspects of the competition (location plan, materials list, time schedule, ...)
- All the related safety measures
- **Important elements:**
 1. Communication plan!
 2. Crowd management
 - Strict separation of different “bubbles” and influx of people
 3. Division of the rooms (building plans, room organisation, ...), with extra attention to the sanitary facilities (entrances, remote signalling, disinfection and ventilation, ...)
 4. Contact details of the Covid-coordinator
 5. Concrete formulation of testing strategy
 6. Agreements/approvals local government (if necessary CERM-attest)

A WELL-DRAFTED AND DETAILED COMPETITION SCRIPT PROVIDES GUIDANCE FOR EVERYONE!



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1. Legislation

- **Respect in all circumstances the current legislation!**
- **Discrepancy between the protocol and decisions/legislation**
→Precedence for the legislation!

2. COVID-COORDINATOR!

- **Point of contact before, during and after the competition for follow-up of the safety measures**
- **Name and contact details in the competition script + publicly disclosed**
- **Insight and knowledge into safety aspects and organisation of the competition**
- **Assisted by a corona-safety team for enforcement**
- **Mandatory !**



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3. COMMUNICATION– INFORMATION – MOTIVATION

The Federation communicates and informs about

- Competition protocol(test strategy, exit strategy)
- Terms of participation

The organizer communicates and informs about:

- Safety measures on site
- Important clauses from the script (spatial information, contact details, ...)
- Contact details of the Covid-coordinator
- Test strategy
 - It is important to inform foreign riders about , for example , the places where they can take Covid-tests
 - ➔**TIP for the organizer:** Work together with a local sampling centre, so that foreign riders immediately know where to go!
- **Important role Covid-coordinator!**
 - Assisted by a corona-safety team for the purpose of enforcement
 - Covid-coordinator instructs and supports the team



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4. SOCIAL DISTANCE

- **General rule: 1,5m distance and assembly ban for + 10 persons!**
- **Spatial measures:**
 - Physical barriers (Plexiglass, crush-barriers, ...)
 - Circulation plan (One-way traffic and walking lines)
 - Density regulations (static = $1/10\text{m}^2$; dynamic = $1/30\text{m}^2$)
 - Place the chairs with their backs to each other with sufficient distance between them
- **Provide different zones so that officials, athletes, staff, etc. cross each other as little as possible (e.g.: separate sanitary facilities, demarcated areas, etc.)**
- **Separate entry and exit in the arena/paddock**
- **No collective catering facilities! → Please see the measures who apply for the HORECA**



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5. PERSONAL PROTECTION

- **Face masks are mandatory for everyone , on the whole showground!**
 - ≠ alternative for social distance
- **Face masks mandatory does not apply while riding**
 - As soon as you dismount , the face masks mandatory is applied again
- **Only move in your social bubble!**
 - Moving with others than your bubble? → 1,5m distance and face masks!

→**TIP for the organiser: Make sure you have a sufficient stock of face masks and gloves!**

6. HYGIENE

- **Raise awareness! (washing hands, disinfecting, etc.)**
 - Actively spread this information!
- **The organiser will provide soap, sanitisers, paper towels, etc.**
 - Sufficient hand sanitisers on strategic places!



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7. CLEANING AND DESINFECTATION

- **Ensure additional cleaning and disinfection of the (contact) surfaces (door handles, taps, etc.)**
- **Avoid that materials are being used by too many people**
 - If no other option, provide sufficient disinfection material or gloves

→**TIP for the organiser: Make sure there are enough sprays with disinfectant material on site!**

8. VENTILATION

- **Preferably: outdoor sports!**

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9. MANAGEMENT OF INFECTED PERSONS

1. General Covid-rules : Stay home if feeling sick!

- To be included in the competition script: detailed list of symptoms

Abnormal tiredness	Fever (38°C or more)
General feeling of sickness	Sore throat
Muscle aches	Smell and taste loss
Headache	Runny nose
Dry cough	Sneezing several times a day (without allergy)
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	Vomiting and/or diarrhea

- What if you have 1 symptom ? →Contact a doctor and no competition participation!
- Organiser provides information about the available doctors, test centres and emergency services (competition schedule + role of Covid-coordinator!)
- Symptom appears not to be Covid-related? Participation is possible but only with a doctor's certificate!



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9. MANAGEMENT OF INFECTED PERSONS

2. TESTSTRATEGY

- Basic principle 1: A negative PCR-test of less than 72 hours old is required for all athletes and grooms to get access to the competition
 - › The organisers decide for themselves whether they provide the possibility to do a quick test on the spot , if there is a lack of PCR tests (A clear communication about this matter is important!)
 - › Officials will take a quick test at arrival on 1st day at the showground OR present a negative PCR test of maximum 72 hours
 - › Extra attention for people coming from abroad!
 - › Negative test result does not count when travelling by public transport
- **Intermediate negative test result necessary in case of a competition of 3 days or longer!**
 - › Organisers will provide quick tests/self-tests (if possible) or give information on where athletes/grooms can take tests.
- **Self-testing is only possible if it is made possible by the government (via purchase at a pharmacy)!**



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2. TESTSTRATEGY

- Time between departure to Belgium and 1st day of the competition is 3-5 days?
 - › Take a test on at least 2 different moments
 - › PCR day 1 arrival in Belgium and PCR max 72h before competition
 - › PCR day 1 arrival in Belgium and quick test/self-test max 24h before competition
 - › PCR 72h before competition and quick test/self-test max 24h before competition
- Basic principle 2: These rules apply in addition to the rules for travelling to Belgium! (see point 6)
- What if tested positive for Covid?
 - › Prior positive PCR test → no participation possible!
 - › Positive quick test officials → Go home immediately and go in isolation + take PCR-test
 - › Intermediate quick test/self-test is positive → go home immediately and go in isolation + take PCR test
 - › No participation possible

→ **Test strategy in this protocol can always be modified according to the evolution of the test strategy of the government**

→ **TIP: Install the Corona-app!**



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10. COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

1. Covid-coordinator

- Good and effective communication
- Together with the Corona safety team, the coordinator checks if the measures are being followed and raises awareness.
- Denies access to the showground or removes persons in case of non-compliance
- Work with accreditations / a system with wristbands

2. Federation/ local government

- Federation provides necessary sport specific information
- Local government is involved in the organization of the competition

3. Flemish government

- Central information provision (protocols, codes of conduct, FAQs, etc.)
- General sensitization
- "Sport Vlaanderen" shall contact the organization in the case of complaints about infringements (and will be investigated!)



4. Parties involved



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- **WHO IS ALLOWED AT THE SHOWGROUND ?**
 - **Only persons who are necessary for the organisation and proper running of the competitions**
 - Will be strictly monitored via accreditations, attendance lists, etc.
 - VIPS, partners, guests, ... ≠ essential persons!
 - Specifically for equestrian sports: athlete + groom + 1 attendant (for the G-sport/ Para dressage 2 attendants)
 - **Registration requirement**
 - In cooperation with the federation, keep contact details of attendees for at least 14 days (name, phone number and/or email) in the context of contact tracing
 - › Federation: athletes and officials
 - › Organiser: grooms, staff, press, ...
 - **Risk groups**
 - Always take risk groups into account (elderly persons and persons with serious underlying medical conditions)
 - **Public**
 - The competition will NOT be open for public!
 - Limit gatherings around the arena (e.g. of other participants)



5. Individual measures



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- **THE 6 GOLDEN RULES**

1. **Respect the rules of hygiene**
2. **Do your activities preferably outside**
3. **Think about vulnerable people**
4. **Keep enough distance (1,5 meters)**
5. **Limit your physical social contacts**
6. **Follow the rules concerning meetings / events**

THE ORGANISER CREATES CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH INDIVIDUALS CAN COMPLY WITH THESE RULES!



**6. Extra useful
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- **TRAVELLING TO BELGIUM & QUARANTINE**

- **Every person involved in the competition is responsible for compliance with correct safety regulations!**
 - Rules depending on country of origin, length of stay in Belgium and situation of the Covid-19 pandemic in Belgium
- **www.info-coronavirus.be/en/travels/ → see "Travelling to Belgium as a non-Belgian" **Transport & International****
 - Specific question: +32 78 15 17 71
- **Documents:**
 - Sworn statement
 - Passenger Locator Form (PLF)
 - Business Travel Abroad form (BTA) (**cannot** be filled in by the organiser!)
- **A negative PCR test that was carried out at the earliest 72 hours before departure (from a red zone) to Belgium.**

EXCEPTION TO QUARANTINE WHEN ARRIVING/RETURNING TO BELGIUM ONLY FOR PARTICIPATION IN TRAINING AND COMPETITIONS!



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