

EXCEPTIONAL TIMES – EXCEPTIONAL ACTION

DEAR NATIONAL FEDERATIONS,

as we look ahead to the start of the only international canoe events in 2020, we hope that you and your loved ones are in good health and have been able to enjoy your summer despite the pandemic.

We are happy to announce that we've prepared to welcome athletes, coaches, team members, officials and visitors for the upcoming events across Hungary.

As you know, our Covid-19 Protocol Manual outlines the steps the Hungarian government and the Organising Committee has taken to keep everyone safe this fall. This plan is available in the appendix of this document and includes a section specifically dedicated to border crossing rules and another one to the on-site measures. Please, let us underline the two most important concerns:

- *You cannot enter Hungary without showing your two negative test to the Border Authorities*
- *The OC can take back your accreditation cards, if not keeping the rules at the Regatta Course (please, see the appendix)*

We encourage all National Federations to read the manual along with the cancellation terms published at the website of each event very carefully, so you can make a responsible decision regarding your participation and reservation.

As the Hungarian Canoe Federation continues to collaborate with state and local leaders and with our medical staff, the OC will adjust plans as necessary to support our top priority – the health and safety of all members of our community.

Despite the pandemic and the unique challenges it presents for this fall, we look ahead to significant accomplishments this year.

We would like to thank you for your hard work and for approaching the events ahead with commitment and flexibility.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the Organising Committee and we will be happy to assist.

Sincerely,

The Organising Committee



APPENDIX

COVID-19 PROTOCOL MANUAL

VERSION DATE: 17ST AUGUST, 2020



DEAR NATIONAL FEDERATIONS,

At the 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.

UPDATE ON HUNGARIAN MEASURES REGARDING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, COMING INTO EFFECT ON 16TH AUGUST 2020

We would like to kindly inform you that the Organising Committee is required to provide your personal data to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs before your arrival. Please, note that the OC cannot take responsibility for your smooth entry to Hungary in case you miss to send back the relevant excel sheet along with your final travel information.

As before, participants from the red and yellow marked countries are required to take two consecutive SARS-CoV-2 molecular biologic tests (taken 48 hours apart within 5 days before your departure). **From now on, the printed SARS-CoV-2 molecular biologic tests must be presented to the border authorities when entering Hungary. Please, note that National Teams who fail to present their negative tests upon border crossing, cannot enter Hungary.**

The tests must also be sent to the Organising Committee via email 12 hours before departing your city of origin at the latest. Please, note that participation of National Teams who fail to present their negative tests in time before their departure will be denied. The original SARS-CoV-2 molecular biologic tests must be shown in the Accreditation Centre upon arrival.

An invitation letter to confirm your participation will also be sent to you before your departure. It must be presented at the Hungarian border as well, as border authorities will ask the purpose of your visit.

Please, consider that the Organising Committee does not take responsibility if you break any of the regulations mentioned above or miss to have the necessary credentials in order to enter Hungary.



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. *

UPDATED CATEGORIES, IN EFFECT FROM 7TH AUGUST 2020:

RED CATEGORY (HIGH RISK)

Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Ukraine, Australia and all Oceanian countries, all Asian countries (except for China and Japan), all African countries, all Central and South American countries

YELLOW CATEGORY (MEDIUM RISK)

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

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.

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.

