

# EUROPEAN HANDBALL FEDERATION

## BACK TO HANDBALL – HYGIENE CONCEPT

Covid-19 Concept and Guidelines for the  
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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

This document provides EHF guidelines for the DELO EHF Champions League FINAL4 considering the current Covid-19 pandemic. These guidelines work alongside the existing DELO EHF Champions League regulations and EHF Back to Handball Hygiene Concept for club competitions (version 4).

All participating clubs should 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 club.

With the Covid-19 situation constantly evolving, this will be a living document and we will re-issue guidelines where we feel changes are required.

All participants must follow the “bubble” guidelines during the tournament (hotel, arena, etc.)

Any additional (short-term) decision of the EHF Covid-19 Officer must be followed by all parties involved.

## **2 AIM**

The aim is to ensure that all possible mitigation steps are taken to reduce the risk of infection for all those involved in the matches, although the risk cannot be completely eliminated. All stakeholders participate in the competition at their own risk.

In line with WHO recommendations we will prioritise enhanced hygiene and social distancing, together with a Covid-19 testing program. This will be supported by the adoption of a zonal approach for the matches themselves, with a focus on mitigations for players and officials.

## **3 COVID-19 OFFICER**

All participating teams should appoint a Covid-19 Officer who will be responsible for ensuring all mitigation measures are followed by players, team officials and all other personnel involved with the event. The Covid-19 Officer should work in close cooperation with the club’s medical officer or advisors as well as with the EHF. The Covid-19 officer should be knowledgeable in the symptoms and transmission of SARS-CoV-2 as well as the relevant laws and preventive measures for diseases transmission.

The team Covid-19 Officer will be responsible for checking transport, hotel and arena measures and ensuring that the EHF Covid-19 guidelines have all been followed.

## **4 Event Covid-19 Officer**

The local organizer (EHF and Hungarian Handball Federation/HHF) must appoint an Event Covid-19 Officer. He/she will work in close cooperation with the team Covid-19 Officers as well as the EHF/M.

## **5 GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR HYGIENE AND COVID-19 TESTING**

### **5.1 GENERAL HYGIENE**

In general, physical distancing and minimizing the physical contacts are considered as the most effective way to reduce the risk of COVID-19 infection. Therefore, all stakeholders involved in the competition must keep physical distancing of 1.5-2 meter to other persons, where it is possible.

Any kind of contacts with a person having symptoms of respiratory infection such as cough, sneezing or fever must be avoided.

Furthermore, all stakeholders involved in the competition must respect the following hygiene guidelines and must be fully compliant with it

Furthermore, these measures should be followed by all players and officials at all times (except matches):

- Wash your hands several times a day with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand disinfectant.
- Teams and team officials are recommended to each carry a personal hand sanitizer.
- Wear a FFP2/KN95 mask fully covering mouth and nose in public areas at all times (only mealtime and match and training time for players/officials should be the exception). Face shields do not offer sufficient protection and should therefore not be used as a stand-alone protective measure.
- Turn away from other persons near you if you need to cough or sneeze.
- Cover mouth and nose with a paper towel or the crook of your arm whenever you cough or sneeze and dispose paper tissues promptly.
- Maintain social distancing. A distance of at least 1,5 – 2 m is recommended wherever possible.
- Do not shake hands with other people.
- Avoid busy places (even where social distancing measures are in place) and large crowds of people.
- Avoid public transport.
- Avoid carpooling.
- Be aware of all the symptoms of Covid-19 and notify medical staff if symptoms appear.
- Minimize the time spent in the changing room.

In addition, HHF will ensure that all surfaces throughout the premises are periodically cleaned and disinfected. Using disposable eating and drinking equipment is strongly recommended.

### \*Information about FFP2 masks:

Particle filtering half masks (FFP masks) are items of personal protective equipment (PPE) within the scope of occupational health and safety and are intended to protect the wearer of the mask from particles, droplets and aerosols. The design of particle filtering half masks varies. There are masks without exhalation valve and masks with exhalation valve. Masks without valves filter both inhaled air and exhaled air and therefore provide both self-protection and protection against foreign bodies, although they are primarily designed for self-protection only.

Source: Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices (BfArM)  
<https://www.bfarm.de/SharedDocs/Risikoinformationen/Medizinprodukte/DE/schutzmasken.html>

### Complementary:

The FFP2 masks primarily serve the wearer's own protection, as the website of the Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices (BfArM) clearly shows. In tests, the masks are checked to see how much aerosol and smaller droplets of an average size of 0.6 micrometers pass through the mask. Their protective function is standardised throughout Europe by the DIN EN 149:2009 standard. According to this standard, FFP2 masks must filter out 95 percent of particles.

Even though their primary purpose is self-protection, FFP2 masks also offer more protection against foreign bodies than everyday masks. This was suggested by a study recently published in the trade journal "Science Advances". In the study, the N95 respirators reserved in the USA for hospital staff performed best. They are equivalent to FFP2 masks in Europe. The droplets emitted by a spokesperson were reduced to less than 0.1 percent of the amount without a mask in these masks.

Source: Pharmacy Review - online - 04.09.2020

### **Important Note!**

Any stakeholder involved in the competition who develops any respiratory or flu-like symptoms (e.g. fever equal to or higher than 38°C, cough or difficulty in breathing, loss of smell and taste) must leave the team activities immediately (if applicable), be isolated in the COVID-19 isolation room at the hotel, be tested and inform the team doctor and the team's COVID-19 officers (in case of any team member – if applicable), furthermore team officials should immediately inform and the event COVID-19 officer.

## **5.2 COVID-19 TESTING REGIME**

All clubs must keep a Covid-19 testing logbook or passport for each travelling players/official, including club test results.

## **5.3 TESTING REGIME PRIOR TO THE EVENT**

All players, team officials and EHF officials must conduct a testing of the presence of SARS-CoV-2. There are no exceptions for persons who were already vaccinated or have recovered from being positive on SARS-CoV-2.

Prior to arrival; HHF requests to provide medical history of team members. This request with further details and instructions will be communicated to the team officials in timely manner.

#### 5.3.1 Test 1 of the series (PCR test)

On Monday, 24 May 2021, all participating clubs must carry-out a PCR test for all persons of the club delegation as well as all persons travelling with the club delegation. The results must be available on Tuesday, 25 May 2021 at 12:00 hrs. at the latest. These results must be sent to [competitions@eurohandball.com](mailto:competitions@eurohandball.com).

#### 5.3.2 Test 2 of the series (PCR test)

On Wednesday, 26 May 2021, all participating clubs must carry-out a PCR test for all persons of the club delegation as well as all persons travelling with the club delegation. The results must be available on Thursday, 27 May 2021 at 12:00 hrs. These results must be sent to [competitions@eurohandball.com](mailto:competitions@eurohandball.com).

#### 5.3.3 Common trainings and meetings before arrival in Budapest

In case there is a training or a common meeting with the complete team after Test 1 (Monday 24 May - 1<sup>st</sup> PCR test), or after Test 2 (Wednesday 26 May – 2<sup>nd</sup> PCR test) before travelling/arrival in Budapest, a rapid Antigen test must be carry-out prior to each training or meeting in order to secure that no infection is within the team.

### **5.4 TESTING REGIME DURING THE TOURNAMENT**

#### 5.4.1 Test 3 of the series (PCR test)

On Thursday, 27 May 2021, upon arrival at the team hotel, all participating clubs must carry-out a PCR test for all persons of the club delegation including additional persons traveling with the team. This will be carried-out by HHF (medical staff) at the testing point in the team hotel. Immediately after the test all persons must go in self-isolation in their hotel room until the results of the test of all persons of the respective team is available.

The same procedure applies for all EHF Officials who will arrive on Friday, 28 May.

The results of the tests are expected to be available approx. six hours after the testing.

Meals will be provided by room service until the results are available.

This PCR test will be provided and paid by the organizer.

#### 5.4.2 Test 4 of the series (rapid Antigen test)

On Sunday morning (between 08:00 – 09:30 hrs., exact time schedule will be provided in due time prior to the event), 29 May 2021, prior to the team nomination for the Sunday games, all EHF officials as well as all participating clubs must carry-out a rapid Antigen test. This will be carried-out by HHF (medical staff) at the testing point in the team hotel. These tests will be provided and paid by the organiser.

### **5.5 POSITIVE PCR TESTS (BEFORE ARRIVAL IN BUDAPEST)**

In their own country, clubs should follow local health regulation advice if any player or staff tests positive for Covid-19. They should only return to club when it is fully safe to do so and

are allowed to participate at the DELO EHF Champions League FINAL4 if all three following conditions are fulfilled:

- In their own country, clubs should follow local health regulation advice if any players or staff tests positive for Covid-19. They should only return to club when it is fully safe to do so, and they are proofing a PCR test result with a crossing threshold (Ct) above 30 who are not considered infectious any longer and are allowed to fully participate in social life.
- A full documentation must be available (1st positive test result; latest test result must proof a Ct above 30; confirmation from local authorities that the quarantine is over – if available)
- At least 14 days have passed between the 1st positive test and the day of the match.

#### **5.6 POSITIVE PCR TESTS (AFTER ARRIVAL IN BUDAPEST)**

If any persons will be tested positive for the presence of Covid-19 after arriving in Budapest, a new PCR test including analyzing the Ct value must be carried-out. Additionally, they must go into isolation and follow the guidelines of the EHF and HHF. This holds true for any contact persons (C 1) of the positive tested person.

#### **5.7 CONFIRMATION TO THE EHF AND ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE**

The resp. club in cooperation with the event Covid-19 officer has to confirm the negative PCR resp. rapid Antigen test directly after receiving the results to the EHF (competitions@eurohandball.com).

### **6 GUIDELINES FOR TRAVEL**

All persons (team and persons who accompanying the team) travelling to Budapest/HUN should wear FFP2 masks for the complete travel.

#### **6.1 PRIOR TO TRAVEL**

- It is the responsibility of HHF to liaise with the government and local authorities to ensure that the visiting team can enter and leave the country without limitation.
- It is also the responsibility of HHF to provide the visiting team with timely information on any measures that are required to enter and leave the country without quarantine.
- Should local authorities require a test for visitors on arrival to that country, then the event Covid-19 Officer shall oversee the arrangements with the local authorities.
- The travelling team should ensure that it follows all local guidance and regulations while travelling, to ensure they mitigate against the risk of contracting the virus. This includes the requirements regarding testing for crossing borders and entering countries during travel.

## **6.2 INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TO MATCHES**

- It is the responsibility of the visiting team and EHF officials, who fly to a venue for a match, to ensure they follow all local authority and transport company Covid-19 regulations during all stages of travel (maintain social distancing, wear a FFP2 mask throughout travel and wash hands regularly, ideally arrange separate check-in area).
- Where teams are close enough to travel to the match by bus, please see recommendations in '5.3 Travel during stay'
- All clubs must provide a seating protocol from all persons of the club delegation, starting with the beginning of the travel. It is a recommendation that the players/officials have the same seating order for the complete journey. Additionally, it is a recommendation that persons who will share a double room in Budapest should sit next to each other during the travel and/or a person who was already infected should sit next to a person who was not infected, etc.

## **6.3 TRANSPORT DURING STAY**

- Each team should have its own dedicated bus for the duration of the event/stay.
- The bus should be large enough to ensure that the team can respect social distancing on board.
- EHF officials should have a dedicated minibus, allowing them to respect social distancing.
- Other than the bus driver, no one else should travel on the bus with the team or officials.
- The bus drivers should respect all hygiene recommendations, wash hands with sanitizer every time they return to the bus and always wear a FFP2 mask.
- All vehicles should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected immediately before being used to transport the teams for the first time and again if used for any other purpose during the event.
- Where possible buses with center entrances should be used, so that teams can enter away from the driver
- The bus driver should open and close the luggage hold doors, but players/team officials should stow and remove their own luggage.

## **7 GUIDELINES FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION**

- The hotel (so called bubble hotel) is exclusively for all participating teams, EHF officials, staff (red zone) who will be accommodated in this so called "bubble-hotel". No external contacts are allowed in the bubble hotel.
- It is the responsibility of HHF to contact the hotel in advance to ensure that all arrangements are in place and that the hotel understands what is required.
- Only one team official should go to the reception on arrival to collect the room keys for the complete delegation. The rest of the team must go from the bus directly to



the testing point in the hotel. Once the test is done, the team members should receive the room keys from the Team Official and go directly to their room.

- Access to spa area, fitness rooms, and other common spaces should be prohibited for players and staff, unless exclusivity can be arranged.
- Hand sanitizers should be provided on the dedicated floor and in common spaces (dining room, meeting room).
- Teams should wear FFP2 masks in closed rooms outside their own rooms and the dining and meeting rooms, as well as outside the team bus.
- The hotel should 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.
- There should be no cleaning of rooms while the team is in the hotel; no cleaning staff on the team floor/wing; sufficient towels and sanitary articles should be left in the rooms for the duration of the stay. If necessary additional items can be left in advance in a dedicated space on the floor.
- Hotel staff should wear face masks and regularly disinfect hands; there should be no access to any area of the hotel for anyone showing symptoms of infection.
- Dedicated dining and meeting rooms should be large enough to allow for social distancing.
- Contact with hotel staff in the dining area should be minimized:
- Food and drink should be laid out prior to meals before players arrive.
- No clean-up of tables should be undertaken until the players/team staff have all left the room, so that the smallest number of staff is present in the dining room during meals.
- Players/Team staff should only use the toilets in their own room during their stay at the hotel.

## **8 GUIDELINES FOR MATCHES**

### **8.1 VENUE PREPARATION - ZONING**

A zoning approach, with the arena being divided into sectors for different sets of participants. It is critical to the running of the event that there should be no cross-over of participants between zones.

The arena will be divided into different zones with separate entry restrictions. The court is in the red zone and, apart from the teams and EHF Officials, only a limited number of persons will have access to the red zone.

- It is important that all players, coaches, referees, and main match officials in the red zone remain isolated from other groups and maintain the precautions they already have in place in their home/training environments.
- With the exception of the players, referees and coaches, all other people attending the match are instructed to wear FFP2 face mask at all times.

- Moppers operating in the red zone must sit alone in each corner.
- Staff in the Orange zone should never approach players or officials closer than two meters, unless specifically called onto court by referees or EHF Officials (e.g. medical teams) and then maintaining social distancing from other players and officials).
- Staff working in the red zone (match officials, moppers, etc.) must conduct a rapid Antigen test on each playing day and wear FFP2 masks.
- Zoning access must clearly be identified on everyone's accreditation (including any staff working in the blue zone) and no one should be allowed access without accreditation or work across more than one zone.
- There should be a minimum distance of 3m between the backs of the seats in the courtside player area and the first row of seats behind them. There should also be a minimum of 3m between the court and the spectator seats on the other three sides. Wherever this is not possible, a buffer zone of three rows of empty seats must be put in place.
- Zoning must be clearly marked out at the area and sufficient staff on hand to enforce it.
- In addition, two red zone areas on the tribunes shall be created (e.g. red zone members not directly involved with the match inclusive team Covid-19 Officer, red carded players, 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.
- Separate toilets should be allocated in each of the zones and clearly identified.
- Dedicated staff of EHF/M and HHF have additional access to the different zones.

## **8.2 CHANGING ROOMS**

With some research suggesting that the changing room environment can heighten the risk of spreading the virus, our guidelines aim to mitigate the risk and reduce the amount of time players and officials spend in the changing rooms.

- Teams and referees will be allocated changing rooms that are large enough to allow for sufficient space between seats to ensure social distancing is respected.
- Teams and referees should be allocated their own toilets, which remain out of bounds to anyone else.
- Each team/player is responsible for bringing their own towels to the match.
- The teams and referees should minimize the time in the changing room/area designated for them until time for the warm-up.
- Arena staff should ensure that the changing rooms, treatment rooms and toilets are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before the arena is open to anyone else.
- Once cleaned, no one outside of the teams/officials should enter the changing rooms for the duration of the match/day.

- To further reduce the risk of infection, at the end of the match it is not permitted for players and officials to shower at the arena but return to their hotel or homes as quickly as possible to shower there (exception for Sunday possible if the team depart directly after the match from the hall).
- Access from the teams and referee rooms onto the court will be within the red zone and supervised accordingly.

### **8.3 GENERAL PREPARATION**

- All arena public areas should be thoroughly cleaned before the arena opens for the arrival of the teams and officials.
- The court floor, goals, player seats, timekeeper's table & seats should all be cleaned and disinfected before the teams arrive.
- Touchless Hand sanitizers should 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.

### **8.4 TEAM AND STAFF ARRIVAL**

- Access to the arena will be via dedicated 'zone' entrances, no mixing is allowed.
- Teams and officials (red zone) must proceed to their locker rooms directly from the arrival at the Arena. No extra routes outside of the red zone are allowed.
- Everyone entering the venue and with access to a dedicated zone, with the exception of the teams EHF officials, EHF/M and HHF staff, who will already be logged, shall complete a Health Declaration Form (see sample in annex 1), so that they can confirm they are free of Covid-19 symptoms and can be contacted if a virus case is later reported in their zone. Anyone reporting any symptom cannot enter.

### **8.5 PRE-MATCH PROCEDURE**

- Social distancing should continue to be observed in the access areas to the playing areas.
- The access areas must be designed to allow social distancing, e.g. using distance marks.
- If possible different entrance and exit routes should be used for access to and exit from the playing area (one-way system).
- Team entrance will be coordinated so that both teams do not arrive at the entrance at the same moment.
- During the warm-up teams should respect social distancing where possible and leave a central 'clear zone' either side of the center court line.

## **8.6 TEAM BENCH**

- The team benches must be cleaned and disinfected before the teams arrive and at half time as well as between the matches.
- 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.

## **8.7 TIMEKEEPER'S TABLE**

- The timekeeper's table should be cleaned and disinfected before the arrival of the officials, including all equipment (scoreboard controls, laptop, etc.).
- All persons sitting at the table must wear FFP2 masks during the match.
- All communications between the timekeeper's table and bench must be done while observing social distancing rules.

## **8.8 TECHNICAL MEETING**

- The technical meeting should be conducted in a meeting room large enough to ensure social distancing.
- Only essential people should attend, i.e. EHF, HHF, one representative per team, , EHF Marketing Supervisor and Covid-19 Officer(s).
- All participants should wear FFP2 masks.
- The Covid-19 Officers should ensure that their team are fully aware of the Covid-19 procedures for warm-up, entrance on court, half-time and match end.

## **8.9 PRE-MATCH TEAM ENTRANCE**

- At the end of warm up, when the teams exit the court to prepare for the formal entrance, time should be allowed so that the teams do not exit at the same time (at least one minute gap), and if necessary are kept suitably separated if using the same entrance.
- Only essential staff should be at the court entrance (TV Producer, Covid-19 Officer, Camera Operator, Security) and all must wear a FFP2 mask and respect social distancing.
- Referees can lead the teams out on court, but a 2m space must be maintained between the referees and the leading players.
- The team entering second should be kept away from the entrance until the first team has fully entered court.
- No one else should take part in this walk-out (no flag bearers, no children at entrance to court, etc.).
- When standing in the center 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).
- There should be no exchange of gifts between players, EHF Officials, etc.

### **8.10 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.
- Medical devices (e.g. cool packs) must be disinfected after each use.
- 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. Medical staff should wear mask and gloves.
- 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.
- For players given a red card during the match a suitable and clearly separated area must be identified.

### **8.11 HALF-TIME**

- The teams/officials should leave the court in the following order (this should be supervised by the event Covid-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.
- Only essential staff should be at the court entrance (TV Producer, Covid-19 Officer, Camera operator, security) and all must wear a FFP2 mask and respect social distancing.
- No media interviews should be conducted with players/officials at half-time.
- No entertainment should take place on court during half-time.
- During half-time the team benches, goal posts and any other relevant equipment should be cleaned and disinfected.

### **8.12 FULL-TIME**

- The teams/officials should leave the court in the same order as half-time.
- The players and EHF officials are not allowed to take a shower at the arena but return to their hotel as quickly as possible for showers in their rooms.
- In addition, no catering should be provided for the teams and officials at the arena. They are supposed to have all meals in the hotel.

- The changing rooms must be cleaned and disinfected after the players and EHF officials left the arena after the first game.
- The arena and all rooms used should be thoroughly cleaned after everyone has left.

## **9 ANTI-DOPING CONTROLS**

- A clean and disinfected room should be made available for anti-doping checks.
- The room should be large enough to allow players and anti-doping staff to be able to socially distance.
- Everyone in the room should wear a FFP2 mask and gloves.
- Gloves only required for medical procedures; anti-doping staff should provide negative Sars-CoV-2 testing result (72 hours PCR prior to the resp. throw-off and 24 hours Antigen test prior to the resp. throw-off).

## **10 GUIDELINES FOR THE MEDIA**

In order to allow safe access to players, it is important that all media respect hygiene and social distancing rules according to the EHF Hygiene Concept and the local Hygiene regulations.

### **10.1 GENERAL MEDIA GUIDANCE**

- All media representatives must be accredited with the home team and provide full contact details.
- Media representatives should be made aware of the Covid-19 regulations in place at the match and that they are obliged to follow them.
- When picking up their accreditation, all those media representatives operating in the orange zone have to provide a negative Covid-19 test (PCR test valid 48 hours prior to the resp. throw-off and Antigen test valid 48 hours prior to the resp. throw-off). Without a valid test certificate, no accreditation will be handed out.
- Furthermore, all media representatives must complete a Health Declaration Form (see sample in annex), so that they can confirm they are free of Covid-19 symptoms and can be contacted if a virus case is later reported in the media zone. Anyone reporting any symptoms cannot enter. The form will be sent to all accredited media representatives together with their confirmation of accreditation.
- All media representatives should carry hand disinfectant, wash hands regularly and wear a face mask. Media representatives who has a close contact with the teams must wear a FFP2 mask.
- 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.
- A separate route must be identified for media representatives moving from the zone which they have been accredited for courtside interview areas/mixed zone.

- Allocated seats (to facilitate contact tracing in case of an infection) in the media area should be spaced out in line with local social distancing regulations.
- In case media catering is provided, this should be packaged to be picked up by the media representatives and consumed at their dedicated media seat. If no catering is provided, media representatives shall be advised to bring their own food and drink. There shall be no dedicated media room, but only allocated seats on the media tribune.

## **10.2 PHOTOGRAPHERS**

- HHF together with the EHF Media Manager should allocate marked-out photo places in compliance with social distancing measures.
- A maximum number of photographers should be set for each area, allowing for social distancing measures. EHF recommends that a maximum of three photographers be allowed to the left and right of the goal. If space and routing allows, additional photographers can operate from the stands.
- All photographers must follow a strict testing regime before entering the venue. Negative PCR test (48 hours valid prior to the resp. throw-off) or negative Antigen test (48 hours valid prior to the resp. throw-off).

## **10.3 PRESS CONFERENCE**

Press conferences are scheduled to be held 15 minutes after the semi-finals as well as 15 minutes after the end of the 3/4 placement match and the final. The possibility of media presence as well as live streaming options and the possibility of remote attendance of accredited media will be discussed between the EHF Media Manager and the media manager of HHF with all measures taken being in line with the event's hygiene concept and the local health regulations.

## **10.4 INTERVIEWS FOR WRITTEN PRESS**

The physical presence of journalists in the mixed zone is not allowed. The mixed zone will operate on a virtual basis. The Media Managers of the clubs as well as all accredited media are informed about the procedure.

## **10.5 TV INTERVIEWS (FLASH ZONE)**

- Social distancing rules must always be respected during the interviews in the flash zone. Interviewers must wear a face mask during the interviews.
- For flash zone interviews a 2m boom microphone should be used, so that the interviewer can stand well back. Ideally, if space allows, two parallel rows of barriers should be in place to enforce the 2m spacing.
- All microphone covers should be cleaned with an anti-bacterial wet wipe just prior to and between interviews.
- The microphone should not be held closer than 30cm to the face of the player/coach

- If any of the rules are breached or the player/coach feels uncomfortable, an interview will be terminated immediately by the media supervisor.

## **10.6 TV PRODUCTION**

For more detailed guidelines, see separate EHF document 'Guideline for TV Production during Covid-19 period competitions.

- EHFM is the responsible HB and responsible for the TV production.
- It is the TV Production's responsibility to ensure that the 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, including completion of Covid-19 information form.
- All TV personnel operating in their designated areas/zones must ensure that they always remain at least 2m away from all players and officials, except where this is unavoidable and accidental during the match and wear a FFP2 mask.
- All TV personnel must undergo a strict testing regime before entering the venue. This testing regime foresees a negative antigen test (not older than 48 hours) or PCR test (not older than 72hrs) before entering the venue.

## **11 SPECTATORS**

A limited number of spectators are allowed at the DELO EHF FINAL4 2021. Separate restrictions apply for the spectators.



## **APPENDIX 1 – Sample Health Declaration Form**

### Health Declaration Form

**Match:**

**Date:**

**Venue:**

The information you provide here may be used by the public health authorities, in accordance with local legislation, in the context of the public health response to COVID-19. The form must be completed by all spectators over the age of 13. One form can be used for a group with members of the same household.

Name(s):

Email address:

Phone number:

Seat number(s):

	Yes	No
Do you (or anyone else for whom you are completing this form) currently have symptoms or have symptoms, or have been diagnosed with Coronavirus disease (Covid-19) within the last 14 days?		
In the past 14 days have you (or anyone else for whom you are completing this form) been in contact with someone who is or could be infected with Coronavirus (Covid-19)		
<b>In the past 24 hours have you (or anyone else for whom you are completing this form) had any of the following symptoms</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Fever		
Cough		
Runny nose		
Sore throat		
loss of smell or taste		
Shortness of breath		

If you answered 'Yes' to any of the questions above, you and members of your household will not be granted to the arena.

I confirm that the information given in this form is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed:

Dated: