

EUROPEAN HANDBALL FEDERATION

BACK TO HANDBALL – HYGIENE CONCEPT

Covid-19 Concept and Guidelines for EHF Club and
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1 INTRODUCTION

This document provides EHF guidelines for the resumption of European club and national team competitions considering the current Covid-19 pandemic. These guidelines work alongside the existing EHF regulations for each competition.

All clubs and national federations 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 and national team environments. Clubs and national federations are responsible for preparing competitions in a safe environment and ensuring that they follow all national guidelines and safety recommendations.

The EHF recognises that government regulations and recommendations concerning Covid-19 differ from country to country and where these are more stringent, these would supersede the EHF guidelines.

Where local Health Authority Covid-19 guidance is significantly different to the concepts outlined in this document, the host club or National Federation should contact the EHF in advance to discuss whether some relaxations of the guidelines are possible. Any changes would need to be communicated to and agreed with the visiting team in advance.

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.

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.

This protocol is intended to provide a minimum standard to ensure the health and safety of all players, staff and officials, but allows some latitude for clubs and national federations to adapt them to their own circumstances.

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

The guidance document focuses on providing a positive experience for a television audience. However, some local regulations may allow the attendance of spectators under certain conditions. Where this is the case, and if the home club or national federation decide to sell tickets, it is important that all local regulations are respected and that spectators are kept

fully segregated from all other participants at the venue. A distinct Covid-19 prevention strategy to mitigate the infection risk for spectators will be required for those events.

3 COVID-19 OFFICER

All teams and national federations should appoint a Covid-19 Officer (see Appendix 2) who will be responsible for ensuring all mitigation measures are followed by players, team and match officials and all other personnel involved with the event. The Covid-19 Officer should work in close cooperation with the club's or national federation's medical officer or advisors. 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 home team Covid-19 Officer will be responsible for checking transport, hotel and arena measures and ensuring that the EHF and/or local Covid-19 guidelines have all been followed.

The home team Covid-19 Officer will be responsible for liaising with the government, authorities to ensure that all relevant laws and guidelines have been followed.

The Covid-19 Officers should notify the EHF immediately if new travel restrictions or bans are enforced by the government or local authorities, which could impact the ability of the visiting team to travel to the country.

4 GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR HYGIENE AND COVID-19 TESTING

4.1 GENERAL HYGIENE

These measures are recommended for all players and officials at all times:

- 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 mask fully covering mouth and nose in public areas at all times (only mealtimes and match and training times 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 1.5m 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.

4.2 COVID-19 TESTING REGIME

- Clubs and national federations should develop their own regular Covid-19 testing regimes in line with local health regulations.
- We recommend that all clubs and national federations keep a Covid-19 testing logbook or passport for each travelling players/official, including club test results for travelling national team players.

4.3 TESTING REGIME PRIOR TO THE MATCH

- All players, team officials and EHF officials must undergo a test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2. This test can be either a PCR (individual or pool test) or rapid Antigen test.
- The handling of the timekeeper and scorekeeper is in the responsibility of the home team Covid-19 Officer.

4.4 PCR TEST (INDIVIDUAL OR POOL TEST)

- The PCR test must be conducted **earliest 72 hours** prior to the resp. match (no extension possible).

4.5 RAPID ANTIGEN TEST

- The rapid Antigen test must be conducted **earliest 24 hours** prior to the resp. match (no extension possible). This test must be conducted by medical staff.
- The availability as well as the carrying out of the Antigen tests is in the responsibility of the resp. team, this includes if a second test must be conducted (first test was prior to the 24 hours deadline).

4.6 POSITIVE PCR TESTS

- In their own country, clubs and national federations should follow local health regulation advice if any players or staff tests positive for Covid-19. They should only return to club or national team duty when it is fully safe to do so, and they have tested negative for the virus or proofing a 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.

- If a number of players contract the virus and the team feels it can no longer field a competitive team for an upcoming match, they should contact the EHF immediately.
- If a player or official tests positive for Covid-19 after arriving at another venue for a match, they should take the advice of the local medical staff for self-isolation and mitigation. The EHF and Team managers will all have been made aware of the result under the testing protocol and the EHF and teams should take a decision about whether the match can go ahead. The local authorities must be notified in case of a positive result and will be involved in the decision whether the match can go ahead.
- A positive tested person is allowed to participate at a match if all three following conditions are fulfilled:
 - In their own country, clubs and national federations should follow local health regulation advice if any players or staff tests positive for Covid-19. They should only return to club or national team duty when it is fully safe to do so; they can prove a PCR test result with a crossing threshold (Ct) above 30, are not considered infectious any longer, and are allowed to fully participate in social life.
 - A full documentation must be available (first 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 between the first positive test and the day of the resp. match.

4.7 CONFIRMATION TO THE EHF AND ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE

- PCR test: A confirmation of the negative results by using the resp. PCR confirmation form must be sent to the EHF (competitions@eurohandball.com) and Covid-19 Officer of the opponent prior to travel (guest team) resp. as soon as the test results are available (but not later than 09:30 local time of the place of the match on the match day).
- Antigen test: A confirmation of the negative results by using the resp. AG confirmation form together with a picture of all Antigen tests (all tests together on one picture) must be sent to the EHF (competitions@eurohandball.com) and Covid-19 Officer of the opponent as soon as the test results are available (but not later than 09:30 local time of the place of the match on the match day).
- Positive tested person: A confirmation of the results by using the resp. confirmation form together with the complete documentation (see point 4.6) must be sent to the EHF (competitions@eurohandball.com) and Covid-19 Officer of the opponent prior to travel (guest team) resp. as soon as the test results are available (but not later than 09:30 local time of the place of the match on the match day).
- After checking all required information, the EHF will send a confirmation of the eligibility of all persons to the EHF delegate and the Covid-19 Officer of the home and away team.

Without this EHF confirmation, the players resp. officials are not eligible to take part at the resp. match.

5 GUIDELINES FOR TRAVEL

5.1 PRIOR TO TRAVEL

- It is the responsibility of the home team/organisers 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 the home team/organisation to provide the visiting team with timely information on any measures that are required to enter and leave the country without quarantine.
- Local regulations may set different timescales and where more stringent than the EHF guidelines these should be followed.
- Should local authorities require a test for visitors on arrival to that country, then the local team Covid-19 Officer shall oversee the arrangements with the local authorities and the results should in principle be delivered at the latest six hours prior to throw-off time.
- 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.

5.2 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 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'.

5.3 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 team/officials guide should accompany the bus in a separate vehicle.
- The bus drivers should respect all hygiene recommendations, wash hands with sanitizer every time they return to the bus and always wear a 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 centre 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.
- These guidelines should also be used for the home team if they travel by bus.

6 GUIDELINES FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

- It is the responsibility of the home team Covid-19 Officer to contact the hotel in advance to ensure that all arrangements are in place and that the hotel understand what is required of them.
- The home team Covid-19 Officer must be present in the hotel at the arrival of the guest team.
- The visiting team may also consider sending their Covid-19 Officer ahead of the main group to familiarise themselves with the hotel and the arrangements.
- Only one team official should go to reception on arrival to check-in the team. The rest of the team can either wait on the bus or go directly to a room exclusively for their use, until their personal rooms are allocated.
- The visiting team should bring as few extra players and staff as possible.
- Ideally the hotel should be exclusively for the visiting team and officials, but if this is not possible, other options should be considered:
 - Dedicated entrance for team
 - Dedicated hotel areas without other guests (whole floor, dining room, meeting room)
 - Dedicated lift

- 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 face 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 minimised:
 - Food and drink should be laid out prior to meals before players arrive.
 - There should be no self-service/buffet; food should be served by as few hotel staff as possible.
 - 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.

7 GUIDELINES FOR MATCHES

7.1 VENUE PREPARATION - ZONING

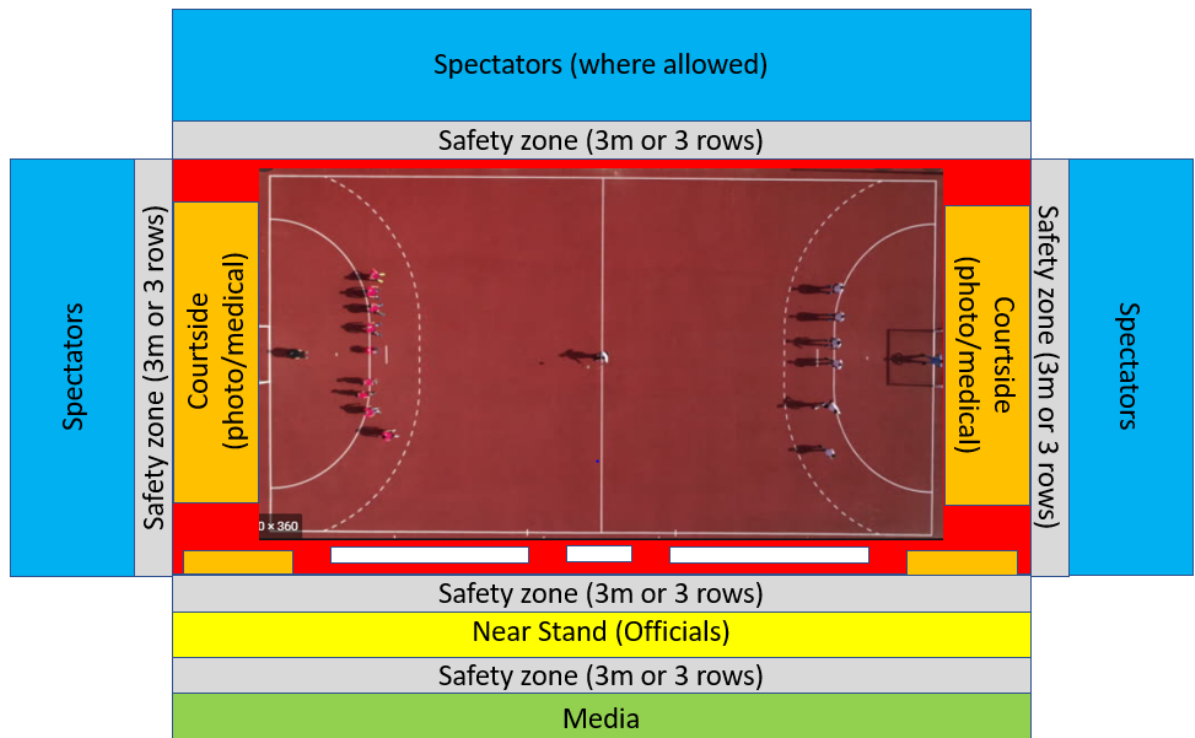
A zoning approach, with the arena being divided into sectors for different sets of participants. It is critical to the running of the event that there should be no cross-over of participants between zones.

The arena will be divided into five zones

Zone	Area	Group	Max Numbers
Red	Court, courtside/bench, changing rooms & treatment rooms, doping control room, toilets and access	Per team (players and officials)	20
		Referees	2
		Match officials (timekeepers table)	4
		Moppers	4
		EHF Doping Control	2
		Floor Manager	1
		EHF Marketing Supervisor	1
Orange	Courtside (selected areas) / behind goal – must be at least 2m away from entrances and bench	Photographers	4
		Medical services	4
		TV Production/cameras	4/6
		Covid-19 supervisor	1
		Security	
Yellow	Stands, separate offices / meeting rooms / outside area (TV/Security)	Base signal	
		Hall entertainer/announcer	2
		Match stats/data	2
		Team delegations	
		TV Production	30
		Fire service Police/Security	
Green	Stands	Media	20
		Media Manager/Floor Manager	1/2
Blue	Stands	Spectators (where allowed) Security/Marshals	As per local regulations

- The zones must be clearly separated and, where in the same stand, should have a minimum of three rows between them – see example below.
- 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 should wear a face mask at all times.
- Moppers operating in the red zone (maximum 4) 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 (e.g. medical teams) and then maintaining social distancing from other players and officials).



- Home team staff working in the red zone (match officials and moppers) must follow the guidelines in the Hygiene section (4.1) and it is the responsibility of the Covid-19 Officer to ensure all home team personnel are made aware of these guidelines.
- 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.
- The home team is responsible for the creation of a complete accreditation list of all parties directly involved in the game and their zone access.
- There should be a minimum 3m distance 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. Where this is not possible, a buffer zone of three rows of empty seats must be put in place.
- Zoning (red/orange/yellow/green/blue) must be clearly marked out at the area and sufficient staff on hand to enforce it.
- Separate toilets should be allocated in each of the zones and clearly identified.

7.2 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 should 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.
- Teams should be allocated separate treatment rooms.
- Each team/player is responsible for bringing their own towels to the match. No towels will be provided by the home club.
- Temperature in the showers should be reduced enough to avoid excessive steaming which can contribute to the spread of a virus (even if the sports arena showers are not expected to be used).
- 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 event.
- To further reduce the risk of infection, at the end of the match it is recommended that the players and officials do not shower at the arena but return to their hotel or homes as quickly as possible to shower there.
- Alternative: enable social distancing in the shower room (e.g. separated shower cabins or usage of every 2nd shower only) and keep showering time short.
- Access from the teams and referee rooms onto the court will be within the red zone and supervised accordingly.

7.3 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.
- In addition to the regular briefing, all home team staff working on the match (marshals, security, medical, cleaning, moppers, etc.) must be fully briefed on Covid-19 measures.

7.4 TEAM AND STAFF ARRIVAL

- Access to the arena should be via dedicated 'zone' entrances (red, orange, yellow, green), no mixing is allowed.
- Teams and officials (red zone) should be dropped immediately by their entrance. If any walking is necessary, there should be clear segregation of the teams/officials, and no mixing with anyone else.
- Everyone entering the venue and with access to the red, orange, yellow and green zones, with the exception of the teams and team officials, EHF officials, 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.
- See section 10 for advice about spectator zones

7.5 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 should 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 centre court line.

7.6 TEAM BENCH

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

- 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.

7.7 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 should wear masks during the match.
- All communications between the timekeeper's table and bench must be done while observing social distancing rules.

7.8 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 Delegate(s), organiser, one representative per team, television representative, EHF Marketing Supervisor and Covid-19 Officer(s).
- All participants should wear face masks.
- The Covid-19 Officer should ensure that the teams are fully aware of the Covid-19 procedures for warm-up, entrance on court, half-time and match end.

7.9 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 face 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 centre 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).
- Player introductions can then be made as usual.
- There should be no exchange of gifts between players, EHF Officials, etc.

7.10 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.
- When requesting a team time out, coaches should place the card on the timekeeper's table, not hand it to the officials (the officials need not touch the cards).
- The teams should conduct their time outs at least 4m away from the timekeeper's table.
- 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. The respective places are to be coordinated between the EHF delegate and the home team Covid-19 Officer prior to the match.

7.11 HALF-TIME

- The teams/officials should leave the court in the following order (this should be supervised by the home team 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.

- The home team Covid-19 Officer should remain on hand to ensure that the teams and officials remain segregated in the tunnels and when re-entering the court.
- Only essential staff should be at the court entrance (TV Producer, Covid-19 Officer, Camera operator, security) and all must wear a face 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, timekeeper's table, goal posts and any other relevant equipment should be cleaned and disinfected.

7.12 FULL-TIME

- The teams/officials should leave the court in the same order as half-time.
- To reduce any further infection risk, it is recommended that players do not shower at the arena but return to their hotel as quickly as possible for showers in their rooms.
- In addition, it is recommended that no catering should be provided for the teams and officials at the arena. They can eat back at their hotels or home.
- Packed food would be possible; however, a rapid clearing of the arena is preferable.
- The arena and all rooms used should be thoroughly cleaned after everyone has left.

8 ANTI-DOPING CONTROLS

The EHF carries out random doping checks at the matches and allowances should be made for this.

- 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 face mask and gloves.
- Gloves only required for medical procedures; anti-doping staff should provide negative Sars-CoV-2 testing result.

9 GUIDELINES FOR THE MEDIA

In order to allow safe access to players, it is important that all media respect hygiene and social distancing rules.

9.1 GENERAL MEDIA GUIDANCE

- All media representatives must be accredited with the home club or national federation 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.
- All Media representatives must have their temperature taken at the entrance (anyone with a temperature of 37,5° or more cannot enter).
- Even if accredited 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 symptom cannot enter. This form should be downloadable from the club website, so it can be completed in advance of their arrival at the arena.
- All media representatives should carry hand disinfectant, wash hands regularly and wear a face 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 green zone to 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.
- No media room or catering will be provided, so media representatives should be advised to bring their own food and drink.

9.2 PHOTOGRAPHERS

- The home club 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.

9.3 PRESS CONFERENCE

At this time, we recommend that press conferences take place via a live link. See the separate guidance in the EHF document 'Press Conference Live Streaming Guidelines – Season 2020-21'.

9.4 TV INTERVIEWS (FLASH ZONE, MIXED ZONE)

- The home team media representative/media partner representative ('supervisor') are jointly responsible for coordinating TV interviews.
- Social distancing rules must always be respected during the interviews (both in the mixed zone and when accessing it for players/coaches).
- Where possible pooling may be considered using the unilateral feed to minimise the number of interviews – one per team in own language.
- For both flash and mixed 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 should be ended immediately by the media supervisor.

9.5 TV PRODUCTION

For more detailed guidelines, see separate EHF document 'Guidelines for TV Production for Competitions during the Covid-19 period'.

- The TV partners of the home team are responsible for the TV production and their staff.
- 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 temperature checks at entrance, completion of Covid-19 information form.
- All TV personnel operating inside the arena must wear a mask at all times.
- TV personnel operating in the Orange zone 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.

10 GUIDELINES FOR SPECTATORS

The decision on whether to allow spectators to attend matches is up to the host club or national federation, in line with local country regulations. The host club will be responsible for ensuring that all health and safety regulations are met for spectators. If spectators are allowed, a distinct prevention concept for the visitor area must be provided by the organisers.

Similarly, the decision on whether to open retail and refreshment shops at the arena rests with the host club and should be guided by local country regulations.

At this time, the EHF highly recommends that visiting team fans do not travel to matches and therefore the 10% away team - ticket allocation is temporarily suspended.

From the perspective of the EHF, the following guidelines are recommended:

- The numbers of spectators attending should be within limits set by any local government regulations and communicated to the EHF.
- Staff working on the spectator area (blue zone) should wear face masks, which are changed at regular intervals, as per local health & safety regulations.
- Staff working in the green zone should not mix with anyone working in the other zones.
- Where possible the host club or national federation should consider measures to ensure they can track spectators in line with local health authority guidance. This may be done by encouraging spectators to download a track-and-trace system on their phone or by requesting spectators to enter their phone number when buying tickets online.

Clubs and national federations should work with local health authorities to ensure that spectators are made aware of Covid-19 guidelines at the match and of the need to stay away if they have any Covid-19 symptoms. Clubs and national federations should consider doing this via the ticketing webpage/outlet, local media and signage at the arena.

- Where possible home teams may consider taking spectators' temperature at the entrance using a touchless forehead thermometer (anyone with a temperature of 37,5° or more cannot enter).
- Spectators must stay within the blue zone.
- Spectator seating should allow for social distancing, as per local country regulations.
- Retail/refreshment shops should follow social distancing measures.
- Steps should be taken to ensure social distancing for all queues at the arena entrance or in the retail area, in line with local country regulations.

11 APPENDIX 1 – SAMPLE HEALTH DECLARATION FORM

Health Declaration Form		
Match:	Date:	Venue:
<p>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.</p>		
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)		
In the past 24 hours have you (or anyone else for whom you are completing this form) had any of the following symptoms	Yes	No
Fever		
Cough		
Runny nose		
Sore throat		
loss of smell or taste		
Shortness of breath		
<p>If you answered ‘Yes’ to any of the questions above, you and members of your household will not be granted to the arena.</p>		
<p>I confirm that the information given in this form is correct to the best of my knowledge.</p>		
Signed:	Dated:	

12 APPENDIX 2 – REGISTRATION OF THE COVID-19 OFFICER

Registration of the Covid-19 Officer

COMPETITION:

EHF Champions League

EHF European League:

EHF European Cup:

EHF National Team Competition:

Men:

Women:

Club / Federation:

Covid-19 Officer:

Name:

Mobile number:

Email address:

Please transmit this registration form to:

Stamp and signature of the club or national federation:

Signature of the Covid-19 Officer: