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ParaVolley Europe Silver Nations League – Men
24th-26th September 2021 - Campobasso, Italy

Host National Federation

FIPAV - FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA PALLAVOLO
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1. INTRODUCTION

The measures mentioned below are prescribed by the PVE and supplemented by the Italian Covid-19 guidelines that apply to Italy, accordingly to the “Guidelines for the Organization of Sport Events and Competition” drawn up by the Sports Department of the Presidency of the Council of Ministries and FIPAV Protocol for sitting volleyball activities.

2. GENERAL

To ensure the safety of everyone present, we kindly ask that everyone adheres to the following general guidelines.

These guidelines are necessary to limit the risk of infection:

- facemasks are mandatory in all closed spaces, in common areas, and also open air where there's a crowd of people, and on all transportation.
- Keep at least a 1.5 meters distance of each other.
- Cough and sneeze in the inside of your elbow.
- Wash and/or disinfect your hands.
- Do not shake hands.
- Avoid crowds.

Symptoms that may indicate the presence of corona virus are nasal cold, running nose, sneezing, throat ache, coughing, sudden loss of smell or taste, running a temperature or fever, tightness of the chest.

Inside the official venue there will be disinfection posts and hand gel pumps for anyone to use.

The organizer advises everyone with underlying medical conditions that can increase the risk of severe Covid-19 symptoms to seriously consider their attendance of the event.

3. ENTRY IN THE COUNTRY

Passengers headed to Italy, before departing from abroad, are required to fill out the **Passenger Locator Form** in digital format.

It is possible to register by connecting to the dedicated web portal: <https://app.euplf.eu/#/>

At the link here below, you can find all the information related to the entry in Italy. There is a specific paragraph "Exemptions for entries for national sporting competitions". This information is constantly updated. Please check for possible changes up until your departure.

<https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/dettaglioContenutiNuovoCoronavirus.jsp?lingua=english&id=5412&area=nuovoCoronavirus&menu=vuoto&tab=9>

The EU Digital Covid Certificate, or a negative COVID19 test taken in the 48 hours before, is required to enter the hotel, the venue and all means of transport in Italy.

To avoid a quarantine, the organizer has provided an invitation letter to all Teams. Specific requests to be addressed to e.depaolis@federvolley.it.

Athletes and delegation members should take this letter with them.

In addition, a medical certificate or a valid negative test result in English language for SARS-CoV-2 must be available and presented to border authorities upon request (negative PCR test, not older than 48 hours).

4. COVID TESTING

All teams, ITOs and NTOs will be COVID tested by the LOC upon their arrival to enter a COVID-free “bubble”. Depending on the travel schedules provided, the tests will be on Wednesday the 22nd or Thursday the 23rd.

According to Italian Government’s Official Guidelines, and to allow teams and ITOs to travel back to their Countries, a second PCR test will be conducted on Friday the 24th.

Any other necessity related to the matter must be communicated via email before the 16th of September.

If the member of a Team is positive, he/she will be removed from the team and isolated, following the path provided by the competent authorities of the NHS.

5. TRANSPORTATION

EU Digital Covid Certificate, or a negative COVID19 test taken in the 48 hours before, is mandatory in order to use public transport or buses in Italy.

Buses and minivan will be used throughout the event for transfers from/to the airport and from/to the Official Venue and the Hotel.

Wearing a protective facemask in the bus/minibus is compulsory.

Please follow the rules that are set, the driver determines what is and is not allowed.

Follow the rules below for embarking and disembarking the minibus:

- Get into the minibus one by one and get out of the bus one by one.
- When embarking or disembarking the bus, make sure you are practicing social distance (1,5 m) .
- Continue until the first empty seat at the end of the aisle before taking a seat.
- Please do not leave any waste behind; and in particular do not leave behind used face masks.
- When disembarking, allow the passengers closest to the exit to disembark first.

6. VENUE & MATCHES

The number of people present who are there for official purposes will be always kept to a minimum, close to the playing area. The audience, in a determined and reduced number compared to venue capacity, in accordance with Italian law, will remain in the stands.

Body temperature of all team members and staff personnel will be measured daily at the entrance of the official venue.

Dedicated changing rooms and showers are available to each team but teams are encouraged, as preventing measure, to shower at the hotel. There will be one changing room per team for the whole competition.

During the match

Ball retrievers will be present during the game.

Quick-moppers will be used during the match.

Teams will enter the match venue and the court one after the other. Avoid physical contact like shaking hands, high-fives, hugs, etc. Make sure to not have physical contact with the other team, referees, officials, staff, volunteers and spectators.

There will be no accompanying children or mascots.

Team photos will be taken by the official photographer of the competition.

Opening and closing ceremonies will take place in compliance with the Covid protocol. Any form of interaction with the teams and the officials must be limited to the necessary.

The medical and paramedical staff will be positioned on the short side opposite the benches.

The benches will be positioned to guarantee distance between the athletes and the organization staff/referees.

At the end of each set teams will move to the other half court avoiding contact with the other team. Benches will be cleaned and disinfected.

At the end of the game and to leave the playing field, it will also be necessary to separate.

All International and National Technical Officials at the jury table must wear the protective mask and respect the mandatory distance of at least one meter.

First and second referees, from the draw to the end of the match, may remove the protective masks, wearing them again in case of conversation with athletes or team officials on the bench.

During the match: to communicate with the referees, the athletes and the coaches will have to strictly respect the expected social distance (1.5 m).

The Head Coach will be exempted from wearing the protective mask. All the others team officials (Second and Third Coach, manager, doctor and physiotherapist) will have to wear the protective mask for the entire duration of the game. For athletes on the bench or in the warm-up area, the use of protective mask is mandatory.

Court cleaning and ball sanitation: it will be carried out with special disposable tools and the personnel in charge will sanitize their hands whenever called to intervene.