

# 2021 Virtus Indoor Athletics Open Championships (Europe)

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2021

HEALTHCARE  
PROTOCOL  
NANTES

STADIUM  
PIERRE QUINON



## **Healthcare protocol**

Considering the current healthcare context, the team of the Local Organisation Committee of the 2021 Virtus Indoor Athletics Open Championships (Europe), wants to welcome the delegations, judges and volunteers in the best conditions possible in terms of healthcare safety.

A healthcare protocol is proposed in order to specify the different measures established on the various areas and times of the competition.

## **Generalities**

### Before the arrival in France:

- A negative PCR Covid-19 test realised less than 72 hours before the arrival in Nantes will be requested to all members of the delegations

### At the arrival at the stadium throughout the teams' welcome:

- The certificate\* will be requested to all members of the delegations. This will be the only certificate asked for all the championship
- The self-questionnaire\* will be requested to all members of the delegations

### During the competition:

- Hand sanitiser will be made available at different areas in the stadium
- Wearing a face mask will be required for all persons present at the stadium (except for the athletes during the events)
- The competition will be held in closed sessions. No guests, visitors or spectators will have access to the stadium
- A way of circulation will be determined pour all moves within the stadium
- The entrance and the exit will be done by two different locations of the stadium
- Locker rooms and showers will be closed. Athletes will have to arrive in a sport outfit
- Toilets will regularly be cleaned and disinfected
- If temperature measurments are requested by the French authorities during the period of the championship, the LOC makes a commitment to take temperature measures of each person at the stadium's entrance
- Posters to remind the barrier gestures will be displayed at the stadium
- If a person has Covid-19 symptoms during the championship while he or she is inside the stadium, he or she will be isolated in a specific area
- All volunteers, judges and members of the LOC will undergo a Covid-19 test before the start of the championship

\* Files will be sent by email one month before the competition

## **Welcome**

There will be a QR code/barcode on each accreditation in order to know the number of persons present inside the stadium, and also the identity of the persons in case a person is a contact of a person positive to Covid-19.

## **Stands**

A way of circulation will be determined to access to the stands and to the athletics track.

Hand disinfection will be requested before accessing to the stands.

Each team will have a determined area in the stands during all the competition.

It will be asked to each team to use the same area during all the competition.

## **Catering**

Lunches will be taken in the stands in the areas determined for each team in order to avoid moves, contacts and the clustering of many people.

Lunches will be distributed by volunteers directly in the stands.

Waste management will also be handled by volunteers.

Dinners will be taken at the accommodation venues.

## **Competition**

### Warm-ups:

- Hand disinfection will be requested before accessing to the warm-up room
- We will ask the athletes to prefer outdoor joggings to warm-up (athletics track outside nearby the stadium). A pair of outdoor running shoes will have to be used
- Coaches will have to keep their face mask in the warm-up area
- The doors of the warm-up room will stay opened in order to ensure that the air is renewed

### Call room:

- Hand disinfection will be requested before accessing to the call room
- Everyone will have to wear a face mask in the call room
- A one metre distance between each athlete will be set up in the call room

### Track events:

- The face mask will have to be worn till the starting area
- Face masks will be thrown in a specific bin before the start of the event
- Starting blocks will be disinfected between each event
- New face masks will be distributed in the arrival area after each event
- Beyond the 800m events, there will be 10 athletes maximum by event

### Field events:

- Individual zones will be made available for the athletes so they can wait between each trial
- A judge wearing gloves will be named to pick up the implements or the athletes will have to go and pick up their assigned implement (depending on if we can assign one implement for each athlete)
- Implements will be disinfected after each trial
- Athletes will have to wear a face mask in his individual zone and can take it off to achieve his trials
- Hand sanitiser will be made available in all field events areas

## **Results**

All results will only be published on the event website and will not be displayed in the stadium in order to avoid moves and gatherings.

## **Medal ceremonies protocol**

- A waiting area with a one metre distance between each athlete will be determined
- Hand disinfection will be requested before accessing to the podium
- Athletes will have to wear a face mask on the podium (even for photos)
- Medals will be presented to the athletes on a tray and each athlete will have to collect his medal
- There will be no physical contact between the athlete and the representatives (no hug and no handshake)
- There will be no grouping of the three medallists on the first step of the podium

## **Medical staff**

- A doctor will be present during all the competition
- A Covid-19 adviser will be named by the LOC
- A first aid team will be present at the stadium during all the competition
- Volunteers, judges and members of the LOC will attend information sessions before the start of the championship

Please note that this healthcare protocol can change and be updated due to changes in local laws or regulations. You will be informed if this is the case.

