



European Amateur Team Championship 9th-12th September 2020 Hilversumsche Golf Club, the Netherlands

The COVID-19 situation in the Netherlands continues to be a significant cause for concern. The past weeks, the number of infections has increased. It is now vital that we remain very alert and vigilant. This is why the Dutch government has announced a tightening up of measures. As organizing committee of this championship we follow the national rules and guidelines (summarized in English here) and check the measures on a daily basis. It is important we keep the virus under control as much as possible. Therefore, we ask you to read this protocol carefully and cooperate.

The appointed Corona officer for this event is:

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Generic guidelines during the European Amateur Team Championship

From July 1st the following general rules apply in the Netherlands.

General rules indoors

- Stay 1.5 metres (2 arm lengths) away from others and practice good hygiene. This reduces the chance of people infecting each other.
- The maximum number of people in the Hilversumsche GC clubhouse is limited to 80 persons. Everyone must have their own table and seat. Chatting with one another while standing is not permitted.
- You will receive a accreditation which allows you access to the clubhouse.
- At your hotel, additional measures may apply. Please inform before arrival.

General rules outdoors

- Everyone aged 18 or over must stay 1.5 metres away from one another and from teenagers aged 13 to 17. Only people who form one household and people who require or provide care or assistance are exempted from this rule.
- Teenagers (13-17 years old) do not have to stay 1.5 metres apart from each other but do have to keep this distance with everyone over 18 years old (except from households).
- A maximum number of 250 people applies in situations where people have not made reservations or undergone a pre-entry health check, or where they do not have their own seat. One example is spectators in sporting events. Therefore, please tell us before arrival how many visitors you will bring to the venue! Info can be sent to Pam Verdouw (pam.verdouw@ngf.nl)
- At outdoor locations (such as this championship) where there is not always a continuous flow of people, the rule is that people must stay 1.5 metres apart. It is up to the organizing committee to make sure people follow this rule. Although it is possible to allow more people on the venue, we decided to limit the number to 250 persons.

Transport

- The general rule is that everyone must stay 1.5 metres apart.
- On public transport passengers aged 13 and over must wear a non-medical face mask. Use of public transport is no longer restricted to essential travel only and all seats on buses, trains, trams and metros can be used. However, it is still important to avoid peak hours (early morning and afternoon).
- For other shared forms of transport, such as taxis, mini-vans and coaches, passengers must undergo a pre-travel health check and – if possible – reserve a seat in advance. Non-medical face masks must also be worn by all passengers aged 13 and over. If you are the only passenger you do not have to wear a face mask.
- People travelling in a car or other private vehicle are advised to wear non-medical face masks if there are 2 or more people in the vehicle who belong to different households.

Hygiene measures

These are the most important guidelines by The National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM in Dutch):

- Stay at home if you suffer one of the following complaints: nasal cold, running nose, sneezing, sore throat, light cough, increase of temperature (from 38 C°)
- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for 20 seconds, then dry them thoroughly
- If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitiser/ disinfectant hand gel
- Do not shake hands and avoid high fives, hugs, etc.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or into your elbow; then wash your hand

In addition, the following rules apply:

- You must carry a small bottle of hand sanitizer in your golf bag.
- Before entering the venue, all participants and supervisors must provide their names and contact details at the registration desk for contact tracing by the municipal health service (GGD) in the event someone is infected.
- Follow the instructions regarding the maximum number of people allowed indoors: secretary's office, restaurant, dressing rooms, scoring area.
- Read and follow the instructions in case of thunderstorms (posted on the information desk in the clubhouse).
- Do not exchange any objects such as umbrellas, tees, balls or ball markers.
- Clean your equipment with your own towel.
- After touching a bunker rake, flagpole, distance marker, penalty area stake or ball washer, you should disinfect your hands.
- Loud group singing, group chanting or group shouting is not permitted.
- Listen to and follow the directions of the staff
- The organising committee has the right to decline the access of players, coaches or spectators when suspicion of Covid-19 symptoms.

Health guidelines



Symptoms that may point to COVID-19 are: a stuffy or runny nose, sneezing, a sore throat, a mild cough, a sudden loss of smell or taste, a fever and shortness of breath. If you have one or more of these symptoms, even in a mild way, stay at home, inform the Corona officer at +316 10 25 42 90 and get tested. You can arrange a test through the tournament doctor or municipal public health service (GGD). You should get a test as soon as possible in order to effectively contain the spread of the virus. In the event of a positive test result, you are expected to cooperate with source and contact tracing. If you are seriously ill, call a doctor or the out-of-hours GP service ('huisartsenpost') immediately. In a life-threatening situation, always call 112.

Extra points of attention for players and captains

- It is important to be aware of the following. If you ignore COVID-19 symptoms and don't get tested, you can infect others in the European Amateur Team Championship, with all that this entails for the health of all people involved in the championship. Also, if an outbreak occurs in a clubhouse, the municipal health service (GGD) can close the establishment for up to 14 days.
- In case of players with COVID-19 in a team or group (who have been playing golf together for more than 15 minutes at a distance of less than 1.5 metres), every person in the team or group will be considered a close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 patient. This means everyone in that team or group must quarantine for 10 days. This will be at your own expense.
- The Dutch COVID-19 rules requires people to stay 1.5 metres away from one another when engaging in sports activities, unless the nature of the sport makes this impossible. In golf it is possible. Therefore, we ask you to stay 1.5 metres away from others – not only during competition rounds but also during training sessions and practice rounds.
- For all sports, the number of athletes and supervisors per sporting activity should not exceed what is necessary for the activity (training, practice round, competition). In addition, we request to change the team formation as less as possible. This reduces the risk that an infected athlete who may be asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic will spread the virus, and it simplifies contact tracing if necessary. In addition, to facilitate contact tracing, the captains are requested to have names and contact data available of the team formation (players, caddies and coaches).
- Contracting COVID-19 can have serious negative effects on a sports career. Gatherings are where the most infections are occurring. Therefore, we encourage you to minimize the number of contacts during your social and sports activities in the week of the championship.

We fully understand that these measures are very demanding, but the coronavirus outbreak is an extraordinary situation. If we work together, we can make this a successful and memorable championship for all of us. We wish you the best of luck in the championship!