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EFC Covid-19 regulations applicable on the EFC tournaments

Scope of this document:

- This document applies to both Nationals of the host country as well as foreign visitors.
- It includes conditions on which spectators may attend events.

Organiser's obligations:

- Participants must maintain a sanitary distance of at least 1.5 meters.
- Body temperature control is to be carried out at the entrance to the venue for all participants.
- Facemasks are mandatory, except for fencers and coaches when fencing or warming up.
- Participants should bring their own bottle of water and must not share it with anyone.
- If possible, the organizers should provide the access to Internet connection in order to follow all information about the progress of the competition with paperless procedure.
- If applicable, the video consulting procedure is adapted to keep sanitary distance.
- Participants must comply with any additional measures and regulations imposed by local authorities.
- Adequate handwashing facilities must be provided, and these must allow for sanitary distance to be kept. The venues should also provide hand sanitizer around the entrance to each area.
- Doctor and medical staff of the competition wear facemasks, gloves and a visor during treatment of injuries.
- The Host Organizers request an authorized COVID-19 Antigen (not older than 48 hours) or PCR (not older than 72 hours) testing certificate or a vaccination certificate from all participants (fencers, coaches, accompanying persons) released by an accredited laboratory. Alternatively, instead of the vaccination, medical certification about past Covid infections not older than 180 days can be requested.
- Accreditation (or, say, wristbands) only to be given after verification of Covid-19 certification.
- Invitation: A document that includes all the requirements to be fulfilled by the Host Federation and by fencers as a condition for approval by the EFC of the EFC Official Event. It is the responsibility of the Host Federation to make sure that there are no conflicts between the EFC requirements and existing local, regional, and national rules and regulations in the Host Country.
- National Fencing Federations as well as Host Organizers and the EFC will not be held financially responsible for Associate Participants who must prolong their stay in the host country to comply with travel restrictions and/or quarantines imposed by the Host Country and/or their home country. The same applies about possible expenses of delegations in case of the cancellation of the tournament due to "force majeure" situation in the host country.

- Reception by the EFC of Form Covid-19 acknowledgment of risk and release form liability for organisations is a prerequisite for registration of the competition ([annex no. 2](#)).
- All recommendations of the National Authority pertaining to spectators must be strictly applied.
- All spectators must wear facemasks at all times in the venue and respect sanitary distance.
- At all areas of confluence (e.g., screening, registration, weapon check, etc.) required Sanitary Distance must be clearly marked on the floor.
- Presentation and Award Ceremonies - General sanitary and distancing measures apply.
- EFC will appoint a Referee delegate that will assist the Organiser's Covid-19 Officer.
- The organiser will appoint a COVID-19 Officer responsible for:
 - Ensuring adherence to these regulations
 - Collecting forms for participants and making sure that only participants with duly completed forms are admitted to the event
 - Sending a report to the EFC with a summary of the Covid-19 findings

The organizers are to record all cases of Covid infection reported by delegations after participating in the EFC competitions to the EFC Secretary General (js@fencing-efc.eu).

Regulations for fencers

- Fencers' handshake at the end of a bout is replaced with a salute and the contact of blades
- Sharing equipment with another participant is not allowed.
- Fencing masks, gloves and weapons must be disinfected by the fencers before the competition
- The participants must bring their own pen to fill in and sign documents.
- Exchanging gifts, typically in teams' event, is suspended until further notice.
- Screaming after the hit is scored is suspended until further notice.
- Rushing to the victorious fencer on the piste or after the fencer leaves the piste is suspended until further notice.
- Congratulatory hugging, kissing or handshakes are suspended until further notice.
- During rest periods, all people in the fencing piste area must maintain a distance of at least two meters from the fencer(s).
- Coaches are allowed to stay at 1,5 meters from the fencer.
- Reception by the by the Organiser of Form Covid-19 acknowledgment of risk and release form liability for participants ([Annex 1](#)) is a prerequisite for registration. Completed forms will need to be brought to the competition.



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Sanctions

In all cases of non-respecting EFC Covid – 19 Regulations approved by the EFC Executive Committee sanctions with cards will be applied as follows:

- a) The first infraction – a warning interpreted by yellow card
- b) The second infraction – the strong warning interpreted by red card
- c) Third and final infraction: black card leading to expulsion of the person from the venue of competitions.

Aforementioned sanctions are not applied for changing the score of bouts on the piste, but are applicable for both, fencers and other participants of the event. The sanctions can be applied either by the referee at the piste or by the officials of the competition.

Regulations for Coaches, Referees, Visitors and other attendants:

- Reception by the by the Organiser of Form Covid-19 acknowledgment of risk and release form liability for participants (Annex 1) is a prerequisite for attending the event. Completed forms will need to be brought to the competition.
- All previously mentioned regulations and those of the Organiser and any governmental regulations will need to be followed.



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Annex no. 1

COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY FOR PARTICIPANTS

Name of the Tournament: OSIJEK FENCING CUP 2022 **Date:** 02.-03. april 2022

Preamble

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and experts believe that it is primarily spread through person-to-person contact. The European Fencing Federation, the national fencing federation of the country in which the event is being held and the organising committee of _____ [name of the event] (hereinafter: the "Organisers") have introduced preventive measures aimed at reducing the spread of COVID-19. Nevertheless, the Organisers cannot guarantee that you will not be infected with COVID-19. Participation may also increase your risk of contracting COVID-19.

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I wish to participate in or attend the tournament (hereinafter: the "Tournament") as a [Competitor] [Referee] [Armourer] [Member of the DT] [Supervisor] [Coach] [Trainer] [Other: please specify

_____] (underline as appropriate), and to enter any area in which the Tournament is taking place. As compensation for being permitted to participate in the Tournament, I hereby agree to all the terms of this Release from Liability.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and I voluntarily assume the risk of being exposed to or infected with COVID-19 as a result of my participation in the Tournament. I further acknowledge and voluntarily accept the risk that such exposure or infection may result in bodily harm, illness, permanent disability or death. I understand that the risk of being exposed to or infected with COVID-19 during the Tournament may result from the actions, presumed omissions or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, employees, volunteers and participants in the Tournament.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the above risks and take full responsibility for any injury (including, but not limited to, physical injury, disability and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability or expense of any kind that I may suffer or incur as a result of my participation in the Tournament. I hereby undertake to refrain from suing the EFC and its designated individuals, including, but not limited to, members of the Directoire Technique, Refereeing, Referees, Armourers, supervisor, Video & Wireless Technicians, Announcers, Event Managers, etc. and the Organisers and the employees, agents and representatives thereof, whom I release from all liability.



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I understand and agree that this release includes all claims based on the actions, presumed omissions and negligence of the EFC and its designated individuals, including, but not limited to, members of the Directoire Technique, Refereeing, Referees, Armourers, supervisor, Video & Wireless Technicians, Announcers, Event Managers, etc. and the Organisers and the employees, agents and representatives thereof, regardless of whether the COVID-19 infection occurred before, during or after my participation in the Tournament.

The release from liability shall be accepted subject to the substantive and/or mandatory laws of the country in which the event is taking place. I agree that, should any part of this agreement be deemed to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining parts shall remain fully in force. This document shall be governed by the law of the Country of Luxembourg and any legal action brought hereunder shall be brought in the courts of Luxembourg, which shall have exclusive jurisdiction of any such legal action.

Full legal name _____

Date of birth _____

Address: _____

Telephone number _____ Emergency contact _____

Participant's signature _____ Date _____

SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT FROM A PARENT OR GUARDIAN (must be completed for participants under the age of 18)

I am the parent or guardian of the minor named above. I understand the nature of the above Release from Liability and I consent to the minor for whom I am responsible participating in the Tournament. I hereby undertake, on behalf of the minor, to refrain from suing the Organisers and the employees, agents and representatives thereof, whom I release from all liability. I understand and agree, on behalf of the minor, that this release includes all claims based on the actions, presumed omissions and negligence of the Organisers and the employees, agents and representatives thereof, regardless of whether the COVID- 19 infection occurred before, during or after the minor's participation in the Tournament.

Full legal name _____

Signature of parent or guardian _____ Date: _____



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Annex no. 2

COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY FOR ORGANISERS

Name of the Tournament: OSIJEK FENCING CUP 2022 **Date:** 02.-03. april 2022

Name of Organising Committee: FENCING CLUB DMITAR ZVONIMIR OSIJEK

Name of National Federation: CROATIAN FENCING FEDERATION

Preamble

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and experts believe that it is primarily spread through person-to-person contact. The European Fencing Confederation ("EFC") has published preventive measures aimed at reducing the spread of COVID-19. Nevertheless, the EFC cannot guarantee that the implementation of such measures will fully guarantee a COVID-19 free Tournament.

The EFC requires the Organising Committee and, where relevant, the National Federation to acknowledge the risks involved in running the Tournament and to release the EFC from any liability in relation to the running of the Tournament.

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In consideration of being permitted to run the Tournament by the EFC, the Organising Committee and the National Federation (if applicable) agree to all the terms of this Release from Liability and Indemnity.

By signing this agreement, the Organising Committee and the National Federation (if applicable) acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and consciously take the risks relating to the same of running the Tournament and full responsibility for any injury (including, but not limited to, physical injury, disability and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability or expense of any kind that may arise as a result of the Tournament. The Organising Committee and the National Federation (if applicable) hereby undertake to refrain from suing the EFC and its designated individuals who are released from all liability. This release includes all claims based on the actions, omissions and negligence of the EFC and its designated individuals, including, but not limited to, members of the Directoire Technique, Refereeing, Referees, Armourers, supervisor, Video & Wireless Technicians, Announcers, Event Managers, etc. regardless of whether the COVID-19 infection occurred before, during or after the Tournament.



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The Organising Committee and the National Federation (if applicable) shall indemnify and hold harmless the EFC in respect of any and all costs, claims, losses, damages and expenses which may be incurred or suffered by the EFC as a result of or arising out of the Tournament.

The release from liability and indemnity shall be accepted subject to the substantive and/or mandatory laws of the country in which the event is taking place. Should any part of this agreement be deemed to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining parts shall remain fully in force. This document shall be governed by the law of the Country of Luxembourg and any legal action brought hereunder shall be brought in the courts of Luxembourg, which shall have exclusive jurisdiction of any such legal action.

Signature_____

Full legal name_____

For and on behalf of the Organising Committee

Signature_____

Full legal name_____

For and on behalf of the National Federation



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