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RETURN TO INTERNATIONAL TENNIS PROTOCOLS

1. Foreword

~~IMPORTANT NOTE: THESE ITF COVID-19 PROTOCOLS HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY MODIFIED AND COME INTO EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF PUBLICATION. SOME PROTOCOLS THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY MANDATORY ARE NOW RECOMMENDATIONS. THOSE SECTIONS THAT REMAIN MANDATORY ARE HIGHLIGHTED. THESE PROTOCOLS DO NOT SUPERSEDE OR REPLACE LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY REQUIREMENTS, WHICH SHALL BE RESPECTED. WHERE THESE PROTOCOLS (WHERE APPLIED) ARE MORE STRINGENT THAN LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY REQUIREMENTS, THEN THEY SHALL TAKE PRECEDENCE.~~ All ITF Covid-19 Protocols (**Protocols**) for covered events will be recommendations, with effect from 1 January 2023 and until further notice. Tournament organisers may implement (at their discretion) some or all of the recommended protocols. Where ITF-recommended protocols are implemented by a tournament organiser, any failure by a Tournament or Participant to comply with those protocols may subject that Tournament or Participant to sanction under the Minimum Standards of Behaviour. The ITF reserves the right to reintroduce any, all or new Covid-19 protocols at any time and at its absolute discretion. Participants will be given advance notice of any changes to ITF protocols, where possible.

~~In order to support a safe return to international tennis tournaments, the ITF has devised Protocols that ITF tournament hosts and Participants must follow, to mitigate the risk of exposure to, and spread of, Covid-19 (the **Protocols**).~~

This document applies to the following ITF-owned and sanctioned tennis tournaments: World Tennis Tour Mens, Womens and Juniors (including Junior Team competitions), Beach Tennis, ~~Seniors-Masters~~ and Wheelchair Tennis (including, for the avoidance of doubt, all individual and team championships) and applies to those who participate in them (including players, player support personnel, officials and tournament staff – collectively **Participants**).

~~All Participants in ITF tournaments (which includes players, support personnel, officials, tournament staff, contractors and any other credentialed individual) must comply with the requirements set out in this document.~~

Information regarding Covid-19 is constantly changing. This document is not intended to be a substitute for guidance provided by local, national or international government and health organizations. The ITF makes no representation as to, and assumes no responsibility for, the accuracy or completeness of the information contained in this document in respect of its effectiveness in preventing or controlling the spread of Covid-19.

The Tournament Director is responsible for ensuring the welfare of all persons attending a tournament. This document provides the ITF's guidance regarding the reasonable measures that a tournament ~~must-should~~ implement in order to ~~safeguard-protect~~ the health and safety of Participants in relation to the risk of Covid-19 infection. A tournament may impose higher standards than those described in this document where it considers it appropriate to do so, or where so required by local legislation (noting that all cost and other resource implications of doing so are the sole responsibility of the tournament). For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in these Protocols preclude the implementation of additional precautions that aim to manage the risk arising from Covid-19 on an individual or group basis. The Tournament Director must ensure that each tournament is conducted in accordance with ~~(at the very least) the all~~ mandatory ~~parts of these~~ Protocols ~~as published at the time of the tournament~~ imposed by Local Health Authorities.

This document is subject to change and may be amended from time to time at the discretion of the ITF. The ITF will make the latest version available on its website: www.itftennis.com. Any questions regarding this document should be addressed to the ITF at covid19@itftennis.com.

2. Introduction

The overall objective of this document is to describe the ~~reasonable~~ measures that are ~~deemed necessary~~ recommended to protect the health and safety of Participants in ITF tournaments in relation to the risk of Covid-19 infection. ~~By setting out those measures, Participants in all tournaments covered by this document can be confident that the appropriate actions are being taken and that a consistent approach is being implemented at all such tournaments.~~

3. How to use this document

The information in this document describes the main ~~requirements and~~ recommendations for ~~tournament hosts~~ Participants when organising in covered tournaments during the Covid-19 pandemic. All ~~tournament hosts~~ Participants are advised to read this document and to familiarise themselves with the relevant amendments to the regulations for the tournament(s) in question.

4. Eligibility to host an ITF tournament

~~This section describes the criteria by which the ITF will decide whether a tournament is eligible to be added to the ITF calendar of events.~~ In order to be eligible for addition to the ITF calendar, the following criteria must be met:

1. Government legislation must permit a tennis event to be held in the host country.

For the avoidance of doubt, local or national (as applicable) government legislation and guidance in the host country takes primacy over these Protocols only where they impose more stringent standards or restrictions, ~~except where expressly stated (otherwise, the mandatory elements of these Protocols shall be applied).~~ Accordingly, where such legislation or guidance prohibits a tournament from being held for any reason, then no ITF tournament in that location will be permitted.

2. The host nation's borders must be open to international visitors, giving sufficient and reasonable access to that nation (as determined by the ITF) to players.

'Sufficient' refers to the number of countries from which the host nation is directly accessible. 'Reasonable' refers to the restrictions imposed at the point of entry (e.g., quarantine). Entry restrictions that are based on a person's vaccination status may be accepted as a reasonable requirement, at the ITF's discretion.

At the time of application, tournament hosts must notify the ITF of access restrictions and keep the ITF updated as to any changes in those restrictions. This includes details of any waivers that permit access to the host country to Participants, which are not generally available. Organisers may be required to demonstrate to the ITF that all reasonable steps to obtain waivers have been taken.

- ~~3. Each organiser must, on application to host a tournament, confirm that it will implement the minimum standards set out in the 'risk mitigation' section of this document.~~

~~Failure to meet any of the minimum standards in the 'risk mitigation' section is subject to sanction under the Code of Conduct of the relevant ITF tour regulations.~~

~~Where a tournament that has been added to the calendar subsequently is unable to meet all of the above criteria and/or wishes to cancel the tournament for Covid-19-related reasons, the tournament host shall advise the ITF as soon as possible and the ITF Coronavirus Events Group shall determine whether the tournament shall be removed from the calendar.~~

5. ITF tournament framework during the Covid-19 pandemic

~~This section sets out the ITF's guidance, recommendations and minimum standards that all tournaments must meet in order to adequately protect the health and safety of Participants in relation to Covid-19. The following standard precautions are mandatory-recommended for all Participants at the tournament site:~~

1. Personal hygiene.
2. Mask-wearing in crowded indoor spaces, where there is no ventilation.

In addition, tournaments ~~must~~ are recommended to:

3. Record and monitor Participants' self-assessments or self-declarations of Covid-19 symptoms and/or exposure to confirmed Covid-19 cases (applicable to indoor tournaments only).
4. Identify accessible testing facilities to allow possible cases of Covid-19 to be confirmed.
5. Provide suitable (based on their frequency of use) cleaning of locations within the site that are accessible to Participants.

- Physical distancing is recommended to be respected at all times by all Participants.

This applies to all Participants (except for those who require essential physical assistance, in which case the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is recommended to be used where physical distancing is not possible), ~~to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19 by the avoidance of close and prolonged contact.~~ For the avoidance of doubt, compliance with physical distancing requirements is also recommended between Team Members during team competitions.

Physical distancing is recommended to, as a minimum, meet the requirements of the relevant authorities of the host location. Where no minimum is specified by the relevant authorities, or where that minimum is less than 1 metre, the minimum physical distancing should be 1 metre (except for vulnerable individuals, for whom the minimum is recommended to be 2 metres – see below). To avoid creating confusion for other Participants, physical distancing should be practised by members of the same household.

Where physical distancing is not possible, then masks are recommended to be worn (except for Participants with exemptions – see below). Seating plans (e.g., in dining areas) should avoid face-to-face orientations that do not provide the recommended physical distancing, failing which a screen should be placed between facing seats.

~~Participants may apply to the ITF for exemption from the requirement to wear a mask. Applications must be submitted in advance to the ITF at Covid19@itftennis.com and will be~~

~~granted where the Participant provides evidence to the ITF's satisfaction from a qualified professional (e.g., doctor) that the Participant has a condition that would qualify him/her as exempt from wearing a mask under the rules of country in which the event concerned takes place. As part of the application, the Participant must also provide the rules/guidance of the country in question. Note: such an exemption under these Protocols does not supersede any local authority requirement for masks to be worn.~~

- Consideration ~~must~~ should be given to additional protection for vulnerable Participants. At a minimum, physical distancing for such individuals is recommended to be 2 metres. Vulnerable individuals ~~must~~ should identify themselves to the Tournament Supervisor and Covid-19 Officer, and are those that are at elevated risk of severe Covid-19 symptoms¹, including:
 - People with underlying health conditions, such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, or cancer;
 - People aged 65 and above. (Note: where a multi-age group event includes players of age 65 and above, the minimum physical distance should be 2 metres for all age groups at that event).
- Personal hygiene includes:
 - Regular hand-washing or hand-sanitising;
 - Not touching your face;
 - Coughing into your elbow, or a tissue and immediately discarding the tissue;

To facilitate this requirement, tournaments ~~must~~ should make available for use by all Participants a suitable supply of hygiene materials at appropriate locations and may wish to provide a package of sanitiser, wipes and tissues to all Participants on arrival.

- The minimum number of (operational) Participants required for the tournament to operate should be permitted on-site.

~~The risk of infection increases where the density of people increases and where there are failures to comply with physical distancing requirements and hygiene precautions.~~ A full list of authorised Participants and tournament staff and their functions should be provided as part of the tournament's risk assessment (see 'risk mitigation' section).

For team events, the host organiser should advise the participating teams in the event fact sheet of the recommended number of team members, VIPs and other delegates who can be accommodated on site, based on the capacity of the venue. All teams must be permitted the same number of team members, VIPs and delegates.

~~As a general approach, the maximum capacity in all areas of the venue is recommended to be restricted to that which is manageable while maintaining physical distancing.~~

- Players and support personnel should be segregated from other Participants and spectators, to the greatest possible extent.

¹ See, e.g.: https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus#tab=tab_1

Tournament hosts should ensure that tournament staff and spectators/other venue users share as little on-site space as possible, ~~e.g., by providing dedicated routes for players and support personnel to move around the site.~~ Where the tournament venue is used simultaneously by non-Participants, all reasonable efforts ~~shall~~ should be made to minimise the shared use of space, particularly at entry and exit points, and in locker rooms, bathrooms and dining areas.

- The Referee has sole discretion to cancel a tournament in progress for Covid-19-related reasons.

Reasons for cancellation include where there are insufficient players to complete the tournament, and where the risk of Covid-19 infection Protocols cannot be implemented such that risk to the health and safety of Participants is elevated/significant. The Referee shall consult the Covid-19 Officer and the ITF prior to cancelling a tournament in progress.

6. Compliance

~~This section describes the framework by which any failures to meet the minimum standards are managed. Effective implementation of the minimum standards for hosting tournaments requires a programme of monitoring and, where those standards are not met, enforcement.~~

~~Tournament organisers and all Participants are collectively responsible for reducing the risk of Covid-19 transmission. Failure to comply with any mandatory requirement (where implemented) places the health of other Participants at an elevated risk of infection. Failure to comply with mandatory Protocols by a Participant and may result in a sanction under the ITF Code of Conduct including a fine and/or suspension from participating in ITF tournaments.~~

The Tournament Referee/Supervisor is responsible for monitoring and enforcing failures to comply with ~~the~~ any mandatory requirements in this document by players and player support personnel. The Covid-19 Officer shall support the Referee or Supervisor (as appropriate) to monitor and enforce compliance with these Protocols (where implemented), but has no decision-making authority. Failures by tournaments to comply with ~~these~~ any mandatory Protocols (where implemented) will be enforced by the ITF.

7. Risk Mitigation

~~The Covid-19 virus presents an elevated health risk to all Participants. Steps to reduce that risk must be taken by all ITF tournaments and Participants. Relevant areas in which an elevated risk may exist, and the minimum standards and/or recommendations for mitigation of those risks, are set out below.~~

~~**Note: nothing in these Protocols precludes tournaments from going beyond the minimum requirements where it considers it appropriate to do so, or where so required by local legislation.**~~

Pre-event

- A Covid-19 Officer ~~will~~ is recommended to be on-site throughout the tournament (including, as a minimum, from the day the Referee arrives on-site to the day he or she departs) and ~~will~~ should

be responsible for the overall preparation, implementation and monitoring of the tournament's risk assessment (where provided), the ~~mandatory~~ Protocols (~~where implemented~~) in this document and all other relevant Covid-19-related Protocols on behalf of the tournament. ~~Adequate resources must be dedicated to this function.~~

- Participants should establish and continue to review whether the host country has imposed any entry requirements, ~~such as recent certificates of Covid-19 tests or restrictions based on travel history.~~

Participants are advised to follow their own government's advice prior to travelling, and follow all local requirements on arrival in the host country, ~~including maintaining physical distancing and personal hygiene. Some host countries may require negative Covid-19 tests to enter.~~

- ~~Participants will be required to confirm that they have read these ITF Return to International Tennis Protocols, will comply with their requirements in full, accept that they provide an adequate level of protection against the risk of transmission of Covid-19, and assume responsibility for any risk of participating.~~

~~Confirmation of acceptance of and compliance with the ITF Return to International Tennis Protocols will be required on entry to a tournament, on application for accreditation, or on arrival on-site.~~

- All Participants and, particularly, vulnerable individuals who may be at elevated risk of severe Covid-19 symptoms and those who have had Covid-19 are advised to consult with their personal doctors to determine whether it is safe for them to travel to, and participate in, each tournament.
- Players and support personnel are advised to review the terms of their travel insurance and, ~~where appropriate,~~ consider taking out insurance against Covid-19-related risks (e.g., travel, health).
- Participants should not travel to tournaments if they have had a positive Covid-19 test (whether PCR or Lateral Flow) or been diagnosed with Covid-19 within the last 5 days, or if they have or have had any symptoms of Covid-19 within the last 10 days, during or following which a negative Covid-19 test (taken no earlier than 72 hours prior to departure) has not been obtained.
- ~~While not mandatory,~~ aAll Participants are strongly encouraged to carry a supply of ~~self-administered~~ Covid-19 tests and use them prior to departing for a tournament and on a regular basis (e.g., every 2 days if using Lateral Flow tests, or every 4 days if using PCR tests). ~~For the avoidance of doubt, vaccination against Covid-19, while recommended, is not mandatory in order to participate in ITF events under these Protocols.~~
- Participants ~~shall~~ should be provided with details of a local location (i.e. hospital, testing centre etc.) that provides Covid-19 testing services (for both PCR and Lateral Flow), ~~which shall include~~ ing location, opening hours, testing costs, and turnaround time for results.

Off-site

- Participants must-should minimise the time spent in locations to which the public has access, and avoid locations that are crowded, noisy, or in which close contact with the public is required. While outside the Tournament Venue, Participants must comply with the mandatory Protocols

Time spent in shared-access locations may increase the risk of transmission, particularly where physical distancing and hygiene precautions are not observed.

Where sleeping accommodation is shared with anyone from outside a household, ventilation using a fresh air supply should be maintained to the greatest reasonable extent.

- Participants are recommended to avoid dining in locations to which the general public has access (e.g., local restaurants/bars). If itthis is not possible to avoid dining in publicly-accessible locations, Participants are recommended to eat outdoors and ensure that physical distancing and personal hygiene are maintained throughout. Ideally, all meals would be taken in the tournament hotel (preferably in-room dining, but alternatively delivery/take-away).

- All Participants must-should not travel to the tournament site if they have any symptoms of Covid-19 (as described in Appendix 1), unless they have a negative Covid-19 test taken in the previous 48 hours.

Where a Participant has Covid-19 symptoms and do not have a negative Covid-19 test taken after the onset of symptoms, they must-should remain in their accommodation/hotel room and contact the tournament Covid-19 Officer (or, where there is no Covid-19 Officer, the Tournament Supervisor). If a Participant is in any doubt about whether they have Covid-19 symptoms, and so whether they should attend the tournament site, they should contact the Covid-19 Officer or the Tournament Doctor prior to leaving their accommodation.

- Masks must be worn at all times in crowded indoor spaces, where there is no ventilation (except for Participants with an exemption from doing so — see below) and physical distancing should be practiced at all times while using tournament transport. Except when essential (e.g., flights to the tournament location), Participants should avoid public transport and travelling in vehicles for extended periods (more than 15 minutes) with multiple occupants, where that vehicle is unventilated and/or un-sanitised.

Site access

- Before entering the tournament site each day, all Participants who are competing in indoor events only must-are recommended to complete a daily self-declaration-assessment of that they are not and have not been being infected with Covid-19 (as defined by a positive test) in the last 5 days, being-are Covid-19 symptom-free and have not having had any high-riskclose contacts with confirmed Covid-19 cases in the last 10 days. Tournaments may implement daily self-declarations (Screening). Only those Participants who comply with, and meet the requirements of, screening are permitted on-site. Any Participant who self-reports-assesses (or self-reports) being infected with Covid-19 or having Covid-19 symptoms should report their status to the Covid-19 Officer (if

[available](#)) or Tournament Supervisor, who may arrange for a Covid-19 test. In the event that such test (if conducted) is positive, the Participant ~~shall~~ may be denied access to the site, pending completion of the relevant isolation period or (in the case of Participants exhibiting Covid-19 symptoms) completion of the follow-up testing protocol.

Participants must comply with any testing that is required by the relevant local authorities in the country concerned ~~and which goes beyond the ITF minimum requirements~~. Where additional testing is required by such authorities, and unless otherwise approved by the ITF, up to 50% of the cost of each test or US\$20 (whichever is the lower) for a maximum of three tests at any tournament may be passed on to the Participant. Where such testing is not required by local authorities, but is implemented at the discretion of the Tournament host, all of the cost of such testing shall be borne by the Tournament host.

Failure to comply with any required testing ~~(including any additional testing imposed by local government authorities)~~ will may result in the person concerned being denied entry to the site and not being permitted to participate in any ITF tournament until such time that they comply with those requirements in full.

Where testing is implemented under these protocols and a Participant has (a) a certified positive SARS-Cov-2 RT-PCR test that was taken between 10 days and 90 days prior to arrival at the event in question, or (b) a certified positive IgG antibody test that was taken within 30 days prior to arrival at the event in question, or (c) been fully vaccinated (at least 14 days previously) against Covid-19 with a vaccine named on the World Health Organisation list of approved vaccines (an **Approved Vaccine**)² (www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/covid-19-vaccines/advice) and does not have Covid-19 symptoms that are not otherwise explained and verified by an infectious disease specialist, that Participant may be exempted from Covid-19 testing for the duration of the event (Exempt Participants), except daily self-declarations, which all Participants in indoor tournaments must complete. *Note: exemption from locally-mandated testing is at the discretion of local authorities and is not superseded by these protocols.*

~~In order to activate an exemption from testing, the~~ Participants must may only apply for an exemption from testing (where implemented) via the ITF UNO accreditation platform³. However, for tournaments that does not use ITF UNO, participants will be required to show hard copies of the necessary documents to the Covid-19 Officer on-site. In either case, Participants must produce their positive PCR test and/or IgG antibody test and/or vaccination certificate showing that all vaccinations have been received and clearly showing the dates of those vaccinations⁴. Applications and requests for exemptions by other means will not be accepted⁵. The exemptions described above do not over-ride any local requirements.

² For the purposes of these Protocols, 'fully vaccinated' means having received, at least 14 days prior to arrival at the event in question, all required doses of an Approved Vaccine, excluding booster dose(s).

³ Covid-19 certificates will be treated in compliance with the requirements of applicable data protection laws.

⁴ QR codes cannot be read, so will be returned as 'not granted'.

⁵ Where an application for exemption due to being fully vaccinated is based on a single dose of a two-dose vaccination following recovery from infection, confirmatory evidence of the relevant legislation or responsible authority guidance that grants full vaccination under such circumstances must be provided⁵. All applications must be received no later than seven days prior to the Monday of the week of the tournament in question. **Note that it cannot be guaranteed that**

Exemptions are at all times conditional on the Participant concerned remaining asymptomatic. If any Exempt Participant displays any Covid-19 symptoms (as described in Appendix 1), or tests positive for Covid-19, then their status as an Exempt Participant shall be revoked and shall not be reinstated unless and until the Independent Doctor rules out infection with Covid-19 or the relevant isolation and/or follow-up testing requirements have been completed.

- ~~Participants must comply with case management Protocols if they fail to meet self reporting or screening requirements.~~ Participants must should report to the ITF positive Covid-19 tests ~~or Covid-19 symptoms~~ that happen within 10 days of the date on which they left the tournament venue. Participants who have Covid-19 symptoms within 10 days of the date on which they left the tournament venue should take a Covid-19 test and, if that test is positive, report that result to the ITF.

~~'Exposed' refers to anyone who has been in close contact with the affected individual within the previous 48 hours of the onset of the affected individual's symptoms. A Close Contact is defined as: anyone (except Exempt Participants, who shall not be designated as such, unless otherwise decided by the Local Health Authorities) with the following exposure to a confirmed Covid-19 case, from 2 days before to 14 days after the confirmed case's onset of illness (defined as the date of the positive test): being face to face within 1 metre for a total of at least 15 minutes; direct physical contact. For the avoidance of doubt, anyone living in or sharing the same household or household-like setting (e.g., hotel room, apartment or hostel) is automatically classed as a Close Contact.~~

- ~~Following a confirmed or suspected case of Covid-19, or following exposure to Covid-19, Participants must comply with the ITF 'return to competition' Protocols, as described in the case management protocol (available as a separate document).~~

On-site

- ~~All sign in is recommended to be remote (online/telephone). Players must speak to the Supervisor of the event in person. Leaving a voicemail is not sufficient. Tournaments may extend the sign-in period to accommodate telephone sign-in.~~
- A maximum of one support person per player on-site is recommended for individual indoor events, and a maximum of two support persons per player is recommended for individual outdoor events, except for players who need essential physical assistance during competition, in which case such additional essential person(s) are permitted.

exemption applications received after this date will be processed prior to the event in question. Failure to provide a certificate by the stated deadline may result in the Participant being subject to (a) testing and screening during the tournament and (b) the relevant follow-up Protocols in the event that that testing returns a positive result or a failed screen. Exemptions based on positive PCR tests and positive IgG antibody tests must be renewed prior to their expiry, in order to maintain Exempt Participant status. Such renewal is the sole responsibility of the Participant.

~~As an example, a physiotherapist will not typically meet the definition of providing “essential physical assistance” (as physiotherapy can be provided off-site) and so is recommended to not go on-site.~~

- ~~Masks should be worn at all times in crowded indoor spaces, where there is no ventilation (except for Participants with an exemption from doing so) and physical distancing should be practiced at all times while using tournament transport. Except when essential (e.g., flights to the tournament location), Participants should avoid public transport and travelling in vehicles for more than 15 minutes with multiple occupants, where that vehicle is unventilated and/or un-sanitised. If use of public or tournament transport is unavoidable, Participants are recommended to wear masks.~~

~~Participants may apply to the ITF for exemption from the requirement to wear a mask. Applications must be submitted in advance to the ITF at Covid19@itftennis.com and will be granted where the Participant provides evidence to the ITF’s satisfaction from a qualified professional (e.g., doctor) that the Participant has a condition that would qualify him/her as exempt from wearing a mask under the rules of country in which the event concerned takes place. As part of the application, the Participant must also provide the rules/guidance of the country in question. Note: such an exemption under these Protocols does not supersede any local authority requirement for masks to be worn. Exemptions from local authority-mandated mask-wearing is at the discretion of local authorities and is not superseded by these protocols~~

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Competition

- ~~The mandatory elements of the ITF practice and match Protocols (available as a separate document) must-should be observed throughout a tournament. Where a positive Covid-19 result for a Player is received during a match, the Referee shall immediately withdraw the Player from the match, irrespective of the score⁶, where doing so is necessary to comply with local health authority requirements.~~
- Use of locker rooms (including for players, officials and ball persons) should be determined by the available space, such that physical distancing can be maintained at all times. Player support personnel should not enter locker rooms, except for support personnel required to provide essential physical assistance.

Showers should only be used after matches and only where:

- Physical distancing can be maintained;
- Where the player is competing in more than one match in a day and during team events.

- ~~— For the avoidance of doubt, medical treatment is subject to the mandatory elements of these Protocols. Non-Covid-19 medical treatment will-should be limited to the reasonable time necessary for completion. Players are recommended to wear masks while obtaining medical treatment (except for those with exemptions from doing so).~~

⁶ It is expected that the Referee will explain the reason for the withdrawal to the Player, and then to the Chair Umpire, who will inform the spectators that the Player has retired for medical reasons.

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Players are recommended to wear masks during anti-doping testing (except for those with exemptions from doing so). Anti-Doping staff must comply with physical distancing, hygiene measures and daily screening while conducting their duties.

General

- The ITF case management protocol ~~must~~should be implemented by the Tournament Supervisor/Referee if a Participant fails Screening, or tests positive for Covid-19 or otherwise reports Covid-19 symptoms that have not been followed by a negative test within 10 days of the date on which they left the tournament venue ~~(which the player is obliged to report)~~. Case management Protocols are provided at Appendix 2.

APPENDIX 1 – DAILY SCREENING AND SELF-DECLARATIONS

Where precautions ~~must be~~ taken to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19 at ITF tournaments, (including World Tennis Tour Mens, Womens and Juniors (including Junior Team competitions), Beach Tennis, ~~Seniors Masters~~ and Wheelchair Tennis). ~~One element of this is to,~~ a check on whether participants have Covid-19, or any of the main Covid-19 symptoms should be made. All participants should be asked the questions below on a daily basis prior to entering the Tournament venue.

	Response	
	No	Yes
In the past 5 days, have you had or been diagnosed with Covid-19?	No	Yes
In the past 10 days, have you had any of the following symptoms of Covid-19?	No	Yes
- High temperature or shivering (chills)		
- New, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours		
- Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste		
- Shortness of breath		
- Feeling tired or exhausted		
- Aching body		
- Headache		
- Sore throat		
- Blocked or runny nose		
- Loss of appetite		
- Diarrhoea		
- Feeling or being sick		

~~Only those p~~Participants who answer 'no' to ALL of the self-declaration questions are permitted on-site. Any participant who answers 'yes' to any of the questions ~~must may~~ not be permitted on-site. The decision to deny access is final and cannot be appealed.

Records of attendance on-site will be retained by the ITF, and will be shared with Tournament staff for monitoring access to the tournament site during the Tournament period only and otherwise as required by law. Records will be kept securely and retained only for as long as is necessary for the ITF to manage the risk of Covid-19 at ITF Tournaments and events. For more information about how and why the ITF collects, processes and stores your personal data in response to Covid-19, please see the ITF's Covid-19 Privacy Notice, which is available on the ITF website at www.itftennis.com.

NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

APPENDIX 2 – CASE MANAGEMENT PROTOCOLS

This appendix describes the [recommended](#) protocol to be followed if any Participant returns a positive Covid-19 Test or ‘fails’ the self-declaration. **ITF Protocols and Local Health Authority case management Protocols will not be mixed or used simultaneously.**

Where a positive Covid-19 Test result for a Player is received during a match, the Player shall be immediately withdrawn from the match by the Tournament Referee, irrespective of the score⁷.

The Covid-19 Officer is responsible for notifying the ITF of all positive Covid-19 Test results via the ITF Covid-19 email address (covid19@itftennis.com)⁸.

Positive Covid-19 Test

If any Participant returns a positive Covid-19 Test result:

- That Participant (the “Affected Participant”), the Covid-19 Officer and Tournament Supervisor must be notified (as applicable);
- The Affected Participant is responsible for informing their employer;
- The Covid-19 Officer must notify the local public health authorities;
- The Affected Participant shall be returned to and isolated in their accommodation⁹ (or stays there if the test is taken at the hotel). The Covid-19 Officer shall provide the identity of the Affected Participant to the hotel. If the test is taken on-site, the Affected Participant shall be moved to an isolation room until they are able to be returned to their accommodation. (*Note: additional accommodation costs shall be borne by the Participant*);
- The Affected Participant must complete isolation in accordance with these Protocols and/or local government requirements and any instructions issued by the Covid-19 Officer, Tournament Referee or local authority;

Failure by any Participant (including Exempt Participants) of Screening

If this happens off-site:

- The Covid-19 Officer, and Tournament Supervisor must be notified immediately;
- That person shall return to and be quarantined in their accommodation;
- The Participant is responsible for informing their employer ([as applicable](#));
- The Covid-19 Officer should apply the Follow-up Testing Protocol below.

If this happens while on-site:

- The Covid-19 Officer and Tournament Supervisor must be notified immediately;
- The Affected Participant shall be placed in quarantine;
- The Affected Participant is responsible for informing their employer (as applicable);
- The Covid-19 Officer should arrange a Covid-19 test and apply the Follow-up Testing Protocol below.
- The Affected Participant must complete quarantine in accordance with local government requirements and any instructions issued by the Covid-19 Officer, Tournament Referee or local authority.

Once a case of Covid-19 has been confirmed, all locations at the venue that the Affected Participant visited must be disinfected.

⁷ It is expected that the Referee will explain the reason for the withdrawal to the Player, and then to the Chair Umpire.

⁸ This email address is only accessible to the ITF Covid-19 Officer (at the time of writing, the ITF Senior Director, Integrity & Legal).

⁹ A Participant who tests positive will be permitted to isolate at home when (a) their home is sufficiently close to drive (alone) there in a reasonable time, (b) the Participant has been declared medically fit to travel, and (c) driving home is permitted by the local public health authorities.

Follow-up Testing Protocol

Affected Participants must complete isolation and/or quarantine required under this section in accordance with these Protocols and/or local government requirements and any instructions issued by the Covid-19 Officer, Tournament Referee or Local Health Authority. Where Local Health Authority requirements for follow-up testing are in place for the event in question, these will take precedence over these Follow-up Testing Protocols.

A. Asymptomatic Participants who fail a Covid-19 Test

- The Affected Participant should take a second Covid-19 test as soon as practicable. If the failed test is a PCR test, then all follow-up tests must also be PCR tests. If the failed test was a Lateral Flow test, then the follow-up tests may be either PCR or Lateral Flow. If no further testing takes place, or if the Participant fails the second or third Covid-19 test (see below), then the Participant may not participate in an event covered under these Protocols for 5 days from the date of the first positive test. [\(For example, if a test taken on the 20th of the month returned a positive result, then the first day of isolation is the 21st, the fifth day is the 25th and the first day of eligibility to return to competition is the 26th\).](#) Where further testing takes place:
 - If the second Covid-19 test is positive, the Affected Participant must isolate for the period of time specified by the relevant local authorities, from the day of the first positive test (or as per local requirements, if different). For the avoidance of doubt, if the event is still in progress at the end of the applicable isolation period or 5-day non-participation period (whichever is longer), the Affected Participant may take part in the remainder of it.
 - If the second Covid-19 test is negative, a third Covid-19 test should be taken at least 24 hours after the second test, pending which the Affected Participant shall remain isolated.
 - If the third Covid-19 test is negative, the Affected Participant shall be permitted to leave isolation (subject to any reason otherwise, such as may be required by the Local Health Authority, or as determined by the Tournament Supervisor).
 - If the third Covid-19 test is positive, then the Affected Participant will remain isolated for the remainder of the applicable isolation period. For the avoidance of doubt, if the event is still in progress at the end of the applicable isolation period or 5-day non-participation period (whichever is longer), then the Affected Participant may take part in the remainder of it.

B. Participants who fail Screening, or develop Covid-19 symptoms or who are designated as a First-Level Close Contact¹⁰

Note: A First-Level Close Contact is defined by the ITF as anyone (except Exempt Participants, who shall not be designated as such, unless otherwise decided by the Local Health Authorities) with the following exposure to a confirmed Covid-19 case, from 2 days before to 5 days after the confirmed case's onset of illness (defined as the date of the positive test): being face-to-face within 1 metre for a (cumulative) total of at least 15 minutes; direct physical contact. For the avoidance of doubt, anyone living in or sharing the same household or household-like setting (e.g. hotel room, apartment or hostel) is automatically classed as a First-Level Close Contact. Please note that for events where the Local Health Authority conducts contact tracing, the definition may be different.

- The Participant concerned should take a Covid-19 test. If no further testing takes place, then the Participant may not participate in an event covered under these Protocols for 5 days from the most recent contact with the confirmed Covid-19 case, [or from when symptoms first started \(whichever is the later\)](#) (unless, for Participants who are not First-Level Close Contacts, Covid-19 is ruled out by a medical professional). Where further testing takes place:

¹⁰ Where the Participant concerned is still at the location of the tournament, First-Level Close Contacts shall be identified by the Covid-19 Officer. At other times, this shall be the responsibility of the ITF.

- If that Covid-19 test is positive, the Participant will be isolated for 5 days (in the case of First-Level Close Contacts), from the date of most recent contact with the confirmed Covid-19 case (and that Participant becomes an Affected Participant). For the avoidance of doubt, if the event is still in progress at the end of the 5-day isolation, the Affected Participant may take part in the remainder of it.
- If that Covid-19 test is negative, then the Participant will be subject to the Lateral Flow Test to Release Protocol.

Lateral Flow Test to Release Protocol

The Participant will take a Lateral Flow test for 5 consecutive days and, subject to each of those tests being negative and the Participant remaining asymptomatic, shall not be isolated. If any such Lateral Flow test is positive, or the Participant becomes symptomatic, then the Participant shall be isolated for 5 days from the earlier of the dates on which (a) the positive Lateral Flow test was taken or (b) symptoms first appeared.

C. Inconclusive and unanalysed tests

Where a test result is inconclusive (or where a Participant's sample is not analysed), the Participant concerned should take another test again as soon as possible. Pending receipt of the result of that additional test, the Participant shall be presumed to be Covid-19 negative (unless he/she fails Screening in the meantime), but shall be advised to strictly observe these Protocols (particularly physical distancing, mask use and hand-washing) in the meantime.