

World Cup Berne, 19. – 21. November 2021

Dear participants, dear federations

We hereby welcome you to the world cup competition in Berne (male senior epee).

Due to covid regulations of the FIE and Switzerland, we inform you about the procedure concerning Covid-Testing, Material Control etc.

We refer to the document FORMIR-COVID-19 of the FIE and regulations concerning Covid-19 of the Swiss Government.

1 Mandatory pre-competition Covid Test

1.1 General Principles

- All participants, including staff (coaches, physio, associate participants, helpers etc.), must be tested (nasal antigen rapid test) on the day before the individual competition, regardless of the status of vaccination, prior Covid-infection etc.
- **All participants must be tested before check-in at the accommodation (hotel, air b+b, etc.)**
- **Testing is mandatory.** Failure to complete testing during the official testing window on Thursday, 18.11.2021, 10 am-4 pm leads to automatic exclusion from participation at the competition (individual and team)
- The organizing committee pays the costs for the testing

1.2 Procedure

Date of the testing	Thursday, 18.11.2021, 10:00-16:00 local time
Location of Test center	Sporthalle Wankdorf Bern Papiermühlestrasse 91 3014 Bern

IMPORTANT: Testing must be performed **before** check-in at the accommodation.

Time slot for testing

- Due to limited capacity for registration and testing, the arrival time at the testing site must be confirmed with the organizing committee.
- Please contact Swiss Fencing office: celine.moser@swiss-fencing.ch for making an appointment
- Indicate time of arrival, names, birthday, address of the accommodation, contact number, email address of each participant (athletes and others).
- The list must be sent to the office of swiss fencing by mail by Friday, 12.11.2021, 2400.

Registration for testing

- Every participant, including staff (coaches, physio, associate participants, helpers etc.), has to fill out an individual electronic form online (each person for each test)
- The form must be filled out at the latest by Wednesday, 17.11.2021 at 6 pm (18:00). The link for the electronic form is <https://bit.ly/3Gb2tAQ> or scan the QR-code
- Instructions on how to register are attached to this letter.



After receiving test results

- If **tested negative**, the participant will receive a bracelet for all three days.
 - Only with this bracelet, the access to the venue is allowed. If it is lost or stolen, the test has to be repeated
 - In addition to that, a covid-certificate will be issued, which is necessary at the accommodation and for entering restaurants and other venues
- If **tested positive** with a rapid antigen test, a confirmatory PCR test will be done.
 - In case of a positive PCR-Test, the participant is not allowed to enter the venue and is excluded from the competition
 - The person has to isolate themselves according to the local governmental rules
 - The positive test result is reported to the Swiss Government, and their orders have to be strictly followed
 - If medical attention is needed, please contact the organizing committee to help organize a visit to an emergency department.
 - In case of an emergency, please call the ambulance (dial 144 or 112)

2 Quarantine/Entering Switzerland

- As of the end of October, no participant has to isolate when entering Switzerland
- Because these regulations can change on short notice, the organizing committee will inform the FIE of changes as soon as possible.
- The participants must check visa regulations prior to traveling to Switzerland. Invitation letters can be issued if necessary.
- As a participant of the world cup competition of Berne, you are considered as a person in “**situation of special necessity**” (professional sports, entering for a world cup competition); therefore, special rules apply:
 - Verify if your country is on the list with restrictions to entering Switzerland at: <https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/sem/aktuell/faq-einreiseverweigerung.html>
 - If you are from a country with restrictions (see link above), you must declare this when entering Switzerland. To shorten the process when entering Switzerland, you can get a declaration at the Swiss embassy in your country.

- Suppose you need a visa to enter Switzerland. In that case, you can declare this “**situation of special necessity**” already in the visa process.
- The link above tells you also about entering modalities concerning valid vaccinations etc.
- To enter Switzerland, every person has to fill out a particular form:
<https://swissplf.admin.ch/formular> or scan the QR-code on the right-hand side
 - It must be filled put earliest 48h before entry
 - You will get a QR-Code (paper, phone or tablet) which you might have to show to the authorities.
 - Exemptions see link below
- for updates, please check: <https://www.bag.admin.ch/bag/de/home/krankheiten/ausbrueche-epidemien-pandemien/aktuelle-ausbrueche-epidemien/novel-cov/empfehlungen-fuer-reisende/quarantaene-einreise.html>



3 Material Control

- Material control will be done during Covid-Testing
- Thursday, 18.11.2021, 1000-1600

4 Spectators

- Spectators are allowed according to the rules by the FIE and Swiss Government
- Each spectator has to present a valid certificate according to the rules by the Swiss Government
- The participants will have a separated area where spectators have no access

5 Competition

- See attached program