



AIG FZ Forza Irish Open 2021  
COVID-19 Procedures

If you become ill with a suspected COVID-19 case whilst at the tournament venue, please call or whatsapp call (+353)873402349. Key staff members will then be able to carry out the emergency COVID-19 protocol.

**Vaccination Status - IMPORTANT**

All players, coaches, volunteers, and other officials **must be fully vaccinated** with a vaccine approved by the European Medicines Agency or have a valid proof of recovery certificate issued within the past 180 days. Players must produce their approved vaccination certificate or proof of recovery certificate in order to receive accreditation, which is required to participate at the Irish Open. This is a requirement set by local government. Under 18 players do not need to be vaccinated however accompanying adults must be fully vaccinated or produce a proof of recovery certificate.

Please check that your vaccination is accepted in Ireland: <https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/human-regulatory/overview/public-health-threats/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/treatments-vaccines/covid-19-vaccines>

You can also view the accepted vaccines and details on recovery certificate on the Irish Government website: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/77952-government-advice-on-international-travel/>

**\*If an individual does not have an approved vaccination, valid proof of recovery certificate or is unvaccinated they will not be able to compete or participate at the Irish Open 2021\***

## **Travelling to Ireland**

When arriving into Ireland, players and coaches will need to check what requirements are needed to enter Ireland from their country. Badminton Ireland will not be able to get exception from international travel entry requirements.

Please read the government website carefully under arriving into Ireland:  
<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/77952-government-advice-on-international-travel/>

**\*All international travelers must complete the passenger locator form before arriving into Ireland\* <https://travel.eplf.gov.ie/en>**

## **Transport**

1. Transport to and from the airport will only be allocated to players / coaches arriving on the same flight or representing the same country.
2. Buses can run at 100% capacity during competition days
3. Masks must be worn on transport
4. Windows must be kept open in bus for ventilation
5. Players and coaches are asked not to sit beside each other unless within their own country
6. Players must wear accreditation on transport

## **Hotel**

1. Masks must be worn at all times in the hotel whilst in common areas
2. All players / coaches must adhere to the regulations set by Carlton Hotel Blanchardstown

<https://www.carltonhotelblanchardstown.com/en/covid19-update/>

## **Meeting Rooms**

1. Meetings will be hosted in room that is big enough to respect social distancing (BEC)
2. Managers Meeting will be conducted online, an online link will be sent to each federation

## **Competition Venue**

1. Players are required by Sport Ireland to undergo temperature checks when entering the venue.
2. When entering the venue for the first time, individuals will need to show their COVID-19 certificate or valid proof of recovery to the event staff. They will then issue accreditation. Accreditation must be visible throughout competition, personnel without accreditation will not be granted access.
3. Masks must be worn at all times when within the competition venue. Only exception is for when players are on court after the coin toss has been made.
4. Physical distancing of 2 metres should be maintained when outside of the seating areas
5. There will be several sanitising stations located around the competition venue
6. Players are not to share equipment
7. Players should arrive to the venue a maximum 1 hour before their match and go back to the hotel as soon as all their matches are over (BEC)
8. Players should arrive at the venue with their match outfit and personal equipment. No changing room or lockers should be used (BEC)
9. Players should use their hotel room to shower after the match (BEC)
10. Handshakes are not recommended (BEC)
11. Each player/ pair is only allowed 1 coach while playing (BEC)
12. The competition will be held behind closed doors for Qualification and Day 1. Players may sit in any of the spectator bleacher from Tuesday – Thursday. Players are not permitted to sit in technical official seating. Players may not sit with spectators on the Friday or Saturday.
13. Any services that require payment will only accept card payment
14. Maximum of 4 players to each practice / warm up court. Only players with upcoming matches will be allowed to use warm up courts. (BEC)

## **Match Protocols**

1. Each player / official will maintain social distancing when walking on/off court (BEC)
2. Masks must be worn until the coin toss has been completed
3. Umpires may remove masks once in umpire chair
4. Players should stay on each side of the net at the service line for the toss while the umpire stays at the net (BEC)
5. Boxes will be available at each side of the court for old shuttles to be deposited. Players are not to return old shuttles to service judge (BEC)
6. Line Judges and Service Judge will wear mask for the duration of the match
7. Service judge will use gloves when providing new shuttles
8. No handshakes will be permitted before or after the match (BEC)

## **Finals Day**

1. Spectators and players will not be able to mingle or use the same entrances
2. Spectators will have their own dedicated seating not shared with players
3. Spectators will not be allowed in the same zone as players/coaches
4. Physical Distancing should be maintained between players/pairs during medal ceremony (BEC)
5. Face masks are required during medal ceremony (BEC)
6. No handshakes will take place during medal ceremony (BEC)
7. Players will pick up their own medals and trophies (BEC)

## **Organisation**

1. Doors should be kept open when possible to minimise the number of people touching them, if this is not possible, a volunteer will care of opening and closing doors. (BEC)
2. Regular cleaning of the venue, including regular disinfection of the toilets. (BEC)
3. Room for temporary isolation must be available in case of person with possible COVID-19 symptoms (BEC)
4. Catering should be set up in a way to ensure social distancing while people are queuing or sitting down (BEC)
5. No player boxes should be used to avoid all players touching the same boxes, instead a zone should be taped on the floor, so their equipment is kept safe (BEC)
6. Only one coach chair per side of the court (BEC)
7. VIP / External media will not be allowed to have direct contact with players / coaches (BEC)
8. Minimum number of volunteers to be used and volunteers should not change roles, especially changing from interacting with public to interacting with players.
9. Indicators on the ground will be displayed at the meeting point including technical official positions and players (BEC)
10. Each court will have its own waiting area (BEC)
11. Walk on / off will be organised so there is no cross over of athletes (BEC)
12. Each umpire will be provided with a stick to keep for the duration of the tournament for umpire pad (BEC)
13. Disposable gloves will be provided for Service Judges under their chair
14. Key staff will be trained when managing a suspected COVID-19 case. If a player or coach becomes ill, they should call or whatsapp call (+353)873402349

Questions regarding COVID-19 should be emailed to [cdoherly@badmintonireland.com](mailto:cdoherly@badmintonireland.com)