

This CORONA safety concept applies to the European women's billiards championship in Melk (AT), from April 23rd. - April 25th, 2021. With the level of knowledge as of February 14, 2021, we present procedures here that should allow this event to run as safely as possible. Depending on the developments over the next 2 months, this concept may have to be adapted. Changes are communicated as a version change in this document.

1. **Entry to Austria:**

At no point since the outbreak of the CORONA crisis the entry from EU countries to Austria has been completely blocked. Entry into the country was and is always possible if the reasons are given and an antigen test that must not be older than 48 hours. We hope that there will be further easing by April, whereby "European Championship" is an accepted reason if necessary. If, on the contrary, there should be a tightening, we would take this as a reason for a cancellation.

2. **Hygiene measures in the hotel:**

- a. Accommodation: All active persons and officials necessary for the event (referees, officials, ...) are accommodated in **one** hotel.
- b. If today's strict measures still apply in April, then no restaurant operation is possible and breakfast / food will be served in the room.
- c. If it becomes necessary to create a local bubble, the event can be played in the hotel. This means that the hotel no longer has to be left because the tests can also take place there. In this case the event would run without audience.
- d. All general hygiene rules of the Austrian federal government and the special rules for gastronomy and tourism have to be applied in all Austrian hotels and restaurants (Distance 2 m, FFP2 mask compulsory, weekly staff test, packed cutlery,)

3. **Hygiene measures at the venue:**

All hygiene measures of the Austrian government are applied, plus some sport-specific measures.

- a. General FFP2 mask mandatory, except for the active players during matches
- b. Hand disinfection-sets for everyone at all entrances and at the seats of the players and referees.
- c. A minimum distance of 2 meter must be observed in any case.
- d. Disinfection of all game materials (table, balls, brushes, ...) before each match.
- e. No body contact like shaking hands, clapping, hugging, ... between whoever.
- f. Contact tracing: Everyone who enters the tournament location has to fill in phone number and / or email address and enter the entry / exit time in a list. A shortened procedure applies to the active.
- g. A separate auxiliary queue is available for each player, or if the player changes, the referee disinfects it.
- h. All consumables for the game (chalks, gloves, leather workers, ...) must be brought by the player himself.
- i. There will be a ventilation break of 15 minutes between the matches.



4. **Spectators:**

Currently, no spectators are allowed indoors. The Austrian government announced that with raising numbers of vaccination and the availability of testing smaller events will be allowed after Easter. So there is a small chance of spectators in April.

5. **Tests:**

- a. The journey should take place with an antigen test, which is not older than 48 hours. If this is not available on arrival or is out of date, it can be done by our own test station on arrival. This is valid for all active participants, also for the Austrians.
- b. All active participants (players, officials, referees, ...) are tested every 48 hours, by our medical team.

6. **Arrival by plane via Vienna Airport.**

All active participants arriving by plane via Vienna Airport are requested to inform herbert.thuer@umb-carom.org of the arrival time and flight number. We will organize a shuttle to the player hotel to avoid using public transport.

7. **Booking of Hotels**

All active participants (players, officials, referees, ...) are pleased to send an email to herbert.thuer@umb-carom.org with the name, the nationality and the need of rooms. The booking will be done by the organization team due to COVID restrictions.

8. **Travel planning and transportation**

Travel planning, especially the purchase of tickets for planes or trains / busses, should be done on a preliminary basis (take the cancel option!) in the meantime. The final Go/NoGo-decision for this event will be communicated separately latest on 7th April 2021, due to the very volatile COVID situation. Perhaps a little bit earlier, because we expect on Tuesday before Easter a clear decision from the Ministry of sports.

9. **Medical service**

Medical support at the tournament location will be ensured by Mrs. Dr. Petra Scholze. Dr. Scholze is also responsible for the regular on-site testing every 48 hours.