

European Boxing Road to Tokyo – Information Notice

European Boxing Road to Tokyo COVID-19 Event Protection Plan (Key points)

The Local Organising Committee (LOC), in close cooperation with the local authorities and the IOC Boxing Task Force (BTF), is developing a COVID-19 Event Protection Plan, which establishes the principles, protocols and general guidelines to be followed by ALL participants (athletes, team officials, Technical Officials, service providers, media and staff) before and throughout the event. The COVID-19 Event Protection Plan is currently being finalised, and will be communicated to you next week, by 12 May.

All participants will need to restrict their activities and movements to remain within the event bubble, which includes the official accommodation, transport (no public transportation) and venues (competition and training facilities and weigh-in venue). Participants who are not accredited will not be allowed to enter the event bubble. As a reminder, the total number of Team Officials who may be accredited per NOC/NF depends on the number of competing boxers. Reserve Team Officials will not be accredited unless they replace a Primary Team Official.

The COVID-19 Event Protection Plan will outline in more detail the event's testing regime and the countermeasures that will be put in place throughout the event. Some of the countermeasures include:

- Mandatory COVID-19 PCR test within 72 hours of departure for France for all participants
- COVID-19 tests upon arrival and during the event
- Competition will be held behind closed doors
- Limit of two seconds per boxer on the FOP
- Limited transport capacities
- Pre-defined training schedule and no sparring between delegations
- Restricted access to the warm-up area. In addition to the session passes, teams will be allowed to enter the warm-up area only when their scheduled bout is the fourth bout after the bout taking place at the current time (approx. 1:15hr before).
- The training venue will close the evening of 7 June 2021.

It is crucial that all accredited participants take personal responsibility for their part in the plan. Anyone who does not follow the rules put in place in accordance with the COVID-19 Event Protection Plan may expose other participants to consequences that may have an impact on their participation in the European Boxing Road to Tokyo qualifier, their access to the venue (training and competition) and their participation in competitions. Serious failure to comply with these rules may result in the withdrawal of their accreditation and right to participate in the resumption of the European qualifying event.

Given the changing nature of the coronavirus pandemic, the COVID-19 Event Protection Plan is a dynamic document that is subject to change in response to any circumstance that may arise prior to or during the event. Any update of the COVID-19 Protection Plan after its circulation will be communicated to all participants accordingly.

COVID-19 Liaison Officer's job description

(Please refer to the attached COVID-19 Liaison Officer's job description)

All organisations (including delegations) taking part at the Boxing Road to Tokyo qualifier are required to appoint a COVID-19 Liaison Officer (CLO) upon registration. This individual will be responsible for COVID-19 related matters within their respective organisation (team). It is requested that the CLO be on-site in France for the full duration of the organisation's stay.

This person does not need to have a medical background as the role is more of an administrator. The CLO job description can be found [here](#) on the Athlete365 Boxing page.

Team health monitoring process 14 days before the event

(Please refer to pages 7-9 of the European Boxing Road to Tokyo - Team Delegations' Handbook)

Before travelling to France, all participants must monitor their health status continuously, including taking their temperature and proactively monitoring for any other COVID-19 symptoms (please see the World Health Organization [website](#) from 14 days before the event.

In addition to monitoring their health, individuals are advised to be extra cautious and limit their social interactions and travel as much as possible in the lead-up to the event.

Do not travel to France if you:

- experience any symptoms of COVID-19 within 14 days prior to departure;
- are self-isolating as a result of COVID-19 symptoms or have been in contact with someone who has had symptoms; or
- have had a positive PCR test within 14 days prior to departure.

Training camps in France prior to the event are not recommended or supported

The BTF would like to make it clear that it does not recommend that multi-nation training camps take place prior to the European qualifying event. Despite being aware of the natural sporting benefits of pre-event training camps with multiple teams, it is important to protect the health and safety of all participants and the delivery of the event as much as possible from any COVID-19 related implications.

The BTF reserves the right to isolate an entire delegation(s) should there be any suspicion or confirmation of a COVID-19 case identified during the event that traces back to a team's participation in a multi-nation training camp.

The BTF and the LOC are not organising any pre-event training camps in France.

Checklist: what you need to do before travelling to Paris?

Steps	All participants (members of the delegation)	If applicable
Read the COVID-19 Event Protection Plan thoroughly before travelling	X	
Monitor health from 14 days before the event	X	
As much as possible limit social interaction in the lead-up to the event	X	
Apply for a visa		X
Apply for a <i>Laissez-passer</i>		X
Secure travel insurance that covers accidents and COVID-19 care	X	
Make sure you know the latest requirements from your airline/train company (or at the border for car travel) or country of transit in terms of COVID-19 testing and certificates		
Take a COVID-19 PCR test within 72 hours of departure for France and obtain a certificate of your	X	

negative COVID-19 test result (digital AND hard paper copy)		
Complete the sworn declaration (hard paper copy to be presented upon arrival in France)	X	
Pack sufficient surgical masks to last throughout your stay in France	X	

Checklist: what you need to do during the event?

(Please refer to pages 7-9 of the European Boxing Road to Tokyo - Team Delegations' Handbook)

Testing will be a crucial part of minimising transmission and general screening during the event:

- all participants, regardless of whether they have been vaccinated or not, will need to follow the testing regime development for the event;
- all participants will be required to complete daily screening, consisting of temperature checks. If a temperature of 37.9°C or higher is recorded, the participant will be directed to pass the COVID-19 test.

To ensure the safety of all participants, the following practices are expected to be followed by each participant taking part in the European Boxing Road to Tokyo – Paris event:

- Wash/sanitise your hands frequently. Especially if you have had contact with a person or a commonly used object and when you enter a new area.
- No handshakes. Use a contactless greeting.
- Always wear a surgical mask when outside your room, changing the mask every four hours and/or if the mask is soiled or damp. ([See WHO guidance on wearing a mask](#))
- It is important you make sure you have access to enough face masks (surgical masks) to last throughout your stay in France. Everyone is responsible for their own supply.
- Always cough into your mask, sleeve or tissue.
- Maintain social distancing as much as possible (minimum 1.5 metres), especially during mealtimes and when using transport. Avoid meetings in small areas.
- Practise routine daily hygiene.
- Sanitise/disinfect personal items frequently, including your mobile phone, accreditation, water bottles, pens, etc.
- Avoid sharing your personal items with others (mobile phone, water bottle, pens, etc.).
- Always pay close attention to your medical condition and potential [COVID-19 symptoms](#).
- You must wear your accreditation at all times to confirm that you are part of the “event bubble”.

Checklist: the documents that you will need on hand for the Sport Entries Check

As already listed in the Team Delegations' handbook, teams will need to present the following document at the Sport Entries Check/accreditation pick-up:

- Passport or copy of passport
- Boxer's Record Book
- Medical certificate issued within the previous three months
- Conditions of Participation for Participants Form (and Parent/Legal Guardian Acknowledgment of Consent for Minors Form for boxers who are minors under the laws applicable in their country of residence at the time of signing the Conditions of Participation form), incorporating the Information Notice on the Processing of Personal Data of Participants and Other Accredited Persons, signed and dated
- Declaration of Non-Pregnancy (female boxers only)

- Uniform and robe (if applicable)

The Sport Entries Check will take place on **Tuesday 1 June 2021 and Wednesday 2 June 2021** at the Palais des Congrès de Massy. The IOC Boxing Task Force will inform the Team Delegations of their exact appointment time prior to the event. The **Sport Entries Check is mandatory for all Team Delegations**, and teams should make all necessary arrangements to arrive 10 minutes in advance to meet their appointment time.

Each Team Delegation may appoint a maximum of two people to attend its Sport Entries Check. The presence of your representative(s) is mandatory at the Sport Entries Check and a delegation will not receive its accreditations until it has completed its Sport Entries Check. Should a delegation not attend the Sport Entries Check by 2 June the Team Delegation's registration will not be valid and your boxer(s) will not be able to take part in the competition.

ITA Education Programme webinar

The International Testing Agency (ITA), in collaboration with the IOC Boxing Task Force, will deliver an educational anti-doping webinar for athletes and athlete support personnel participating in the European Boxing Road to Tokyo qualifier. The session will be delivered on Zoom and will take place at **3 p.m. CET on 19 May 2021**. ITA experts will deliver information on key anti-doping topics, including Medications, the Prohibited List, Supplements, Therapeutic Use Exemptions and the Doping Control Process. During the session, you will also receive tools and resources designed to help you navigate the anti-doping system, and to assist your athletes on their clean sport journey to Tokyo.

Please find [here](#) the registration link. You are welcome to share this communication and the registration link with any members of your team who may wish to participate. Note that advance registration is required. Athletes and athlete support personnel (team managers, coaches, doctors, etc.) are strongly encouraged to attend and actively participate in the live session. If you have any anti-doping questions, you can submit them to education@ita.sport in advance of the webinar. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions during the session – the ITA team will respond to all queries during the allocated Q&A session at the end of the webinar.

Team Webinar

A webinar will take place on Wednesday at **10a.m CET on 19 May 2021** to provide you with updates on the COVID-19 countermeasures and other key topics to prepare for your arrival in Paris.

Please make sure that your CLO and a maximum of three representatives from your delegation can attend this online session. It will be a one-hour session conducted in English, followed by Q&A.

Please find [here](#) the link to join the webinar and below the connection details:

Meeting ID: 998 1167 3021

Passcode: 274894

COVID-19 departure testing for teams

Teams will have the possibility to book their test via the EW registration system. All pre-departure tests are the full responsibility of the team delegations, including the financial responsibility (EUR 78 per participant) for the issuing of tests. Payment and booking details will be included in the COVID-19 Event Protection Plan.

Safety in boxing and pilot study opportunity

Safety and athletes' welfare are central to the Olympic ideals and the work undertaken by the BTF. Consequently, the BTF has decided to contribute to the critical research around

concussion in boxing and, in view of this, will provide to the athletes and teams that will participate at the European Olympic Qualifier the opportunity, on a voluntary basis, to join a pilot project in this area.

More specifically, such athletes will be offered to wear a custom-fit mouthguard with built-in sensors which will measure the intensity of head accelerations experienced from each punch thrown and send that data live to a computer located near the ringside. This system, known as the **PROTECHT** contact monitoring and management system, was developed by UK-based Sports & Wellbeing Analytics, and will allow direct assessment of the level of contact a boxer sustains during their bout. It should be noted that the mouthguards and all their components will be provided free of charge and in full compliance with any medical requirements and safety standards, including the CE marking certificate.

Once the event is complete, the aggregated and anonymous data from all participating boxers will be analysed by Sports & Wellbeing Analytics. The outcome of such analysis will be reflected in a written report, which will be used to inform the BTF of contact loads experienced across a range of events during the qualifier, ranging from differences between weight classes, sex and strike to full round-by-round analysis for each of these categories. From this analysis, clear insights into how to most effectively manage the overall contact load of boxers can be determined, which will make a major contribution to improving the safety of the sport.

We thank in advance those athletes and teams who would like to join this meaningful initiative. Should you like to confirm your interest and/or receive any additional details, please feel free to reach out to info@olympicboxing.sport **no later than 17 May 2021**.

Media accreditation

Media participation at the event is allowed, but please be aware that the on-site coverage of media representatives is restricted to national media (media representatives with a permanent residence in France). This is due to the challenges posed by the current health situation and that the number of accredited media representatives admitted to the venue daily will be limited.

The media accreditation registration is **open from 4 to 31 May 2021**. Late applications might be taken into consideration for exceptional reasons, but please be aware that these are not guaranteed. Media representatives willing to cover the event on site should request an accreditation [online](#).

All media representatives will be tested on a daily basis before being granted access to the venue, and they should therefore plan their arrival at the Grand Dôme at least one hour in advance to allow the test to be taken and processed. Additional specific COVID-19 countermeasures and procedures will be implemented for media representatives, and these will be communicated by email to all accredited media at a later date.