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The following pages open the event protocol. These guidelines must be followed so that we can guarantee safe participation for everyone in the tournament. Remember to follow normal hand, coughing and sneezing hygiene and keep a safety distance of at least 2 meters from other people.

## **GOOD HAND HYGIENE AND COUGHING ETIQUETTE**

Wash your hands with water and soap for at least 20 seconds. You should wash your hands especially when you come in from outside, after going to the toilet and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If water and soap are not available, use alcohol-based or other hand rinse approved by the chemical authority. Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth unless you have just washed your hands.

Cover your mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing or sneezing. Immediately put the used tissue in the rubbish bin. If you do not have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve not into your hands.

## **REDUCING CLOSE CONTACTS**

Reducing close contact is now also important for healthy people, as this slows down the spread of the epidemic.

When you are indoors or outdoors, stay at least 2 meters away from others.

Don't shake hands or hug people during the competition.

Everybody needs to wear face masks whenever leaving your hotel room. Teams have to provide their own masks.

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## DURING THE 72H QUARANTINE

Teams are not allowed to be in contact with other teams or organizers and officials.

Teams are not allowed to visit the hotel reception except in case of emergency.

Team manager will do the check-in for the whole team upon arrival.

Teams need to stay in their rooms except when going to the restaurant, gym or practice.

Teams need to wear a face mask whenever leaving the hotel room.

Team meals in designated times and rooms for each Team.

Practice at the venue with their own Team.

Players and officials are allowed to go for a walk outside, as long as you keep distance from everyone outside your own Team.

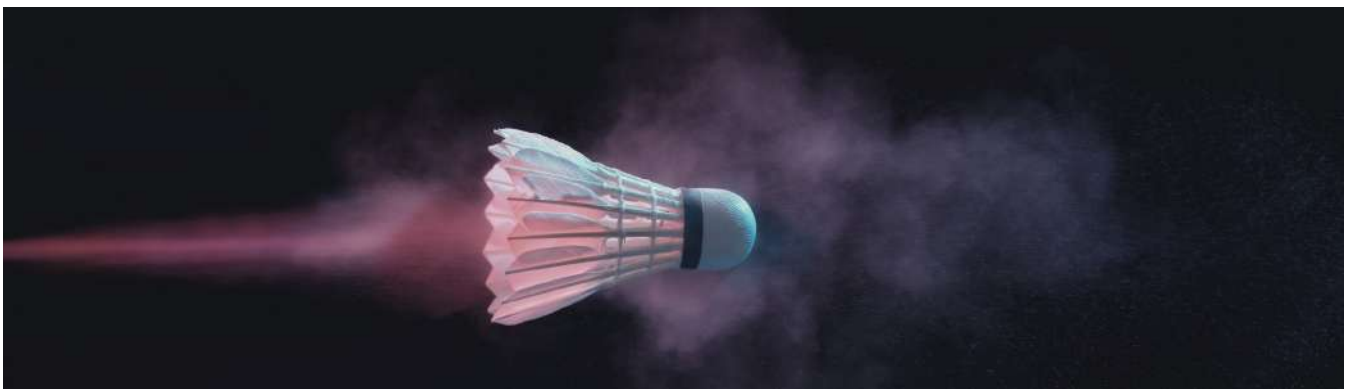
## AFTER THE 72H QUARANTINE

Teams are not allowed to be in contact with other customers at the hotel.

Players are allowed to visit the hotel reception.

Teams are allowed to be in contact with other people within the bubble who are tested negative.

Teams need to wear a face mask whenever leaving the hotel room.



# ACCREDITATION

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Accreditations will be mandatory at all times during the event.

Team managers and Technical Officials are asked to collect the accreditation passes from the hotel reception on Friday evening or Saturday morning.

After receiving negative test results on Monday all participants will receive a green sticker to their accreditation. The sticker shows that you are tested negative and you can take part in the competition and you are cleared from quarantine.

Players and officials can pick up the green stickers from a designated meeting room at the hotel (1st floor) on Monday.

There are three different colored accreditation passes used within the venue. All players and officials inside the bubble will get green passes and are only allowed to move inside the green zone which includes the field of play. Red passes will be given to people with no access to the green zone such as non-tested media or spectators (the current restriction is 10 people maximum). Orange passes are for people that can move in all areas at the venue. They are tested but are not part of the bubble. If you are a proud owner of the green accreditation pass, please interact carefully with other colored ones. Safety distance and masks will take you a long way.

Please note that there will be 10 EUR fee to replace a lost or stolen accreditation pass.

	WHO	WHAT
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Only those staying in Skyline hotel</li><li>● People within bubble that are not in contact with people outside the bubble</li><li>● These persons cannot go home, to the grocery store, have close contact with people not in green zone...</li></ul>	<p>Green zone is everywhere: players/officials will need to be (FOP, restaurant, hotel, gym, meeting rooms, dressing rooms, mixed zone, physio,...).</p> <p>No red zone access.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● People that do not stay at Skyline hotel</li><li>● People that need access to green zone (f.e. LJ, organisation, media,...)</li><li>● These persons need to keep distance from green zone persons at all times</li></ul>	<p>Green zone access, but only with extreme caution.</p> <p>Red zone access, but only with extreme caution.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● People outside of the event but still need access to the venue (f.e. spectators, journalists,...)</li><li>● These persons cannot be anywhere near green zone persons</li><li>● These persons need to keep a safe distance from orange zone persons at all times</li></ul>	<p>No green zone access.</p> <p>Red zone access (spectator's stand, toilets,...).</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Needed for all green and orange zone accreditations from Tuesday 16/2</li><li>● If no green sticker, no access is granted to green zone from 16/2</li></ul>	<p>Negative Covid-19 result on test done the day before first day in the venue.</p> <p>Test result is sent to <a href="mailto:events@badminton-europe.com">events@badminton-europe.com</a></p>



# ARRIVAL TO FINLAND & TRANSPORTATION

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Every member of a team (player, official, etc.) MUST present a negative Covid-19 test from their home country done within the last 72 hours.

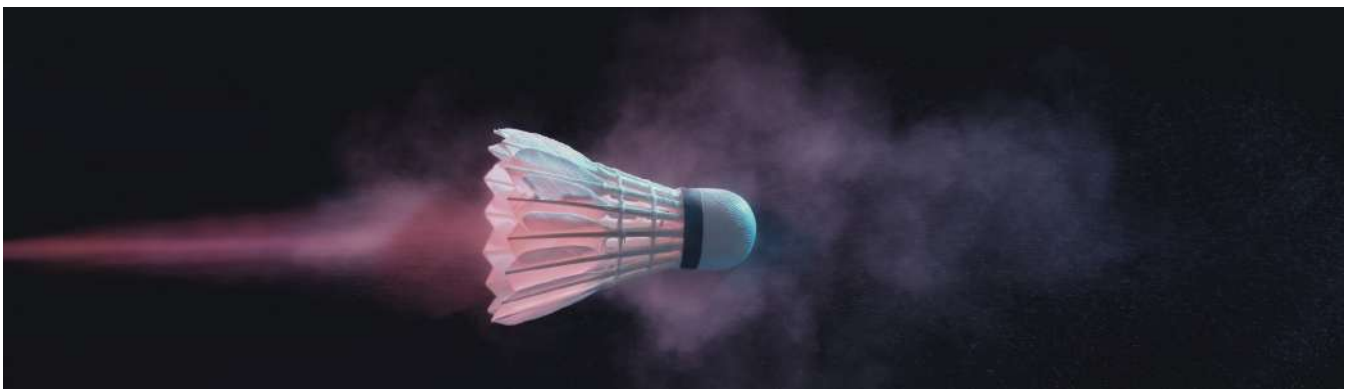
Transports to and from the airport will be organized by buses. The drivers are waiting for your team at the airport.

In addition Teams must be tested at the airport upon arrival as well. You will receive the test results 1-2 days after that. In case of a positive test, the organisation needs to be informed immediately.

Please look for a driver who will be holding a sign with the official competition logo. If you don't see anyone with this, please go to our meeting point, which is nearby R-kioski (Arrivals hall 2A) in terminal 2. The drivers will guide you to right buses. Teams will be brought from the airport straight to Skyline Airport Hotel in separate buses.

There are buses that drive between the Venue and Skyline Airport hotel to take the teams to practice and matches. Team managers will receive transportation schedules separately before arriving to Finland.

Masks MUST be worn at all times from arrival at the airport until entering the hotel room.



# ACCOMMODATION

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The official competition hotel is Skyline Airport hotel. Teams will be brought from the airport straight to the tournament hotel (5 minutes drive) in separate buses. Because of Covid-19 everyone must stay in quarantine for 72 hours after entering to Finland. When arriving to the hotel only the Team Manager is allowed to approach the reception while players need to wait in the lobby as one group. During the quarantine teams are allowed to go to meal rooms, gym and training on scheduled times. Each team will receive meal and training schedules before arriving to Finland. Teams cannot interact with other teams or other hotel customers during the quarantine period. After check-in teams will take care of all matters related to accommodation with the hotel and about meals and other things with the competition organizers. All contact information can be found in this guide.

The hotel desk can be reached 24/7.

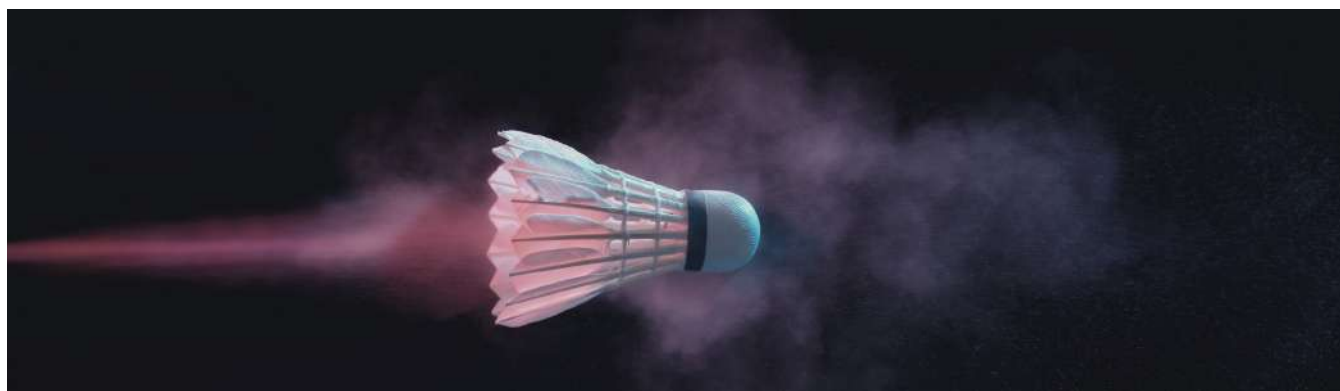
Tel. +3589825511

## COMPETITION OFFICE LOCATED IN ENERGIA AREENA

Opening hours:

1 hour before each tie every day.

Other times you can reach the tournament office staff via match control.



# COVID-19 TESTING

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Everyone must be tested again 72 hours after arrival in Finland. Test will be made on Monday 15th of February at the hotel. It is an antigene test and results per team will be available before each team's respective training pick-up time later that day. The results will be sent via SMS.

Individual tests will have to be paid for by teams/federations. The cost per test is €125. Exact testing schedule will be sent to Teams before arriving to Finland.

If everyone within the team is tested negative on Monday, the team can train Monday and participate in the tournament from Tuesday onwards.

After getting your negative test results, you are also allowed to interact with other teams, of course with the necessary precautions, but please note that after the negative test results teams are still not allowed to communicate with other hotel guests.

Team managers are responsible for each team member to fill in and sign a power of attorney regarding sharing the test results with the tournament organizers. Each team member will personally give this power of attorney to the tester. Team managers will get forms at the hotel reception upon arrival on Friday.

## **POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST ON SITE**

In case of a positive Covid-19 test at the airport or in the hotel, a second PCR test will be conducted as soon as possible to confirm the result. If even one person within the team (player or official) has a confirmed positive Covid-19 result even after the PCR test, the whole team will be excluded from the competition to ensure a safe badminton bubble for the other teams.

The minimum isolation period ordered for an infected person is 10 days, where you cannot have any symptoms for the last 2 days.

The quarantine imposed on those who have been in close contact with persons infected with coronavirus is 14 days, where you cannot have any symptoms for the last 2 days. In case of symptoms, another PCR-test needs to be done as soon as possible.



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A close contact is defined as the following (based on 72h before the test has been conducted):

Anyone who shared a room with the infected person

Anyone who had physical contact with the infected person (f.e. shaken hands, hugged, physio treatment,...)

Anyone who has been within 2m distance of the infected person without a mask for minimum 15 minutes (e.g. sitting close to each other while eating, doubles partners on court during training,...)

Players and officials within the excluded team who fall under the definition of a close contact will need to quarantine themselves for 14 days in the hotel before they can fly home, as mentioned above. Players and officials within the excluded team who do not fall under the definition of a close contact will need to quarantine themselves for a minimum of 72h, after which another PCR-test will be conducted. If that test comes back negative, we can allow you to fly back home afterwards.

It is up to each team to honestly inform the organisation of who has been in close contact with the infected person, and who has not. In case a PCR-test comes back positive of one of the persons who was not considered a close contact to the first infected person, this person will have to stay in isolation for minimum 10 days and their close contacts for 14 days after the test was conducted.

## **FALSE POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST**

We are aware that a previous Covid-19 infection can cause a 'false positive' PCR test within 3 months after the infection has subsided. Therefore, we ask all players/officials who tested positive within the last 3 months, to provide us with the necessary proof of this from your medical institution (in English), so we can interpret a positive test result with caution and perform additional tests to confirm a possible infection or not.

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Teams will receive the time schedule for testing before arriving to Finland. Tests are made by Mehiläinen a well-known and highly valued private provider of health care and social services in Finland.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU HAVE TO BRING YOUR PASSPORT TO BE TESTED.**

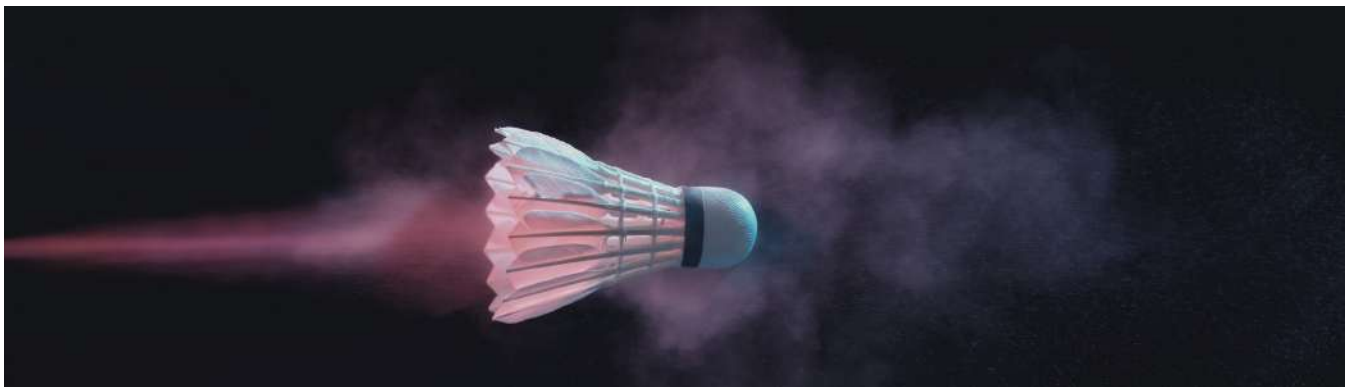
Badminton Finland will send the invoices of tests after the event to each federation.

**AFTER RECEIVING THE NEGATIVE TEST RESULTS THE ORGANIZERS WILL ADD A GREEN STICKER TO EACH ACCREDITATION CARD. YOU WILL GET THE STICKERS FROM A DESIGNATED MEETING ROOM AT THE HOTEL ON MONDAY. WITHOUT THE STICKER YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ACCESS THE GREEN ZONE IN THE VENUE FROM TUESDAY ONWARDS.**

Should you receive a positive test result, please stay in your room and contact the event manager Tamara Geeraerts by phone immediately. +45 31 71 82 83

A second test will be scheduled to confirm the test result as soon as possible.

If you have any symptoms (fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing fatigue, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose) please stay in your room and contact the event manager.



# TRAINING

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Training will be held at the competition venue. There are designated time slots for all the teams on 4 warm-up courts and on the 2 competitions courts.

All teams will be getting sufficient practice time and the schedule will be made in a way that no interaction is needed between the different teams.

## Guidelines

**Shuttles:** You must bring your own shuttles

**Cleaning:** Please clean the court area and leave nothing on the floor when leaving your practice session

**Time:** Start: this is the time when you are allowed to enter the courts, no entrance will be allowed before this time

End: at this time, all your team must be out of the courts

**Changing rooms:** Saturday-Monday no changing rooms are available in the practice/main hall, please use your hotel room to change/shower

On match days the teams returning to hotel after practice cannot use changing rooms at the venue.

Teams staying at the venue between their practice and their tie may use designated changing rooms.

**Disinfection:** It is mandatory to sanitize your hands when entering the venue.

# FOOD SERVICE

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All meals are served from buffet at the Venue or at the hotel.

Breakfast will be served at the hotel. Lunch and dinner at the hotel or at the Venue.

At the Hotel:

Food needs to be taken at the buffet at the restaurant (gloves available). Separate line is formed for breakfast away from other guests. Food needs to be taken to designated meal room away from the restaurant where the team can eat. You can grab your food at the time that was assigned to you, and you need to leave the meal room before the next team arrives (30 minutes for breakfast and lunch, 60 minutes for dinner). You can leave your dishes into meal rooms. The hotel will come to clean and disinfect the rooms after every team.

At Energia Areena:

Lunch at the Venue is served between 11-14 and dinner 16.30-19.30.

There is also a possibility to do some grocery shopping.

Team managers shall send the orders (one consolidated order per team) to emtc2021@badminton.fi. BEC and Yonex are considered as one team and The referees and umpires as one team.

Orders are to be made and delivered per the following schedule:

Order 11.2. -> delivery 12.2.

Order 14.2. -> delivery 15.2.

Order 17.2. -> delivery 18.2.

The team managers (and contact persons for the orders made by the two other groups) will be added to a Whatsapp-group and they will receive a message when the groceries are ready for pick up at the hotel lobby. The orders will be packed separately order by order and clearly marked. Please do not touch orders made by other teams.

Please specify the items and amounts. The organiser will select the optimal brand and product for each order. Groceries will be invoiced from the Member Associations after the event.

All teams will receive a separate schedule for meals (when and where) before arriving to Finland. The team managers are responsible for their team to arrive to eat at the right time as one group.

# TECHNICAL MEETINGS

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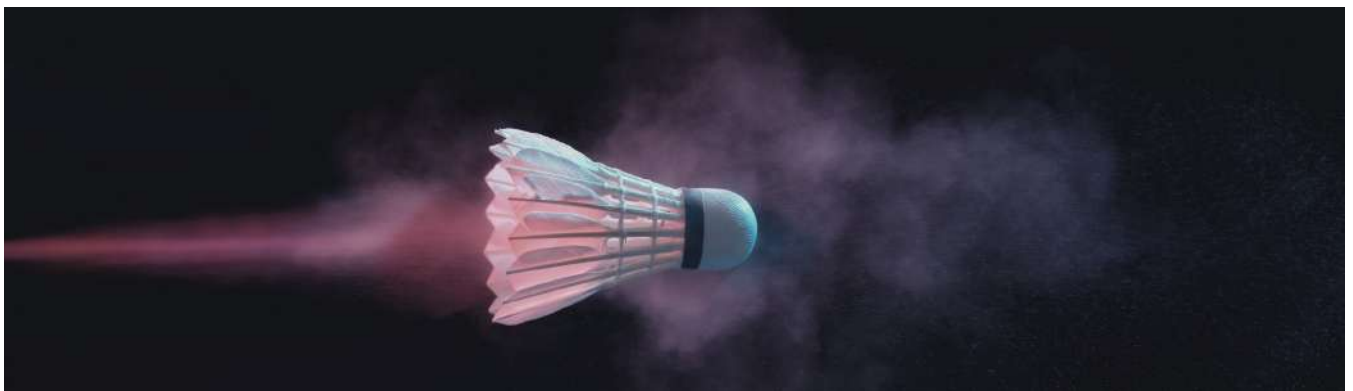
## UMPIRES' BRIEFING

The umpire briefing will be held virtually on Monday 15 February 2021 at 21.00.

## TEAM MANAGERS' MEETING

The Team managers meeting will be held virtually on Monday 15 February 2021 at 20.00.

You will receive separate instructions on how to join.



# COMPETITION SCHEDULE

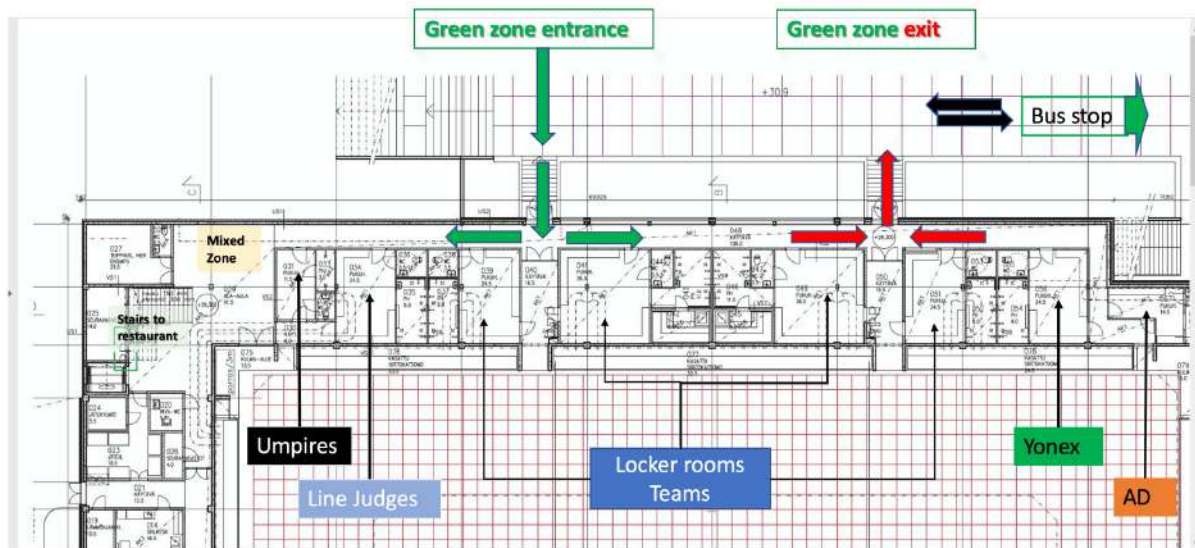
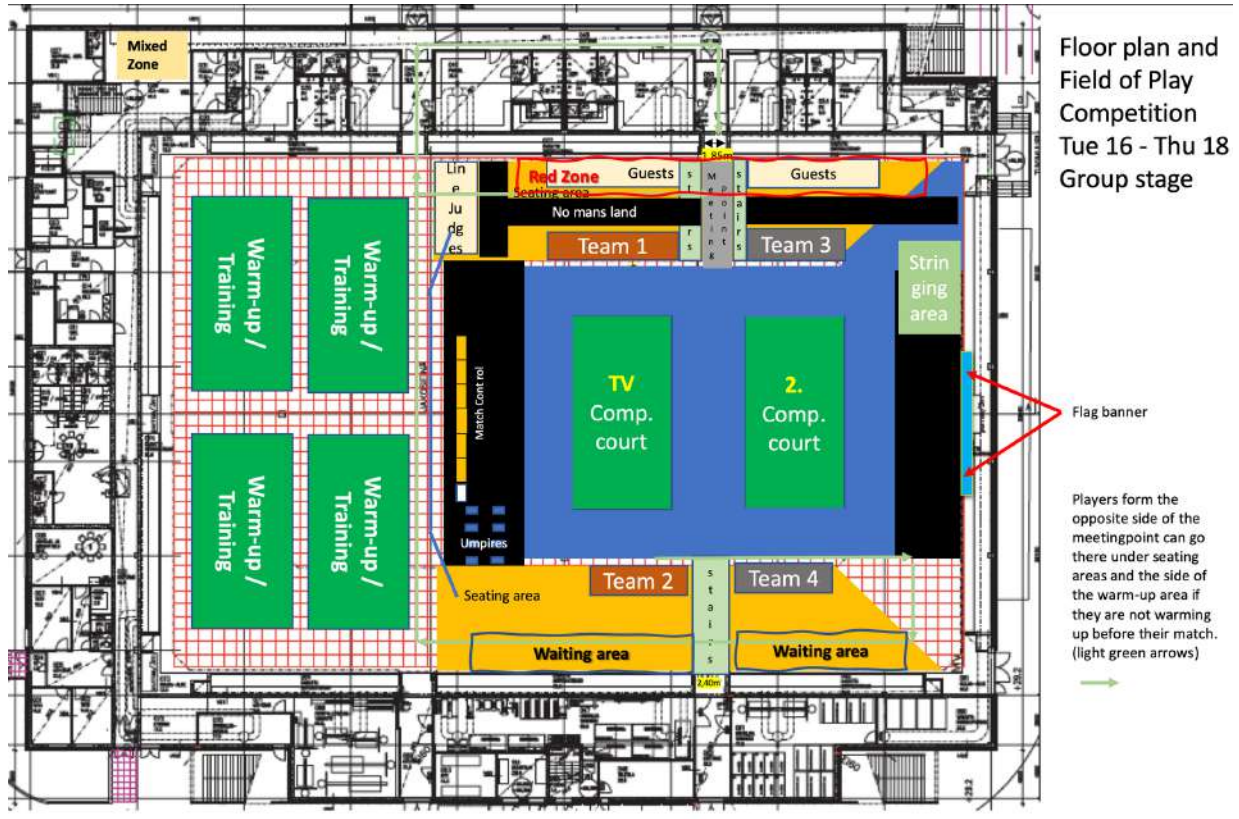
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<b>Saturday 13 February 2021</b>		Set up	
<b>Sunday 14 February 2021</b>		Set up	
<b>Monday 15 February 2021</b>	All day	Official practice	
	20:00	TMM	
	21:00	UB	
<b>Tuesday 16 February 2021</b>	13:00	Group 2 - 2 ties	2 courts
	18:00	Group 1 - 2 ties	2 courts
<b>Wednesday 17 February 2021</b>	13:00	Group 2 - 2 ties	2 courts
	18:00	Group 1 - 2 ties	2 courts
<b>Thursday 18 February 2021</b>	13:00	Group 2 - 2 ties	2 courts
	18:00	Group 1 - 2 ties	2 courts
<b>Friday 19 February 2021</b>	13:00	Semi final 1	1 court
	18:00	Semi final 2	1 court
<b>Saturday 20 February 2021</b>	15:00	Final	1 court
	Evening	Break down	
<b>Sunday 21 February 2021</b>		Break down	



# VENUE PLANS

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# STRINGING

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**YONEX** will provide the official event stringing service.

The stringing team is located next to the field of play.

The stringers will start on Sunday 14th of February.

The players will need to fill out the stringing sheets at the first row of tables in the stringing area, put the stringing sheet on the grip with the rubber band provided and give the rackets directly to a person with gloves.

Grips will be packed in plastic bags.

For picking up the rackets, the players have to tell their name and country and show ID.

Assuming that the racket is already strung, the plastic bag will be removed and person with gloves (volunteer) will hand out the racket to the players directly.

Only rackets belonging to that player will be handed back.

Stringing for rackets of YONEX contracted players: free of charge.

Other brand rackets: € 20,- (incl. YONEX string).





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## **Antidoping**

Players selected for doping control will be notified in person and escorted to the doping control room by an antidoping chaperone as soon as practically possible. It is the responsibility of the player to remain under the continuous observation of the antidoping chaperone after notification.

## **ATM**

The currency in Finland is Euro. There is no ATM at the hotel or in the Venue, you can however find one at the airport. We hope you pay all services by debit or credit card.

## **Electricity**

In Finland there are normal European 220 volt plugs (Type F - Schuko plug)

## **Insurance**

Each National Association must ensure that all the team members of their delegations are appropriately insured, including coverage for travel, liability and accidents.

## **Karjalanpiirakka**

Karelian pies are traditional Finnish pastries that became a symbol of Karelian culture in the 1900s. It is said that after the Winter War and Continuation War in Finland with the Soviet Union, the rural population of Savo visited a woman who ran a bakery. She offered them Karelian pies and they were delighted with both the pies and the kind gesture of the woman. It was from that moment onwards when this pie became part of Finland's cultural heritage and since then we can find it in almost every store and bakery in Finland.

**Karjalanpiirakka-Challenge:** If you are able to pronounce it correctly to Badminton Finland's communications manager Annika, you will receive a small prize.

Here's a little help: KAR-JA-LAN-PII-RAK-KA. Or you can take your Finnish to a even higher level and use the word in a sentence: "Nyt tekis mieli karjalanpiirakkaa."

("I'd sure fancy some Karelian pie now.)

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## **Laundry**

There is a self service laundry possibility on the 8th floor at the hotel. Very humble laundry room. Cost of one wash is 3,5 euros. In addition there is a laundry service available and the hotel will deliver guests laundry to local laundry shop. This is more expensive and guests just leave their clothes to reception in the morning and they will get them back same evening.

## **Medical support**

The organizer will provide a team of medical personnel that will be present at the venue during matches. In case of severe injury the emergency ambulance service will accompany you to the nearest hospital, not more than 10 minutes away.

## **Physio**

Players will book an appointment in advance. For example, if you want to book an appointment at 16.2. clock 18:00, reserve it latest 21:00 on previous day. To your booking include: your name, phone number, the length of appointment and what kind of treatment you will need (massage, taping etc).

Physio is available 16-19.2. from 17 to 22 at the Venue. Fastest way to book appointment is via text message. Badminton Finland will invoice teams afterwards. 30min. 20€, 45min. 30€, 60min. 40€, Taping: 10 € (takes about 15 min)

Physio:

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## **Water**

In Finland we have the world's best drinking water! Please bring your own bottle and refill it with a fresh, clean tap water

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## Wi-Fi

There is a free wi-fi connection both at the hotel and at venue.

Here are the network names, no passwords are needed.

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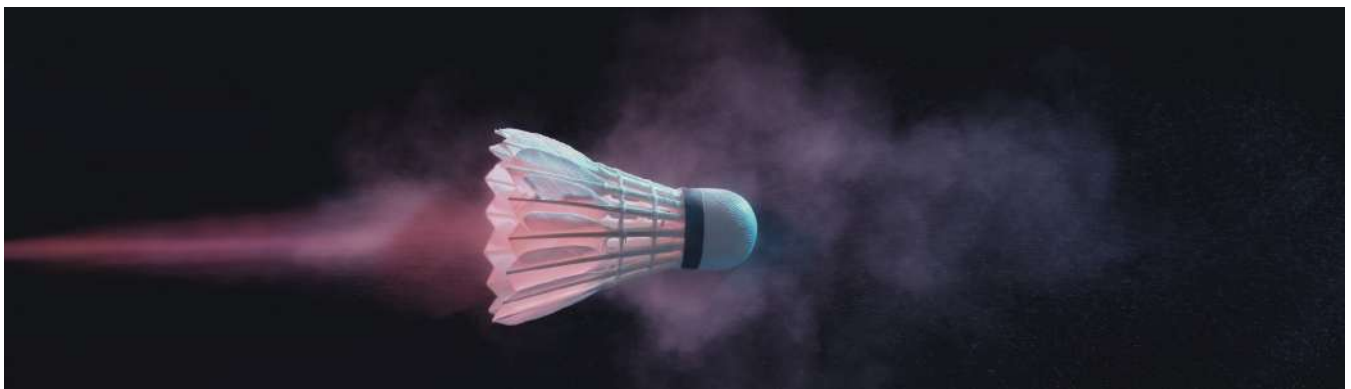
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## Social media

We love social media. So please post pictures and feelings from your journey to EMTC. Follow, hashtag, tweet, pin and share. #EMTC21 #SULKAPALLO (sulkapallo is badminton in finnish).







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