



Covid-19 Protocol

Golden Nations League

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Teams





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Introduction

The measures mentioned below are prescribed by the WPV and supplemented by the Dutch Covid-19 guidelines that apply to the Netherlands.

The Covid-19 rules in the Netherlands change on 25th June 2021.

This means that from that moment on any kind of sport is possible and also spectators are allowed.

Still there are some rules. They are mentioned below under General headlines.

The GNL matches will have different groups who will be present at the same time in the Stadsbroekhal. The organiser has full responsibility to facilitate everything in the venue (and hotels) in such a way that all present can adhere to all prescribed measures and guidelines that are in effect at that time and can, by doing that safely enjoy top sports.

The organiser is counting on the cooperation of all those present in the venue. There will be strict monitoring on complying with the prescribed measures and guidelines that are in effect at the time.

Goal

With this protocol, we want to give direction on how to act to all parties present during the GNL, based on the basic rules of the Dutch government and within the scope of the hygiene guidelines of the RIVM.

Changes

This plan will be evaluated and developed constantly based on new developments, insights, measures, and guidelines. It is not likely that new developments will occur before the GNL.



1. General guidelines

The measures mentioned below are prescribed by the WPV and supplemented by the Dutch RIVM Covid-19 guidelines that apply to the Netherlands. We have looked at how to optimally set up the venue in such a way that all current guidelines can be adhered to.

1.1 General

To ensure the safety of everyone present, we kindly ask that everyone adheres to the following general guidelines. When following these guidelines, we can limit the risk of infection as much as possible:

- Keep at least a 1.5 metre distance of each other;
- Cough and sneeze in the inside of your elbow;
- Wash and/or disinfect your hands;
- Do not shake hands;
- Avoid crowds;
- Follow the indicated route in the venue;
- If you have any symptoms, stay at hotel, and get tested;

Symptoms that may indicate corona are:

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| - Nasal cold | - Coughing |
| - Running nose | - Sudden loss of smell or taste |
| - Sneezing | - Running a temperature or fever |
| - Throat ache | - Tightness of the chest |

In the Stadsbroekhal there will be disinfection posts and hand gel pumps that everybody can use. By regularly disinfection/washing your hands, you ensure your hands are clean and that any pathogens are removed. This prevents these pathogens from spreading.

Everyone with corona related symptoms must get tested for the corona virus immediately. This way, people who have been in contact can be warned quickly and can measures be taken to prevent the further spread of the virus. Also, people who are tested positive, can take measures for them to not spread the virus any further.

The organiser advises everyone with underlying medical conditions that can increase the risk of severe Covid-19 symptoms to seriously consider their attendance of the event.



1.2 Test policy

A testing protocol is in effect for the Golden Nations League for all persons involved with this event. This also applies to team delegations. The table below shows which test moments team delegations must go through for the purpose of this event:

Test moment	Explanation
1 st Test moment	<p>As from 1st July 2021, the Netherlands will be adopting the EU Digital COVID Certificate (EUDCC). This EUDCC will be accepted in all EU states. All information about this certificate may be found at https://ec.europa.eu/info/live-work-travel-eu/coronavirus-response/safe-covid-19-vaccines-europeans/eu-digital-covid-certificate_en</p> <p>Teams are to check what documents and/or PCR tests they are to submit to the authorities by checking these websites: https://reopen.europa.eu/en/map/NLD/7011 and https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/visiting-the-netherlands-from-abroad/checklist-entry</p> <p>Teams and individuals may need to submit a negative PCR-test before travelling to the Netherlands. The test cannot be older than 72 hours before arriving in the Netherlands. A text message is not considered a valid certificate. *</p>
2 nd Test moment	A health check is required every time someone is entering the venue.
3 rd Test moment	<p>If teams/individuals require a PCR-test to travel back to the country of origin, we can organise these tests at the hotel. These tests will be done on Saturday 3rd July in the evening and are free of charge. You will then receive a declaration of a negative test to be able to travel.</p> <p>If you need a rapid test, we advise you to book this test at Schiphol airport. https://test2fly.amsterdam/</p> <p>If a travel declaration is required, we ask teams to inform the organization so that we can get the requested information. **</p>

* For more information about countries that are on the 'high risk' list:

<https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/visiting-the-netherlands-from-abroad/mandatory-negative-test-results-and-declaration>

** More information can be obtained from <https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/documents/publications/2020/07/07/information-for-passengers-flying-to-and-from-the-netherlands>



The table below shows which actions will be taken when a positive test result is received at any given moment:

Test moment	Consequences
1 st Test moment	If you get a positive result from the rapid- or PCR-test taken in the country of origin, you are not allowed to travel to the Netherlands. We would advise the team to look into the contacts they have had and to decide of the other team members (who tested negative) can safely travel.
2 nd Test moment	If the health check gives a positive result, this team member will be kept away from all other team members and must have an PCR test. This person will be given their own room. The other team members will have to keep a keen eye on their own health.
3 rd Test moment	If you get a positive result from the rapid antigen test at test moment 3, the infected person will be placed into quarantine in their hotel room for at least 5 days (without symptoms) or 10 days (with symptoms). Any roommates, if applicable, will also be put into quarantine. The team will identify and list all further high-risk contacts. *

* All extra hotel costs are at the expense of the team themselves.

By positive result at 2nd test moment Dutch team members will be sent home immediately to go into home isolation to prevent any further infections. This person will have to follow the national rules and guidelines and will quarantine. A source and contact investigation will be carried out.

If a team member gets a positive test result within 7 days after leaving the event, they will immediately inform PVE and LOC.

1.3 Symptoms

Team members with (mild) symptoms of a cold, coughing, loss of smell and/or taste, shortness of breath, a blocked- or running nose, throat ache, diarrhea, nausea, pain behind the eyes and/or fever will be tested for COVID-19 as soon as possible. This person will remain in isolation at the hotel or at home (if a local official) until the result of the test is known. They will not encounter other people. After a negative test, the person will be allowed out of isolation and can resume their regular activities.

1.4 Travel to the Netherlands

In order to travel to the Netherlands, you may need the following documents:

- Negative PCR-test
- Negative rapid test
- Health declaration for travel by plane



- Some airlines have added this step into their check-in procedure. If not, you will have to supply the filled in form yourself.
- Or Covid-19 passport if rule is counting.
- For some countries above lines don't count. The rules can change by day.

More information: <https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/visiting-the-netherlands-from-abroad/checklist>

All travelling teams are requested to follow all protective measures regarding COVID-19 (wearing a facemask in public transportation and on Schiphol, keeping at least 1.5 metres distance, etc) .

When you are in the Netherlands, most teams are in quarantine but there is an exemption for top sporters to attend practice sessions and matches. This means that when there is no practice session or match teams must stay on the hotel grounds. On moment of writing this protocol Dutch law does not allow you to go anywhere else. This probably changes next week.

1.5 Facemask usage

From 25th June facemasks are only obligated in public transport and on the airport. Wearing a facemask is also obligated in nightclubs and bars when you can't hold the 1,5 metres distance.

1.6 Team hygiene coordinator

Each team delegation will appoint a Team hygiene coordinator who is responsible for all hygiene matters of the team. This person will be picked from the team officials that travel with the team (e.g., the team doctor or physiotherapist). The Team hygiene coordinator will check the health condition of all team members daily, will be properly informed about the current government guidelines and rules and will cooperate closely with the Hygiene and Medical coordinator appointed by the organisation.

The team hygiene coordinator is also responsible for the health check when the team enters the venue. This will be explained in team meeting on Thursday.

2. Hotel

2.1 General

Before entering the hotel the staff from hotel will do a health check.

Wearing a facemask in the hotel is not necessary. Keeping distance from 1,5 metres is obligated.



2.2 Meals

The following conditions apply:

- Access is only granted with accreditation. Team members will therefore have to (visibly) always wear their accreditation.
- The area is set up in such a way that tables are at least 1.5 metre from each other. It is not allowed to move chairs and tables.
- The tables and the area will be cleaned/disinfected immediately after the team has finished eating and has left the area.
- Teams are requested to only eat during the times mentioned in the daily schedules.

3. Transport

3.1 General

All delegations will be transported by bus.

Disinfecting hand gel is present in all the busses. Wearing a facemask in the bus is compulsory. Passengers can be seated next to each other. After each trip, the vehicle will be cleaned (doorhandles, seatbelts etc). Please follow the rules that are set, the driver determines what is and is not allowed.

Follow the rules below for embarking and disembarking the bus:

- Enter the bus through the central door. Leave the bus through the central door
- Get into the bus one by one and get out of the bus one by one
- When embarking or disembarking the bus, make sure you are practicing social distance (1,5m)
- Continue until the first empty seat at the end of the aisle before taking a seat. In other words: walk as far as possible when boarding and then sit down.
- Please use the same seat as much as possible (when travelling with a fixed group).
- Please do not leave any waste behind; and in particular do not leave behind used face masks.
- When disembarking, allow the passengers closest to the exit to disembark first.

4. Competition

4.1 General

The number of people present, who are there for official purposes, will be always kept to a minimum.

Disinfect your hands upon arriving and departing the venue and before and after each practice session/match.



To ensure the safety of everyone present, a strict separation and distance will be kept between the several different groups present. Separate zones will be instituted:

- Zone 1: court and control area
- Zone 2: around the court and control area
- Zone 3: stands and functional spaces
- Zone 4: all other areas of the venue

4.2 Matches

Teams will enter the match venue and the court separately from each other. Avoid physical contact like shaking hands, high-fives, hugs, etc. Make sure to not have physical contact with the other team, referees, officials, staff, and volunteers.

There will be no changing sides, the teams will use one side of the court.

Ball retrievers will be present during the game. They will only roll the balls to each other and make sure there is a ball at every corner for the person who at serve. They are not allowed to enter the court.

It is the players' responsibility during the match to transport any balls that remain within the boarding to the ball retrievers. This also applies to the period before the match, the teams are responsible to collect all the balls during the warming up since the ball retrievers are not allowed to enter the court. When the person at serve receives the ball, they will have to make sure they keep enough distance from the ball retrievers.

Quick moppers will not be used during the match, the teams themselves are responsible for removing any damp spots on the floor. The necessary towels are made available by the organization. Of course, the towels are changed after every game.

Both teams receive a cart with balls. After the warming up, all balls are disinfected. The playing balls will not be disinfected during the match. Before and after the matches, all balls (match and warm-up balls) are cleaned. This also applies to other materials used for the match. The towels of the ball retrievers are collected after each match, so new match starts with new towels.

We urgently advise to use the dressing rooms and showers in the Stadsbroekhal as little as possible. Dressing rooms may only be used by one team at a time. Arrive at the location prepared for the match as much as possible.

4.3 Mixed zone

Interviews between the press and players/coach are only allowed in the Mixed Zone. A member of the organising committee will monitor the Mixed Zone and ensure that all rules are followed.