

## Health & Safety Protocol Greek Maritime Golf Event 2021

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The **Greek Maritime Golf Event 2021**, organized at Costa Navarino this year, will take place in compliance with the Health & Safety Protocol published by the General Secretariat for Sports. Within this framework, with the objective of adhering to the relevant Protocol and ensuring the health and safety of participants and attendees and having carefully studied the safety protocols published to date by the competent healthcare authorities in Greece, as well as the guidelines issued by the WHO, the organizers have designed the following **framework for health protection in their events**.

The guidelines include all rules, measures for health protection and procedures to be adhered to during and in the framework of this event, and shall be revised regularly, in accordance with the instructions of competent scientists on the basis of epidemiological data and the suggestions of the Healthcare Committee of the General Secretariat for Sports (GSS).

The event shall take place at Costa Navarino's 2 golf courses, The Dunes Course & The Bay Course.

### 1. PRIOR TO THE EVENT

- a. The transportation of participants / volunteers / workers / partners for the purposes of the event, will take place according to the instructions of the GSS. For example, participants will arrive at the venue using their own means of transport.
- b. Each participant shall arrive at the event venue in accordance with the racing schedule.
- c. To enter the premises, each participant will be required to have completed registration online.
- d. However, to be able to compete in the event, each participant must have either a **vaccination certificate, a valid COVID-19 recovery certificate (valid for 180 days after testing positive) or a negative PCR test from the last 48 hours**.

### 2. AT THE EVENT ENTRANCE

- a. The main principle regarding entrance, is to avoid congestion at all locations.
- b. There will be strict access control at the event support premises on the day of the game, and all parties will be required to demonstrate the relevant credentials. The number of people present in the premises will be proportionate to the square footage of each area, allowing for a distance of 1.5 m. between attendees, with a maximum of 100 persons in the racing activities (participants)
- c. To enter the event premises, each participant will be required to have completed registration.
- d. When entering the sports facilities, each person will be recorded in the event logbook, similar to the one available on the GSS website [https://gga.gov.gr/images/log\\_sheet\\_v8.pdf](https://gga.gov.gr/images/log_sheet_v8.pdf). Temperature readings will be taken from all entrants. Entrants will sign the logbook, declaring that they have no coronavirus symptoms on the day in question. The logbook will be filed on a daily basis by the manager of the sports facility, and kept for 14 days to facilitate any necessary contact tracing.
- e. Temperature readings will be taken at the entrance, and persons with a body temperature of more than 37°C in three readings will be declined entrance. In such an

- event, it is recommended that the sports facility guards fill in two copies of a medical referral form, one of which shall be delivered to the patient, and the other kept in the sports facility's records, signed by the patient.
- f. There shall be a single entrance and exit point for all attendees who have permission to enter the event venue, which will be guarded by the venue's guards.
  - g. Special reference is made to the use of a security firm, to ensure social distancing is maintained, and to provide any additional assistance on-site.
  - h. Names will be checked against an online list (tablet)
  - i. If the entrant is not a participant, then they must be on the list of accredited individuals
  - j. The games will take place without spectators and family members in the designated areas.

### 3. EVENT SECRETARIAT

- a. Delimitation of an area including:
  - I. Secretariat in a 3x6 tent, with 2 people only;
  - II. Awards area (not conferment);
  - III. Equipment area in a 3x6 m. tent, with 2 people only;
  - IV. A VIP section for guests, with 1,5 m. social distancing and in compliance with the limitations for enclosed spaces prescribed by Government Gazette 3165B/31-07-2020 "Rules for social distancing in private enterprises, public services and other public gathering venues throughout the Greek territory, so as to limit the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus", Article 23 (p. 43) & Annex VII (p. 71).
  - V. All staff at the Registration Centre must wear a protective mask
  - VI. The tents shall have a distance of at least 4 m. between them.
  - VII. Photography Backdrop
- b. Registration is allowed online only.
- c. **No registrations will take place on the day of the event.**
- d. An equipment delivery-service point will operate at the Registration Centre. Participants will be served in groups (18 groups of 4), with members of each group maintaining social distancing of at least 1.5 m.
- e. In front of each station, there will be markings on the floor, indicating where each person waiting to be served must stand. These stickers will be placed with a distance of 1.5 m. from one to the next.
- f. Instruction signs installed at visible locations.
- g. Availability of antiseptic liquid at the entrance and inside the secretariat, as well as gloves and masks available for all participants.
- h. Frequent hand washing
- i. Use of masks for taking delivery of packages and providing customer service
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- k. 48-hour quarantine before use, for all materials delivered to the premises
- l. Availability of a separate bin for disposal of gloves and masks (with bag and lid)
- m. Contactless financial transactions if necessary, since registration will be closed

- n. Option to send registration package by courier
- o. Creation, monitoring and response to live chat via Viber and FB Messenger during the event, to prevent physical presence at the secretariat
- p. Registration packages will be collected at the secretariat prior to the game, with strict observation of all security measures. Additionally:
  - i. All staff at the Registration Centre must wear a protective mask
  - ii. Visitors are encouraged to wear a protective mark for as long as they are within the premises of the Registration Centre
  - iii. Antiseptic liquid should be available at all distribution and service stations, for volunteers and staff, as well as for participants/visitors
  - iv. The premises of the Registration should be cleaned at regular intervals during the day, and at the end of the day
- q. Participants' equipment guarding
  - I. Creation of a special, outdoor area with limited access and 82 numbered positions
  - II. Configuration so as to allow social distancing on arrival
  - III. Use of masks and gloves by the attending volunteers
  - IV. Equipment guarding and delivery thereof after the end of the game, shall take place in groups, with adherence to all safety conditions
  - V. It is recommended that participants drop off their own equipment at their numbered position, so as to minimize any contact with the volunteers
  - VI. Arrangement in the numbered positions
  - VII. Replacement of gloves and masks during the game and prior to returning items; if gloves are lost, then the volunteers should wash their hands with antiseptic after each item returned
  - VIII. Delivery of items by holding only the handles-ropes

#### 4. GAME BRIEFING

- a. Via e-mail and posting of a YouTube video on social media
- b. Creation, monitoring and response to **live chat via Viber and FB Messenger**
- c. Inclusion of content with health & safety instructions
- d. Mandatory tracing commitment for all athletes
- e. Briefing in tent, if allowed
- f. Last-minute game briefing with appropriate social distancing

#### 5. BEFORE THE GAME

- a. Participants will arrive at the secretariat in 18 groups of 4, under strict social distancing rules.

- b. Participants should remain at the event premises for as little as possible, and depart after the end of the game
- c. After entering and visiting the secretariat or changing rooms, participants should go to their call area.
- d. Availability of disposal bins with foot pedals and bags, inside the premises
- e. During the game, participants will be transported by separate golf carts per participating group, or on foot, while maintaining social distancing.
- f. Each golf cart may carry one player only - except in the case of members of the same family.
- g. Specially configured golf carts, with a protective screen installed between seats, may carry up to 2 persons not belonging to the same family.
- h. Golf carts without a protective screen installed between seats may be occupied by 2 people, on condition that both people display a **vaccination certificate, a valid COVID-19 recovery certificate (valid for 180 days after testing positive) or a negative PCR test from the last 48 hours.**
- i. Golf carts shall be disinfected prior to use, in accordance with the instructions provided by EODY for the cleaning/disinfection of non-healthcare facilities  
(<https://eody.gov.gr/odigies-gia-ton-perivallontiko-katharismo-mi-ygeionomikon-monadon-poy-echoyn-ektethei-ston-io-sars-cov-2/>)
- j. New golf balls will be provided to each participant, both for practice and for the game itself.
- k. Players themselves will drop off/collect their equipment at the guarding area, according to the Caddie Master's instructions.
- l. Congestion at the Caddie Master's area should be avoided, and only one player must be served at a time.
- m. Each player is exclusively responsible for the cleanliness of his or her own equipment.
- n. Use of the Practice Range is permitted only for individual practice sessions, with social distancing of 2 metres between players.
- o. Water coolers should not be in operation. Players will be provided with individual bottles of water.

## 6. DURING THE GAME

- a. Each player will fill in his or her own game card.
- b. Cards may also be handed in electronically (by email).
- c. No rakes will be used in the bunkers - the surface will be smoothed using clubs or feet. (Recommendation to remove rakes from the course).
- d. Players must not, under any circumstances, touch the flag.
- e. Strict social distancing must be maintained between players throughout the game, including at the tees, the greens, and at the "salutation" at the end of the game.
- f. No caddies or guests allowed within the course.
- g. There will be two tents or stations on the course. One will be outside the course's main kiosk, and the other at hole 6. There will be one person providing service in each tent, who must use antiseptic liquid frequently and must wear a mask and gloves.
- h. Each participant will collect his or her own bottled water.

## **7. AFTER THE GAME**

- a. Simultaneous shot gun starts at different holes for each team, allows appropriate social distancing at the start and at the end of the game (for example, on the 18-hole course, the team from hole 8 will finish at hole 7, the team starting at hole 11 will finish at hole 10, and so forth).
- b. Participants who have finished their game are not allowed to approach the golf course again.
- c. At the end of the race, participants must leave the premises as described above and as soon as possible, avoiding contact and discussion with fellow athletes without use of a mask.
- d. All equipment shall be disinfected prior to use, in accordance with the instructions provided by EODY for the cleaning/disinfection of non-healthcare facilities (<https://eody.gov.gr/odigies-gia-ton-perivallontiko-katharismo-mi-ygeionomikon-monadon-poy-echoyn-ektethei-ston-io-sars-cov-2/>).

## **8. AWARD CEREMONY**

- a. There will be no conferment but a simple handing over of awards. Participants shall collect their awards themselves; the awards shall be placed on a special table for contactless collection while maintaining social distancing. The ceremonial photography session will take place outdoors, in an 18 sq.m. (6x3) area, in complete compliance with the guideline of one person per 3 sq.m.
- b. Any photography sessions after the end of the game, are to take place outdoors, with social distancing of 1.5 m.

## **9. MEDICAL COVERAGE**

- a. The ambulances of the support team are available for any emergencies except suspected COVID-19 cases; these are managed according to the Ministry's instruction, with special ambulances and by calling 1135
- b. The health support team will use equipment according to the relevant protocols
- c. There will be an isolation room, in which double masks shall be used
- d. The Medical Service will designate a specific, isolated indoor area, to be used for isolating any suspected coronavirus cases among the game participants or auxiliaries, until EODY has been notified.
- e. The event doctors will apply the relevant instructions published by the Healthcare Committee and EODY.

## **10. TRANSPORTATION OF VOLUNTEERS/PRODUCTION TEAM**

- a. Adequate social distancing during preparation and transportation

## **11. GUESTS**

- a. Creation of a safe viewing zone, far from the sports facilities
- b. No guests on the golf course
- c. Viewing from the veranda of the Costa Navarino restaurant

## **12. RESTROOMS**

- a. Careful and frequent cleaning of restrooms (every 15 minutes) with disinfectant
- b. Availability of soap and paper towels at all sinks
- c. Availability of antiseptic outside the restrooms, for use before and after each visit
- d. Disposal of masks and gloves in special bins outside the restrooms, when departing or before entering

## **13. RESTRICTIONS**

- a. There shall be a list of all persons entering the event premises, and all employees, on-site

## **14. GENERAL GUIDELINES**

The organizers and staff have been briefed on the latest available guidelines regarding the COVID-19 outbreak (official resources available online from the WHO, CDC, ECDC, UN, local public health authorities) and are committed to following all applicable rules. The following rules should be applied to prevent the spread of coronavirus SARS-CoV-2:

- I. Wash hands frequently using soap and water, or disinfection using an alcohol-based antiseptic solution.
- II. No hand-shaking or hugs.
- III. No touching the face (nose, mouth, eyes) with unwashed hands, especially after contact with items touched by other people.
- IV. Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, and dispose of the tissue immediately. If a tissue is not available, sneeze or cough into your elbow.
- V. Wash hands and face immediately in case of contact with another person.
- VI. Avoid overcrowding.
- VII. Maintain a social distance of 2 metres from other people or wear a protective mask in communal areas
- VIII. Personal discussions or briefings should take place at a social distance of 2 metres.
- IX. Constant audio reminders on game day, reminding participants of the instructions, recommendations and rules of the Organizing Committee, EODY and the GSS Healthcare Committee
- X. The organizers have appointed a COVID-19 emergency coordinator, and there is a clear procedure in place, determining whom athletes or spectators should contact and what they should do if they or other attendees feel unwell.
- XI. In the event that a COVID-19 case is identified among the participants, technical staff or site personnel, EODY's instructions for the general population shall be applied (<https://eody.gov.gr/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/COVID19-lixiki-karantinas-apomonosis.pdf>)
- XII. All personnel involved in the event shall undergo self-tests on the day of the event.