



## Protection Concept ISF Biel / Bienne (Version 0.5 23.06.2020)

### Introduction

All requirements listed in this protection concept are binding for all stakeholders who are involved in any way in the International Chess Festival 2020 (a.k.a ISF Biel / Bienne). Non-binding guidelines are explicitly marked as recommendations.

The protection concept is valid for the entire duration of the International Chess Festival Biel Bienne. Persons who do not adhere to the guidelines can be sanctioned by the Organisation Committee (OC) accordingly - including exclusion from the tournament, expulsion from the tournament area.

### Starting position / Basics

In accordance with the requirements of the authorities, the ban on assembly in public places due to the COVID 19 epidemic will be further relaxed, with consistent implementation of distance and hygiene rules and traceability of close contacts (contact tracing).

This protection concept is based on the specifications of the Swiss BAG, Swiss Olympic and Swisschess listed below and the latest officially announced governmental information:

- BAG: [Measures, Ordinances and Explanations on Corona](#)
- Swiss Olympic: [Framework requirements Protection concepts from 6 June 2020](#)
- Swisschess: [Swisschess Protection concept](#)

According to the regulation, protection concepts are no longer checked for plausibility individually, but only submitted to the health authorities on request.

### Objectives

With this protection concept, the OC of the ISF Biel / Bienne pursues the following objectives:

- The overall aim of all measures is to protect the participants, the OC team and the facility management team from infection by the corona virus.
- Despite COVID-19, the tradition of ISF Biel / Bienne is to be continued and an attractive chess event is to be offered to the various chess-playing stakeholders - top players, amateur players and young players.

<sup>1</sup> For reasons of readability, the masculine form is chosen for personal names, but the feminine form is always included.



### Responsibilities

The OC of the ISF Biel / Bienne as a whole is responsible for the measures listed in the protection concept.

A COVID-19 person responsible for the efficient implementation is defined during the tournament, who ensures the operational implementation and documents it on the basis of a checklist (Appendix: COVID-19 Controls during the tournament).

Responsible: Paul Kohler, Deputy Peter Bohnenblust

### General Principals

The following general rules apply to all participants - participants, OK Team, Facility Management Team and spectators:

- Social Distancing / Keep your distance - if possible 1.5 meters distance
- Hygiene regulations: regular hand guarding and disinfection
- Particularly endangered persons protect themselves additionally at their own discretion - e.g. with hygiene masks or gloves.
- Persons with COVID-19 symptoms are not allowed to enter the tournament area or leave it immediately. In addition, they report the result of further investigations to the OC of ISF Biel / Bienne.
- On request - e.g. in suspicious cases - body temperature controls can be carried out or requested.

### Game operation

Normal presence chess is possible if a distance of 1.5 meters is maintained. Accordingly, the following adjustments must be made to the game.

Grand Master Tournament:

- Use of a plexiglass partition wall between the players. This allows the players to sit 'normally' opposite each other on the board.
- After each round, all clocks, boards and pieces are cleaned and disinfected.
- DGT boards are used for this tournament.

For tournaments with players older than 16 years

- The players are separated by the width of 2 tables (2\*0.8m).
- The board and the clock are in the middle.
- For some moves as well as for pushing the clock, a player may have to get up from his chair. To compensate for this special kind of "Condi-Chess", the players get an extra 45" per move instead of the usual 30".
- For players who are not able to stand up from their seat, a few plexiglass panels are available as a protective device
- After each round, boards, figures and the clocks are cleaned and disinfected.
- DGT boards are not used for these tournaments.

For U16 tournaments, no special measures are taken, except cleaning the clocks, pieces and boards after each round.

<sup>1</sup> For reasons of readability, the masculine form is chosen for personal names, but the feminine form is always included.



### Impact on the players

As a result of the adjustments to the game and the hygiene regulations of the BAG, the following behavioral adjustments apply to players:

During the tournament:

- Application of all general requirements in the protection concept.
- Application of the requirements resulting from the adapted playing conditions.
- A handshake before and after the game is not required.
- The wearing of masks and gloves remains at personal discretion.
- No analysis of the game is to be carried out on site.
- Recommendation: In the open tournaments, during the game the seat should only be left in relevant cases.

Before and after the tournament:

- Before the tournament all participants must confirm in writing or electronically that they know and accept the protection regulations.
- Consent that in the event of a COVID-19 case, any prescribed quarantine regulations will be observed.
- Recommendation: Payment of stakes and prize money with electronic means of payment instead of cash

### Impact on spectators

In principle no spectators are admitted. Apart from the directly involved persons such as players, the OC team and the facility management team, no persons are allowed on the tournament site. This applies during the tournament, but also for formal occasions such as the opening ceremony and prize distribution.

The following exceptions are possible after registration and registration if there are less than 300 people on the tournament site:

- coaches of participating players
- Journalists and press representatives
- Parents of young players under 16 years of age in the youth tournaments

Requirements:

- These persons must also be known by name. A formal registration in the reception office is required.
- These persons agree to comply with the general requirements.

### Effects for the organizers - aspects of chess

Overarching effects

- Developing a protection concept - this document.
- Daily control of the implementation of the measures of the protection concept - see appendix: COVID-19 Controls during the tournament
- Ensure that no more than 300 people per day are in the area of the tournament area.

Concrete effects / measures

- After each round all clocks, boards and figures are cleaned and disinfected.
- Make sure that no persons not known by name enter the tournament area area.

<sup>1</sup> For reasons of readability, the masculine form is chosen for personal names, but the feminine form is always included.

**53. INTERNATIONALES SCHACHFESTIVAL BIEL**  
**53<sup>e</sup> FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL D'ÉCHECS DE BIENNE**  
**53<sup>rd</sup> BIEL INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL**

[www.bielchessfestival.ch](http://www.bielchessfestival.ch)

**18.- 29.07.2020**



### Effects on the organisation - Facility Management aspects

The additional measures concerning facility management for the ISF Biel / Bienne 2020 are:

- Station with disinfectants at all entrances - main entrance, entrance to tournament halls
- Regular airing of the gaming rooms is guaranteed
- Cleaning of WC facilities: ongoing
- Emptying the waste bins / waste bags: ongoing

### Final remarks

The OC of the ISF Biel / Bienne will do its best to protect the health of all participants and involved persons. However, all participants must be aware that there is a residual risk of infection and must therefore decide on their own responsibility whether they wish to take this risk.

The OC of the ISF Biel / Bienne declines any responsibility for any possible infection with COVID-19.

<sup>1</sup> For reasons of readability, the masculine form is chosen for personal names, but the feminine form is always included.



## COVID-19 controls during the tournament

Checkliste with regular check points:

ID	Check point	Periodicity
1	Cleaning watches, boards and figures	After each round
2	Availability and replenishment of disinfectant at the defined locations	As required ( CTS)
3	Control of WC facilities and waste bins / waste bags	permanent(CTS)
4	Control that only persons with access batch are in the tournament halls or the tournament area.	permanent

## Protect yourself and others (BAG 3.6.2020)

New coronavirus Last update: 3.6.2020

**PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS**

**Be sure to follow the new rules:**

✓ **Testing**

If you experience symptoms, get tested immediately and stay at home.

✓ **Tracing**

Always leave your contact details whenever possible so you can be traced.

✓ **Isolation/Quarantine**

Isolate yourself if you test positive. Quarantine yourself if you've had contact with someone who has tested positive.

[www.foph-coronavirus.ch](http://www.foph-coronavirus.ch)

**Still important:**

✓   
Keep your distance.

✓   
Recommendation: If it's not possible to keep your distance, wear a mask.

✓   
Wash your hands thoroughly.

✓   
Avoid shaking hands.

✓   
Cough and sneeze into a tissue or the crook of your arm.

✓   
Always call ahead before going to the doctor's or the emergency department.

✓   
Continue to work from home if possible.



<sup>1</sup> For reasons of readability, the masculine form is chosen for personal names, but the feminine form is always included.