



European Race Walking Team Championships 2021

Poděbrady/CZE

Medical Clearance and Sanitary Protocol

as of 19 April 2021

General Information

In order to be able to host the European Race Walking Team Championships (the „Event”) in Poděbrady/CZE on 16 May 2021, the Local Organising Committee - in agreement with the Czech Government Administration and European Athletics - developed the following set of **mandatory sanitary and medical rules and procedures**.

By registering (or being registered) for the Event, **all team members agree and commit to strictly follow** these rules and procedures.

Violation of these rules and procedures may result in a series of penalties imposed on the respective Member Federation and team members, including but not limited to a **financial penalty, revocation of the accreditation and considering the results achieved by the athletes in question as void**.

Note: the sanitary and medical clearance procedures described in this document may change in accordance with the development of the COVID-19 pandemic situation in Poděbrady and the Czech Republic. Updates to the document would be circulated as necessary in due time.

Sanitary Rules

- Wearing an FFP2 or NK95 class mask covering the mouth and nose is obligatory at all times, except:
 - ✓ **when seated at a table** to have a meal (one must wear a mask if she/he leaves the table for any reason, even for a short period of time);
 - ✓ **during the competition** (from the moment the athletes leave the call room, until they enter the Mixed Zone) – *applies to athletes only!*
 - ✓ while doing **active physical exercises** during **warm-up and training** – *applies to athletes only!*
- **Social distancing** of minimum 2m shall be strictly applied **at all times** (except in specific cases where it is not possible to maintain this policy (e.g. medical treatment, competition flow, etc.).
- **Hand hygiene** must be maintained with regular hand washing and the use of disinfectants.

Sanitary Rules

- Any intentional interaction with a person not accredited or not directly involved in the organisation of the Event is strictly forbidden at all times.
- **Measurement of the body temperature** will be conducted before:
 - ✓ boarding the airport/train station shuttle service
 - ✓ entering the testing centre in Podebrady

Note: in case of high temperature (37,5°C or above) specific measures and additional medical checks will be applied.
- **Mandatory daily reporting** of the absence/presence of symptoms of COVID-19 viral infection
- Defined **secured flows** at the event venues must be strictly followed

Sanitary Rules

- Team members will receive a „Sanitary Kit” upon arrival (with 3 FFP2 masks and hand disinfectants), however they shall comply with the applicable travel regulations in force and provide themselves in advance with sufficient quantity and quality of masks and hand disinfectants when travelling to Poděbrady.

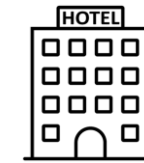
Please note that **being vaccinated** or **demonstrably recovered from COVID-19** will not exempt anyone from following the rules and procedures set out in the Medical Clearance and Sanitary Protocol!

Sanitary Rules

What is allowed on-site



Going to the Event venue for training and competition respecting the sanitary measures



Going back to the hotel after training and competition



Any other activity or behavior that might potentially result in a health risk is prohibited and European Athletics has the right to amend or cancel event access

Medical Clearance Protocol

Stage 1

Before departure to Poděbrady

- Conduct a RT-PCR test within 72 hours before arrival to the Czech Republic and upload the result to European Athletics Event Management System (see next page)
- Give consent to the release of medical information (by accepting the Privacy Policy in European Athletics Event Management System)
- Fill in the electronic Public Health Passenger Locator Form (www.prijezdovyformular.cz)

Stage 2

Upon arrival in Poděbrady

- Have the hard copy of the RT-PCR test with you
- Body temperature measurement when boarding the airport/train station shuttle
- Conduct a RT-PCR test upon arrival in Poděbrady
- Sign the medical declaration form (during swab collection)

Stage 3

On-site in Poděbrady

- Conduct of a second RT-PCR test in case arrival to Poděbrady was before Friday, 14 May 8:00 CET
- Body temperature measurement when entering the event venues
- Daily reporting of the absence/presence of symptoms of COVID-19 viral infection

Stage 4

On-site/before departure

- Conduct any additional RT-PCR or Antigene test if requested by the participants for entering homeland

Medical Clearance Protocol

Stage 1

- Perform one test to detect SARS CoV2 genetic material (RT-PCR) in a nasopharyngeal or oropharyngeal swab. The swab shall be collected within 72 hours before arrival to the Czech Republic (e.g. if arrival is on 14 May at 18:00, the PCR test not to be conducted before 11 May 18:00)! The result must be negative. The result of a any other type of test will not be accepted!
- As soon as the result of the RT-PCR test is available (and still before the departure to Poděbrady), agree on the release of the medical information, upload the negative RT-PCR analysis report (solely in English language and pdf format) and register the required personal data (e.g. address, Passport or ID number).
- Fill in the electronic Public Health Passenger Locator Form (www.prijezdovyformular.cz) for all team members and keep the electronic confirmation with you while travelling.

All costs related to the performance of this stage remain the responsibility of the respective Member Federation.

Medical Clearance Protocol

Stage 1

- It is the **responsibility of the Member Federations** to collect and store the consent forms for the **release of the medical information** filled in and signed by the individuals registered for the event.
- Make sure that each individual travelling to Poděbrady carries the hard copy of his/her negative RT-PCR test as it may have to be presented upon arrival to the local authorities and the organisers.

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Stage 2

- The LOC will organise a RT-PCR test to detect SARS CoV2 genetic material in a nasopharyngeal or oropharyngeal swab.
- Testing will take place in the Testing Centre (Congress Centre Spa Colonnade; see appendix 1) immediately upon arrival in Poděbrady.
- **Following the swab collection** the full team will be escorted to the respective team hotel and **wait in self isolation for the analysis result** (which may approximately take up **6 hours**) before being able to leave his/her room and get the accreditation. The Team Leader shall still pick-up accreditation cards for the whole Team following the notification received from the LOC COVID manager.
- During the self isolation period, **team members must remain inside their rooms** (with room doors closed) and **duly observe the social distancing and the sanitary measures** (e.g. wearing a mask) also inside the room until the confirmation about the clearance of the 2nd stage of the medical protocol is received from the LOC.

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Stage 2

- During the RT-PCR test procedure, masks are obligatory and the consumption of any food or drinks is prohibited.

All costs related to the performance of this stage are covered by the Local Organising Committee.

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Stages 1 & 2 – result analysis

- **First stage clearance and negative on-site RT-PCR test**
 - ↪ The person will be accredited following the self isolation period
- **First stage clearance but positive on-site RT-PCR test**
 - ↪ The person must undergo isolation (for a period of 14 days) in accordance with The Czech public health regulations
 - ↪ Czech public health regulations allow a first retest five days after the positive PCR test
 - ↪ Full board accommodation will be organised by the LOC but at the costs of the respective Federation
 - ↪ Contact tracing to be initiated

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Stage 3

- Conduct of a second RT-PCR test in case arrival (and on site testing) to Poděbrady was before Friday, 14 May 8:00 CET
- Team leaders to report daily the absence/presence of symptoms of COVID-19 viral infection using the respective form
- Body temperature measurement when entering the event venues

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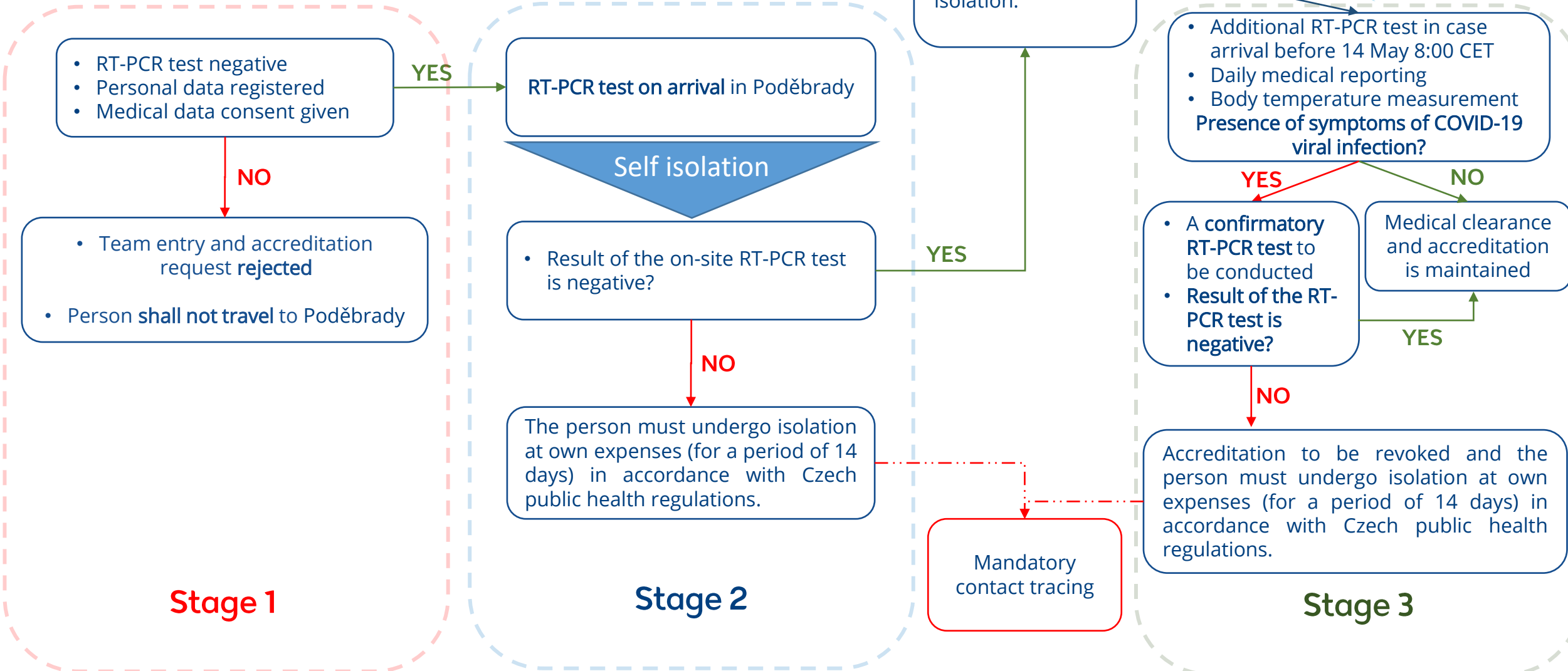
Chronology examples

Date/time of arrival to the Czech Republic	Date/time of arrival to Poděbrady*	Pre-travel PCR test	On-site PCR test (upon arrival)	Anticipated end of self isolation	On-site PCR test (within 48h before start of the event)
13.05, 10:00	13.05, 12:00	Not before 10.05 10:00	13.05, 12:00	13.05, app.18:00	between 14.05, 08:00 and 15.05, 20:00
13.05, 20:00	13.05, 22:00	Not before 10.05 20:00	13.05, 22:00	14.05, app. 04:00	between 14.05, 08:00 and 15.05, 20:00
14.05, 06:00	14.05, 08:00	Not before 11.05 06:00	14.05, 08:00	14.05, app. 14:00	Not required
14.05, 18:00	14.05, 20:00	Not before 11.05 18:00	14.05, 20:00	15.05, app. 02:00	Not required
15.05, 16:00	15.05, 18:00	Not before 12.05 16:00	15.05, 18:00	16.05, app. 00:00	Not required

* Considering airport procedures and transport time from Prague Airport to Podedbrady

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Flow



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Stage 4

- Member Federations requiring a negative RT-PCR test and/or antigene test for travelling back to their homeland shall register the need for such tests in the dedicated section of the European Athletics Event Management System (also to be used for the upload of the documents during Stage 1 of the Medical Clearance Protocol) as soon as possible, but latest by 11 May 2021.
- Further information about the conduct of such additional tests will be provided during the accreditation procedure.

All costs related to the performance of these additional tests remain the responsibility of the respective Member Federation.

Appendix 1

Location and floor plan of the COVID Testing Centre

