

## **Health and Safety Protocol of the Hellenic Chess Federation for chess Tournaments**

1. The entrance and exit of all participants (athletes, referees, operators, technicians, etc.) to the event will be preferably from one input / output.
2. Spectators who come to the venue will not have access to the playing area. Admission to parents and attendants is not allowed except for escorts of persons with moving disabilities.
3. Upon entering personal details of all incoming persons, except athletes, are recorded with the responsibility of the organizers in a data sheet for the purpose of tracking of any possible incident. The data will be kept in complete personal data security list for a period of one month.
4. All those involved with the games must apply hand hygiene both before entering the tournament hall as well as when leaving it. Hand washing is done either with an alcoholic antiseptic solution or with a thorough wash with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
5. Alcoholic antiseptic solutions in the pump will be available at the entrance, in the auxiliary areas and in the toilets of each installation. It is also noted that the use of antiseptic is not so effective when the hands are obviously dirty.
6. All participants must wear a medical or woven face mask throughout the game. It is also possible to use a simple surgical mask, while it is not recommended to use special medical respirators with high respiratory protection with or without FFP2, FFP3, N95 or KN95 type valves. Mask must fully cover nose, mouth, and chin. During the games, players must not touch their face or mask. It is emphasized that the use of a mask is a complementary measure that does not replace crucial precautionary measures such as physical distancing, respiratory hygiene (tissue is used for coughs and sneezes), hand hygiene and avoid touching the face.
7. The use of disposable gloves is not mandatory and in no case replaces hand hygiene. Especially for referees who receive players' gamesheets, the use of gloves is recommended.
8. It is forbidden to shake hands as usual before and after the end of the game.
9. It is required that players bring a personal pen to record the game. Pen provided by the organizers must first be disinfected.
10. Players who can get up during the games are not allowed to watch the other games.
11. At the end of the game, the players inform the referee about the result and leave the tournament hall immediately. There will be no exchange of scoresheets for signature by the opponents.
12. There will be no analysis rooms and additional chessboards except those which are absolutely necessary for the conduct of the games.
13. It is recommended that individuals belonging to high-risk groups for severe infection in COVID-19 as defined in Greek Government Law 1856 B / 15-5-20 abstain from the games at this stage. It is also recommended to those who had symptoms consistent with COVID -19 infection (fever, cough, muscle aches, tiredness) in the last 14 days before the games begin and those who came to contact with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases in the last 14 days before the start of the tournament, to not participate in the games.
14. This Protocol shall be updated / modified accordingly to the development of COVID-19 incidents in our country or with any new scientific data.