



# MEDICAL CLEARANCE PROTOCOL

**WORLD ATHLETICS  
RACE WALKING TEAM  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
MUSCAT 22**

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This document presents the medical clearance protocol designed for the purpose of the Race-Walking Team Championships Muscat 2022. These rules have been developed based on the characteristics of the event and its specific risk. By implementing this protocol, we aim at reducing the risk of SARS-CoV-2 transmission as much as possible. It is important to remember that a certain degree of risk will always remain, as transmission risk can be minimized but cannot be fully eliminated. For these rules to be effective it is fundamental that participants comply to them and respect general public health recommendations for the entire duration of their stay in the hosting country. Health and safety can only be ensured if all contribute to their care.

The sanitary procedures described in this document, are subject to change according to the local and global COVID-19 pandemic situation.

## 1. General rules and principles

All individuals taking part to Race-Walking Team Championships Muscat 2022 must comply with this protocol which is based on the [World Athletics Covid-19 Protection Procedures](#) that can be found on the World Athletics website. Any breach of these procedures may result in voiding the accreditation and cancelling the participation to the events.

To be able to host sport events during the actual pandemic situation, World Athletics, in agreement with the organizers and the local government, have decided to design and implement this set of procedures.

To enter Oman is mandatory to have been vaccinated against COVID-19. Vaccines approved by the Omani authorities are:

- Pfizer BioNTech,
- Oxford Astrazeneca,
- Covishield AstraZeneca,
- Sputnik,
- Sinovac,
- Moderna,
- Sinopharm,
- Bharat,
- a single dose of Johnson & Johnson.

Passengers with a COVID-19 vaccination certificate must demonstrate that they were fully vaccinated with AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria), Covishield, Covaxin, Janssen, Moderna, Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty), Bharat, Sinopharm, Sinovac or Sputnik at least 14 days before arrival.

Wearing a mask covering the mouth and the nose is mandatory in all public areas at all time, except for these two situations:

- While consuming food or beverages.
- For athletes only: in training areas, in the warm-up area before taking part to the competition and once on the racecourse (mask will have to be worn during transfers between these areas and the hotel).

All participants are required to wear mask at all times. Surgical masks will be provided by the LOC. The use of disposable FFP-2 type masks is strongly recommended while travelling. Masks should be disposed on a regular basis according to the type of mask.

Any interaction, which constitute a significant risk of virus transmission, with an individual who is not accredited or directly involved in the organization of the event is prohibited at all times.

## **2. COVID-19 Liaison Officer (CLO)**

Each Member Federation participating in World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships Muscat 2022 must appoint one Team Covid-19 Liaison Officer (CLO) that will travel to Muscat with their team and be available throughout the competition for all COVID-19 related matters. Member Federations must communicate their CLO details (including mobile phone number operating in Oman and email address) on the Event Entry System. All Member Federations will receive a document explaining the role and duties of the CLO.

The CLO responsibilities are:

- Ensure all National Team members are fully informed of the content and comply with the World Athletics Health and Safety (COVID-19) Protocols.
- Complete the documents requested by Omani Government for immigration and from World Athletics for the purpose of participating in the competition.
- Ensure all Team members comply with the requirements prior to the departure.
- Support the LOC and World Athletics Medical Teams, in the case of a positive tests, to identify people who have been in close contact and to assist contacting them.
- Be the main contact person for all COVID-19 related matters and be responsible for failure to comply with World Athletics Health and Safety (COVID-19) protocol.
- Remain on site if an athlete(s) (especially if under 18 years) is (are) tested positive and must undergo isolation and/or medical treatment (including hospitalisation).

## **3. Medical Clearance Protocol**

All International accredited categories taking part to the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships will have to comply with the Medical Clearance Protocol.

The Medical Clearance Protocol contains two stages. Failure to comply with either STAGE 1 or STAGE 2 of the Medical Clearance Protocol will prevent the person from accreditation and access to any official venue and/or taking part to any competition-related activity.

### 3.1 STAGE 1 – Before travelling (all participants)

Before the event a separate e-mail will be sent to each participant's e-mail address to collect the following information:

- Online COVID-19 symptoms self-report form
- Online medical information release agreement
- Upload the result of a negative SARS-CoV-2 naso/oropharyngeal swab test in English, (Real Time Polymerase chain reaction, RT-PCR), performed in the 72 hours prior to departure. The same test will be required by the Omani border control authorities to enter Oman at the port of entry. Please note that airline companies will request the result of the RT-PCR test to allow boarding. The cost of this test is under the individual's responsibility.
- Upload the vaccination certificate and provide information on date of last vaccination shot and type.
- Inform on the need for a RT-PCR test to travel back to home country.

Participants are strongly encouraged to check with their own Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the travelling airline company, if the rules for entering Oman have changed or if specific conditions apply when travelling from their country.

Results from blood serological or antigenic tests will NOT be accepted as a part of the Medical Clearance Protocol. The RT-PCR test result must be uploaded to this specific platform in pdf format.

If there is any issue, participants will be contacted by the World Athletics Health & Science Team on the personal email address provided.

### 3.2 STAGE 2 – Entering Oman (all participants)

Everyone must comply with travel regulations in force at the time of the journey and must have enough masks and hand sanitizers for the entire journey duration. Under standard condition a surgical mask should be changed every 4 to 5 hours to keep its protective effect optimal. The purchase of personal protective equipment is under the responsibility of each subject.

All travellers arriving in the Sultanate are required to present a COVID-19 vaccine certificate containing a QR Code stating that they have received two doses of any COVID-19 vaccine approved in Oman. Vaccines approved by the Omani authorities are:

- Pfizer BioNTech,
- Oxford Astrazeneca,
- Covishield AstraZeneca,
- Sputnik,

- Sinovac,
- Moderna,
- Sinopharm,
- Bharat,
- a single dose of Johnson & Johnson.

**The last dose is required to have been received not less than fourteen (14) days ahead of the estimated arrival time.** The Ministry of Health publishes and updates the list of vaccines approved in Oman.

All travellers coming to the Sultanate before their arrival are required to:

- Pre-registration via (<https://covid19.emushrif.om>) and upload the vaccine certificate as well as the COVID-19 PCR certificate, both containing QR Codes.
- All travellers arriving in the Sultanate of Oman are required to obtain international health insurance to cover the cost of one month's treatment of COVID- 19, with the exception of Omani citizens, citizens of the Gulf Cooperation Council States and travellers with a free treatment card.

All travellers coming to the Sultanate on long international flights (with a period of no less than 8 hours) with a pre-travel negative PCR test (within 96 hours) are exempt from quarantine as well as travellers on shorter flights with a negative COVID-19 PCR test (within 72 hours).

All travellers coming to the Sultanate without a pre-travel PCR test are required to:

- Take a PCR test upon their arrival at the airport, wear Tarrasud+ bracelet and adhere to quarantine until a negative PCR test result is detected.
- If the result is positive, 10 days quarantine is required.

### **3.2.1 Collecting your event's accreditation badge**

To collect the event's accreditation badge, all participants need to have completed the World Championship Health and Safety online form (see STAGE 1 – Before Travelling).

## **3.3 STAGE 3 - Leaving Oman**

Participants who need a negative RT-PCR test to re-enter their home country, must inform World Athletics through the Health and Safety system.

Based on the departure date, participants will be able to do a RT-PCR test in their respective hotels. Collection of samples for RT-PCR will start on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of March at 15:00 and be available until 20:00. Same collection hours will be observed on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> of March for those leaving on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of March.

All COVID-19 positive cases occurring within ten days following the end of the event should be notified to the World Athletics Medical Delegate. This information will be dealt confidentially and will be used only for both epidemiological and contact tracing purposes.

### **3.4 COVID-19 positive tests results management while in the Sultanate of Oman**

In case of COVID-19 positive test result during the stay in Oman the person will be isolated in dedicated rooms on restricted access floors, in the same hotel. The person must avoid any contact with others.

According to the Oman Public Health Authority, each person who is tested and confirmed positive by RT-PCR for COVID-19 while staying in Oman, has to be isolated for a period of at least 10 days. The place where the positive case will be isolated is the hotel where the person is accommodated at the moment of diagnosis. The costs for the extended staying due to isolation or quarantine are to be covered by the participants or the sending organization. If symptoms-free for a period of 10 days, the person will be released from isolation, without performing an additional RT-PCR test.

All subjects who had prolonged and close contact with an infected person (e.g. roommate, contact without mask and/or no respect of social distancing) must be isolated as described above. Determination of the “contact persons” will be done by both the Local Sanitary Authorities and the World Athletics Medical Delegate, based on the information provided by the positive case.

Roommates (if any) will stay in the same room after this has been properly sanitized. Close contacts will be traced, RT-PCR tested every 24 hours and required to report potential symptoms every 24 hours to the LOC Medical Director or World Athletics Medical Delegate. The negative roommate of a positive contact will not share the room with anyone else for the duration of stay.

The cost of the test to detect SARS-CoV-2 genetic material (RT-PCR) onsite will be covered by the LOC. This also includes costs related to confirmatory RT-PCR test (if needed).

A specific team to collect samples for confirmatory RT-PCR test will be available 24h.

## **4. Financial liability**

The Medical Clearance Protocol Stage 1 is under the full responsibility of participants or sending organization.

The Medical Clearance Protocol Stage 2 is under the shared responsibility of the LOC and World Athletics. The Medical Clearance Protocol Stage 3 is organized by the LOC together with World

Athletics but sample collection and tests analysis will be done by an external laboratory, accredited by the National Public Health Authorities and certified by International Standard Quality Control bodies. Costs for these additional tests will be carried by the participant or sending organization. The test cost is approximately 60€ (tbc) per test and this must be paid on site before performing the test by card.

## 5. LOC staff and volunteers

All LOC staff, workforce, suppliers and volunteers accredited for the event, will have to be vaccinated with any of the vaccines approved by the Oman Government. LOC staff, workforce, suppliers and volunteers will also have to comply with STAGE 1 (RT-PCR test 48 before arriving on site or starting their work in the event) and STAGE 2 (see 4.1 Collecting your event's accreditation badge).

Other not accredited local workforce or service providers (e.g. hotel's staff etc.), will need to be vaccinated but won't need to be RT-PCR tested before the start of the event.

## 6. Data Protection

The personal information provided to World Athletics and the LOC in accordance to this protocol will be held and managed in accordance to the Medical Clearance Protocol Privacy Policy and/or Event Management System Privacy Policy. These privacy policies are available to participants at the time of registering on the accreditation system and on World Athletics website in the Health and Science Library section.