
WMOC 2021 - COVID Update #4 13th April 2021

EVENT STATUS

WMOC 2021 will be held definitely, regardless of the number of entrants (see details below)

ENTRY DEADLINES

The deadlines written in Bulletin 1 apply.

CURRENT ENTRY RESTRICTIONS INTO HUNGARY

Non-Hungarian citizens who are participants of an international sports event held in Hungary can enter the country with a negative SARS-CoV-2 PCR test not older than 3 days.

Budapest's Liszt Ferenc airport is open.

CURRENT ACCOMMODATION RESTRICTIONS

Participants of international sports events are allowed to be accommodated.

FURTHER RESTRICTIONS

- Curfew:
 - o From 22:00 to 05:00 everybody is required to stay indoors, whether at home, at a temporary home, or an accommodation.
 - o Competitive athletes are exceptions for reasonable travel (between airport - event venue - accommodation).
- Face masks are mandatory in public spaces.
- Public areas, parks are open.
- From 7th April, shops may be open from 5.30 a.m. until 9.30 p.m.
- From 7th April, all services may be open again.
- Restaurants, cafés, bars, and clubs are closed. Only take-out and delivery service is permitted. Restaurants at hotels for those staying in the hotel remain open.
- Elite sport events can still be organised, but without spectators.

COVID NUMBERS IN HUNGARY (population of Hungary: appr. 10 million)

- Around 6,000 new cases daily.
- 272,459 active cases (up from 249,841 one week ago).
- 10,740 coronavirus patients are hospitalised (up from 11,806 one week ago).
- 2,217,258 people have been vaccinated (up from 2,362,839 one week ago), of which 1,217,258 have already received their second vaccination.

OUTLOOK

- From 7th April the opening of the country has started. Further easing of the restrictions is expected when more than 3 million people get their first vaccination. Hotels are expected to open when 4 million people get their first vaccination, approx. on 30th April
- It seems that the peak of the 3rd wave has passed in Hungary.
- The first large national event of the Hungarian orienteering season will be held on 24th -25th April with approx. 700 participants.
- EURO 2020 (Football Championships) in June 2021 will allow spectators for the matches to be held in Hungary and planned to be organised with full house matches.
- The 3rd wave has begun in Hungary, the numbers are rising, the peak is expected in early April.
- The number of people vaccinated is growing by 3% every week.
- The beginning of the Hungarian orienteering season had to be postponed due to the rapidly growing number of infected people.
- EURO 2020 (Football Championships) in June 2021 will allow spectators for the matches to be held in Hungary, but only if they are vaccinated.

OTHER INFORMATION

- Based on the results of the survey conducted in the last 2 weeks, the organising committee decided to hold the competition even if the number of entries doesn't reach 1,500 by 3rd May.
- The event will only be cancelled, if the government doesn't allow it to be held, but the organiser believes it has little chance. In this case we offer full money back guarantee, not even the 30 EUR communicated in Bulletin 1 will be held back.
- We are working on a solution to help the competitors get visa to travel to Hungary (e.g. Russia). We will be coming up with new information on this topic soon.
- We would kindly ask everybody who plans to come, to make his/her entry soon, to help our work.