to all players and tournament organizers

COVID-19 RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR ICO TOURNAMENTS

Until further notice, strict adherence to these rules and guidelines is obligatory for all ICO Tournaments. All country-specific rules and guidelines, which supercede these guidelines, must also be adhered to.

GENERAL RULES AND GUIDELINES

• hand disinfectants must be provided at the entrance and inside the venue for players to use;
• no handshakes, hugs, kisses etc. are allowed between any subjects during the whole event;
• communication between all subjects must comply with the social distancing rules;
• ventilation system must be used in indoor venues to provide fresh air;
• high-quality speaker system should be used for improved communication between tournament desk and players;
• if possible, tournament desk should be separated from the players by a see-through barrier (glass, plexiglass or similar).

ARRIVAL OF PLAYERS

• all players must use hand disinfectants at the entrance;
• no handshakes, hugs, kisses etc. are allowed;
• social distancing (1,5 to 2 metres) in queues must be ensured by the tournament organizer (preferably floor-markers at the registration/tournament desk);
• newly arrived players are to be directed to designated, clearly marked and separated areas, where only players that arrived together can stay together. Benches and chairs can also be used to mark such areas.
OPENING CEREMONY

- opening ceremony should be modest and short;
- no group gathering of players is allowed – players must remain in their designated areas during the opening ceremony.

PLAYING MATCHES

- no physical contact between players is allowed;
- serve/side draw is made by one of the players with their match speeder, which is picked up at the tournament desk by one of the players;
- only 1 speeder is used for 1 match, possibly marked with the court number;
- after the match, one of the players brings the speeder back to the tournament desk together with the scoresheet. The speeder must then be immediately disinfected by the tournament desk for further use;
- instead of scoreboards, scoresheets are used for writing down the result and the result is loudly announced after each played point by the match umpire/scorer;
- each player should bring his/her own pen to the tournament in case of having to fill in the scoresheet. Organiser should also prepare a number of pens that must be disinfected after use.

MEDALS CEREMONY

- social distancing (1,5 to 2 metres) must also be ensured for the podium – very wide podium or no podium is recommended;
- no handshakes, hugs, kisses are allowed on the podium, including while presenting the medals;
- no spectators are allowed in front of the podium – only the photographers, keeping the social distance to each other.

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