



European Junior and Youth  
**ORIENTEERING**  
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## **Statement of the EYOC 2020 Organising Committee regarding the COVID-19 situation**

Dear Orienteering Friends!

We received numerous letters of concern regarding COVID-19 and EYOC 2020. Let me inform you about the situation.

Until 26<sup>th</sup> August 16:00 we received 554 entries (athletes + team officials) from 25 countries for the European Junior and Youth Championships 2020. This is something beyond our expectations. Still, due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 situation (with some entries missing from Federations we expected to take part), we decided to extend the team size deadline until 3<sup>rd</sup> September 24:00.

Unfortunately, category “A” accommodation is fully booked by now, so if you haven’t booked yet, you can either take category “B” or look for something yourself.

As of today (26<sup>th</sup> August), the COVID-19 situation in Hungary is relatively good. According to Worldometer: <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/>, Hungary has had the fewest reported cases per 1 million population in Europe. Currently, entering Hungary from other countries is based upon different circumstances; the countries are divided into 3 groups: green, yellow and red, the groups are reviewed weekly.

For international sport events, like EYOC (confirmed by the government), Hungarian law specifically permits entry to the country without quarantine. The current requirements for entry from yellow and red countries are an invitation letter from the organisers and 2 negative PCR tests from within the last 120 hours of entry. The two tests should be made 48 hours apart. Open travel from green countries. To see which colour your country is see the map here:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1fEh8clW9KmlKCM2mNnHDvMFx5UwOXz6X&ll=52.94960472350905%2C7.996830399999988&z=4>

Government says, that border restrictions will be increased from 1<sup>st</sup> September, but the exact measures are not yet public (until 29<sup>th</sup> August, we think). As the current law for international sport events was introduced 2 weeks ago, we expect that the basic conditions for entry will not change, although some countries will be coloured differently.

The feeling is that outdoor sport events will continue, until the situation becomes considerably worse. The priority of the government is to start school offline on 1<sup>st</sup> September, and until we have school, we definitely have sport events. Furthermore, international sports events are extremely important for the image of the country, so shutting them down will be a last resort. For example, the organisation of the football European Super Cup was confirmed a few days ago for 24<sup>th</sup> September, with 20,000 spectators present in the stadium.

Regarding entry cancellation, after consultation with the IOF Senior Event Adviser Jan Fiala, we would like to reiterate that if an entered Federation withdraws its entry between 4<sup>th</sup> September and 13<sup>th</sup> October, it will receive an 80% refund. As per IOF Competition Rule 7.9., (If the event (or part of the event) has to be cancelled due to reasons outside of the organiser's control e.g. weather conditions, destruction of terrain, the organiser may retain a minimum proportion of the entry fee in order to cover committed costs.), the organiser will retain 20% of the entry fees from all those entered on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 24:00, if EJOOC 2020 will be cancelled due to COVID-19. Between 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, October the refund is 50%.

We plan to publish Bulletin 2 once the preliminary entries are closed, probably on 7<sup>th</sup> September. Our bulletin 1 was last updated on 8<sup>th</sup> August.

Train hard, stay healthy!

Salgótarján, 26.08.2020.

Best regards,



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