

Dear friends,

happy new year and all the best to you and your family. I hope you are all well and healthy.

We are living in difficult times, the pandemic is rolling with the next wave not only over Europe. Every country is taking different precautions to protect their people.

You have been asking for informations regarding BEC 2022 in Berlin. Well, Berlin is ready to go, but

I will tell you the reasons, why the German federation will not give you right now reliable informations for our championships, because this is the current situation :

1. In Berlin, only fully vaccinated people with a quick test from the same day are allowed to enter the Bowling centre.

BEC: It is not possible to ask some hundred participants to look out for a test centre (language problems ?) and get tested every day. Before entering the centre, the fully COV vaccination and the test certificate have to be controlled.

2. Max. 3 persons are allowed to play together on one lane. Meaning four persons teams will play on two lanes (f.i. team A lane 1+2, team B lane 3+4). No spectators are allowed.

3. Daily tests of each visitor means, less income to the Bowling centres, because people are not thrilled to get a test every time they want to bowl. Meaning, we don't know, if the centres will survive financially till May.

4. If we give out details of the Bowling centres, people will make hotel reservations and risk to pay high cancellation costs , if we are forced to change the centres or postpone the championships.

5. Using public traffic in Berlin, you need a full vaccination or a daily test and medical masks (FFP2).

6. Restaurants and hotels are only open to fully vaccinated and daily tested persons.

7. Only 10 persons are allowed to meet in private or in public (f.i. restaurant).

8. Last summer we played our German Championships and were allowed to have only max. 50 persons playing at the same time.

9. The European Championships Ladies and Men in Helsinki and Aarborg and the Brunswick Euro Challenge in Munich in the last week of March have been cancelled recently.

Today the Prime Ministers of all Federal Countries in Germany and our new Chancellor met and confirmed all above mentioned rules (except point 8). Their next meeting is planned for the 24<sup>th</sup> January.

If you want to discuss the planning of BEC 2022 in Berlin via Zoom, please tell me. I think we should wait until the end of January, to be a little bit more on the safe side.

Please let me know your opinion.

Regards

Anita