



4<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Subject: Invitation for Umpires for the Finlandia Open 2021

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) of Finlandia Open invites International Umpires to officiate at the forthcoming Finlandia Open 2021 in Lohja, Finland.

The event will commence on Thursday 2 December 2021 and conclude on Sunday 5 December 2021.

This is an open invitation, and only nominations submitted by National Associations will be considered, not all submissions may be accepted.

### **ACCOMMODATION**

Full hospitality will be provided in double rooms from dinner on 1 December 2021 to breakfast on 6 December.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

All invited umpires must organize their own transport to the Event. Local transport will be provided from and to Helsinki-Vantaa Airport – HEL. In addition, all invited umpires are responsible for early arrival and late departure.

Travel and medical insurance are recommended and are at the cost of the umpire.

### **COVID TESTING + PROTOCOLS**

All umpires are required to undertake their own PCR testing through an approved testing center in their place of residence prior to arrival at the event as follows:





Only COVID Vaccinated Umpires – please provide proof of One (1) PCR test within 72 hours of arrival at the event + Proof of Vaccination. Please check the entry requirements to Finland for any additional requirements.

The LOC will cover the cost of one (1) COVID-19 PCR test – maximum 100€.

Any umpire that tests positive will be isolated and will in isolation for 10 days. After day 10 and showing no symptoms on the last 3 days of isolation, by National Law, umpire will be released of isolation. The umpire is responsible for all costs associated with the isolation. Travel insurance is strongly recommended.

Please read carefully the Covid-19 Guidelines that will be available.

## **VISAS**

If any umpire nominated by the national federations requires a visa, please send the relevant details (such as full name as reflected in the passport, date of birth, place of birth, passport number, expiration date of the passport) to (email address) and an invitation letter will be sent to the nominee.

The costs associated with obtaining a visa will be the responsibility of the interested party and the corresponding embassy or consulate is entitled to approve or reject said application.

## **OFFICIATING FEES**

The daily officiating fee shall be in accordance with ITTF regulations: €30 per day of competition.

International officials will have their fees paid by LOC either in cash or via bank transfer after the Event.

Please bring your own umpire uniform and equipment according to the ITTF HMO Appendix F - Standard full dress Umpire uniform for working in mild / air-conditioned environments.

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The closing date for nominations is 12. November 2021. The list of nominated umpires will be advised on or before 14 November 2021. Umpires who are not selected will not be notified.

You are kindly requested to carefully read the instructions, then to complete the attached excel form for the details of the umpires wishing to officiate at the 2021 ITTF Finlandia Open – and email it to [info@sptl.fi](mailto:info@sptl.fi) and [asko.rasinen@kolumbus.fi](mailto:asko.rasinen@kolumbus.fi) .

If you have any questions about the competition please do not hesitate to contact Asko Rasinen – mobile +358400444779 Whatsup or email.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

We look forward to seeing you in Lohja, Finland!

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