

**Statement on the subject of coronavirus (COVID-19) at  
1<sup>st</sup> Masters' International Thialf Record Races 10 and 11 March 2020**

Dear participants,

Due to the increasing number of coronavirus infections, MCLN and the KNSB decided to conduct a "Skater and Staff Health Check" for all participants and coaches. The check consists of a short questionnaire, which you find attached.

Thanks for understanding and your kind cooperation.

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**The issue:**

Since the outbreak of the corona virus in China, preventive measures have been taken worldwide to prevent the virus from spreading.

**Statement:**

"Following on the current situation with the corona virus, MCLN, in line with the KNSB, has no reason to take preventive measures for the 1st Masters' International Thialf Record Races in Heerenveen. MCLN and the KNSB follow the advice of our National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) and therefore see no reason to cancel this competition.

The organization requests you to take the following preventive measures recommended by RIVM:

- *Wash your hands regularly*
- *Cough and sneeze in the inside of your elbow*
- *Use paper tissues*

*If there are any changes regarding the preventive approach to the virus, we will inform everyone as soon as possible."*

**Q&A:**

Q1. To whom does this advice apply?

A. The preventive measures apply to all athletes, coaches, staff, supervisors, officials, volunteers and the public who come to visit the 1st Masters' International Thialf Record Races 2020.

Q2. Where can I find more information about the corona virus (COVID-19)?

A. All information about the corona virus can be found on the RIVM website:  
<https://www.rivm.nl/coronavirus/covid-19/vragen-antwoorden-nederland>

Wilnis, 9 March 2020

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