

England Squash COVID-19 Club Risk Assessment



Date of assessment	Person Undertaking Risk Assessment (COVID-19 Officer)	Club name	Facility Address	Activity	Risk Assessment issue Number
11 th July 2021	Harry Parkes	Ups Club Squash Club	15 Cotswold Road , Sutton Surrey, SM2 5NG	Indoor squash on 1 purpose built court in a separate building	03
Persons Exposed e.g. Employee(s), Visitor, Member of Public etc.		Maximum Number of People Exposed		Frequency and Duration of Exposure	
Employee(s), club members		Only 5 people allowed into the squash building at any one time		Depends on the frequency of playing – approx. 40 minutes in the squash building when playing	

Identified Risks:

- COVID-19 is highly infectious disease.
- Infection through lack of social distancing (1 metre minimum).
- Infection through droplets from individuals which could subsequently be inhaled into the lungs.
- Infection through touching a surface, object, or the hand of an infected individual that is contaminated with respiratory secretions and then touching their own mouth, nose or eyes.

Additional information can be found here:

- Public Health England Advice - <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>
- HSE Guidelines - <https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/index.htm>

This Risk Assessment is based on one provided by England Squash and is used by squash clubs and sports centres across England.

Details in this Risk Assessment rely on the information and guidance provided by England Squash and Sport England - <https://www.englandsquash.com/back-to-squash/guidance>



Area	Identified Risk	Actions to Control Risk
GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT	Inadequate procedures to keep participants safe	<p><i>Anti-viral hand washes are provided at the entrance to the court and members must sanitise their hands, on arrival and leaving the courts.</i></p> <p><i>The main entrance door must remain propped open whilst the courts are in use.</i></p>
	Processes not Adhered to	<p><i>We expect all our members to adhere to any new infection controls that are being implemented. Members found not to adhere to these controls will face a reprimand by the club committee depending on the scale of the offence.</i></p>
	Members unaware of new infection controls	<p><i>Members will be contacted by email detailing the new infection controls that are being implemented in the squash building. All members are required to respond to the email to say that they understand the new system and that they will abide by the new rules, and act as a "responsible member". Members that do not respond to the email will not be allowed back into the courts.</i></p> <p><i>Member will be contacted if there are any changes to the operation of the squash facilities due to changes to government guideline or instructions from England Squash and Sport England.</i></p>

SQUASH COURT ENVIRONMENT	Infection	<i>Appropriate signage will be posted in the squash court area to remind players of their responsibilities on using the squash court. For example, what they should and shouldn't do.</i>
	Infection	<i>Unfortunately, there is only one external door for the squash building. We are asking players to ensure that the ground floor corridor is free before entering the building or when leaving the court. Also, players are asked that when they open the squash court door to leave the court that initially they pause and check that the way is free for them to leave the building. Also, they leave the court door open after playing to allow aeration to take place. Players must maintain 2 m social distancing at all times, when they are off the court</i>
	Infection	<i>The court, including contact surfaces such as the main door keypad, door handle, squash court door handle and balcony light switch are cleaned when players arrive at the court to play.</i>
	Infection	<i>A waste bin will not be provided at the court all discarded items including cleaning wipes, empty drinks bottles etc should be taken away by the players and discarded away for the court.</i>
	Infection	<i>The balcony area will be out of bounds to members except for a single squash coach or a single member of the squash club committee. Chairs and seating in the ground floor area will be removed to a) reduce the amount of unnecessary contact surfaces, and b) to discourage socialising from taking place.</i>
	Infection	<i>A hand sanitiser is available at the entrance to the courts. Players are asked to sanitise their hands upon arrival and upon leaving the courts. There are also hand wash basins in the Up Club building that can be used. Sanitiser wipes, surface cleaner and sanitiser spray will also be available inside the squash court area for sanitising contact surfaces, such as door handles, door entry key pad and light machine.</i>
	Infection	<i>All our adult players are "responsible members" and the first one to arrive at the courts will open the main entry door and wedge it open and sanitise their hands and contact surfaces. They should then turn on the balcony light using the light switch and the court lights using appropriate coins. The door entry keypad, door handle, any touch surfaces on the door and the light box should be sanitised before they go on court, as well as sanitising their hands again. The extraction fan will be taped to the "on" position – at no point must it be turned off. Players should arrive at the time they are due to start playing and not earlier. 1 h is specified as the time between games on the courts. This corresponds to 40 min court time at the end of which both players, or single player if solo practice is taking place, must vacate the court. No extra time can be played. They must sanitise the squash court door and main door handles and any other surfaces that they have touched. They then sanitise their hands and leave the court building immediately, taking any surface wipes that they have used. They must ensure that the balcony light is switched off and the main door closes behind them. This will allow approximately 15 mins before the next player(s) arrive at the courts. Players will be informed that at no point do they touch the squash court walls or sit on the floor during a break in play. Players must take a towel and all the water they need onto court with them when they arrive. The water fountain in the Ups</i>

Comment [DC1]: This will cause littering I'm sure. Is there no service to take the bins out? If a bigger bin is necessary this must be arranged.

		<p>Club will not be available for filling water bottles or drinking.</p> <p>Failure of a player to abide by the details they have agreed to play under will be dealt with either by the Squash Club committee or the Ups Club committee.</p>
	Infection	<p>The maximum number of people allowed into the squash court building at any one time is 4 if playing doubles, or 5 including a coach for coach led activities. A committee member may go on the balcony to check that the court is being used in accordance with this risk assessment, provided that there is not a coach there already.</p> <p>Non-club members are not allowed to play until further notice.</p>
	Infection	<p>As from 17th May 2021 England Squash in discussion with Sport England deemed that squash players were allowed to play full games of squash. (see https://www.englandsquash.com/back-to-squash/guidance)</p> <p>Players must provide their own equipment – with no sharing or hiring.</p> <p>Toilet facilities are available in the main Ups Club building, but changing rooms and showers are not available. Players must arrive at the courts already changed, and shower at home after playing.</p> <p>Players going into the Ups Club to use the toilet or for washing their hands should follow the Covid-19 signage in the building.</p> <p>Players must book the court using the booking sheet that will be located on the inside of the door to the court building. Players can, therefore, access the booking sheet without actually entering the squash court building.</p> <p>Both players using the court must be named on the sheet including their mobile numbers for NHS track-and-trace purposes, if required. If one player is doing solo routines, then they should put the word “SOLO” onto the booking sheet to indicate that there will not be anyone else present. If a player does not wish to take part in the NHS track-and-trace scheme, then they are not allowed to play on the court. A player’s contact details will be kept for 21-days, after which time they will be deleted.</p> <p>If any player feels unwell for any reason they must not come to the club and use the court.</p>
	Infection	<p>A squash coach can coach a maximum of 4 players at the same time on the court.</p>