

Club re-opening for Squash/Racketball on 25 July 2020:

I am pleased to be able to confirm that, in accordance with Government and England Squash (ES) guidelines, the squash courts will be available for use by members on a restricted basis from 25 July. Covid-19 infection risks impose conditions and members accept full responsibility for abiding by those conditions when they book or use a court. This statement sets out our starting procedure. Expect modifications as further Govt and ES guidelines are issued and adjustments as we get used to the restrictions.

Members who have had Covid-19 should only return to play after receiving medical advice. Members who feel unwell, those who have Covid-19 symptoms themselves or those who have been in contact with anyone with symptoms should NOT attend the club.

If a member feels unwell within fourteen days after playing at the club they should seek medical advice and if found to be infected with Covid-19 will be required to give the club details for follow up by the track and trace scheme.

Court usage rules:

1. Members from the same household or support bubble (as defined in government guidance) - Match play/full squash game.
2. Individuals - Single player (solo) practices.
3. Two members from different households (not in a support bubble) - Modified version of squash – ‘Sides’. As social distancing cannot be guaranteed, **the normal games of squash/ racketball are not allowed**. Therefore, at this first stage of the “Return to Squash/Racketball” only a modified version of the games is allowed - “Sides”. Only one player will serve and touch the ball throughout the match and players must maintain their own side of the court throughout. Details at the link. <https://www.englandsquash.com/backtosquash>
4. Up to five members from different households - Coach led/supervised activities.
5. There will be no internal leagues, club sessions or table tennis.

Pre-arrival:

Members need to apply common sense and think ‘hygiene’. For example, arriving in freshly laundered kit, carrying sanitised equipment and coming straight from home reduces infection risks.

Members should use the online booking system and not turn up to play without having a court booked.

The booking system will be operational. For solo play, when members fail to turn on the lights the normal guest fee charge will automatically be refunded by Adam on a daily basis. No guests are allowed. The booking system is the means by which the club complies with the legal requirement to record users for the track and trace system so all players should fail. If for some reason this cannot be achieved a note of the name of the player must be given to the club administrator.

Ensure adequate light money is on account. Bring your own liquid refreshment, towel and spare shirts if needed.

Clubhouse:

Use hand sanitiser on entry.

Avoid touching walls, handrails etc wherever possible. Internal doors will be wedged open and surfaces regularly sanitised.

Members are encouraged to arrive in playing kit (apart from on-court shoes) just prior to their court booking time, to change into court shoes outside the court and to leave for home immediately after playing. Toilets and hand washing facilities will be in normal use. Showers should NOT be used. Changing rooms should only be used to access the toilets. Bar facilities and drinking fountains will not be available and members should not use the seating or other indoor areas for socialising.

Social-distancing must be maintained in all areas with special care on or near the staircase.

Use hand sanitiser on exit.

Courts:

Members should bring their own racquets and not loan them to anyone else. As far as possible, the game/session should be completed without leaving the court. Walls should not be touched during play and only one player should handle the ball during play. On finishing, players should use the sanitising equipment provided to clean the court door handle and any other surfaces that have been touched. Place used wipes and tissues in the bins provided.

Coaching:

Neil Chambers has indicated his intention to resume coaching within the ES guidelines. At DTSC no guests or spectators will be permitted to enter the building while junior coaching takes place.

Andy Gilks, Chairman, Squash and Racketball Committee.