



## **Covid Rules And Protocols For Player Behaviour During The England Squash Masters Pontefract Regional Tournament**

### **1. Introduction**

In the current pandemic situation players entering England Squash Masters (ESM) Tournaments do so at their own risk. ESM will of course ensure that players are placed in the safest possible environment and would therefore require entrants particularly in respect of their fellow entrants to abide by the following set of rules and behaviours.

### **2. Registration**

Please wear a face covering when entering the Club and when approaching the Event Desk, which will be in the studio down the corridor to the right of the bar area. On arriving at the Event Desk players and any accompanying players will be required to produce either:

- confirmation of being 'Double Vaccinated' by reference to their NHS app, or
- NHS Covid-19 Vaccination Record Card, or
- equivalent forms of proof for entrants not from England or Wales, or
- confirm by signing a confirmation slip that they have completed a Lateral Flow Test which produced a negative result within the immediately previous 24 hours to attending the event.

If preferred players can email a screenshot of their vaccination proof in advance to:

[events@englandsquashmasters.co.uk](mailto:events@englandsquashmasters.co.uk)

### **3. Pre, Post and During Your Match**

- 3.1 Face Coverings/Masks.** Pontefract Club do not have any specific Covid rules on wearing masks whilst in the bar/general club area. However, again in respect for your fellow competitors and other Club members we would ask you to wear a mask when going to and from your court. Wearing a mask in other areas we will leave to your own discretion.
- 3.2 Hygiene.** Hand sanitiser and bacterial wipes will be available at each court please wipe down court handles when leaving the court and use hand sanitiser as appropriate.
- 3.3 During Your Match.** In line with England Squash "Play Safe, Stay Safe" guidance don't touch the walls during the match.
- 3.4 After Playing Your Match.** Players will be requested to go straight from the end of their game to shower and not remain around the courts or balcony and will not be asked to mark the following match.
- 3.5 Marking.** In the light of the above we will need a band of volunteers/markers to mark matches over the weekend, where England Squash referees are not available. Players may therefore be asked to mark a game later after showering. All marking boards and pens will be fully sanitised between matches. After the match the marker will be asked to read out the scores at the Event Desk and post the result sheet into a quarantine box to

avoid unnecessary contact.

**3.6 Match Balls.** The match balls will be sanitised before each match. After a match the ball should be returned to the marker for sanitising.

#### **4. Other Measures**

**4.1 Event Desk Area.** It is requested that only Players and Officials access the studio where the Event Desk is located.

**4.2 Touch Screen Information Systems.** We will minimise the number of the touch screen information systems that we bring to this event. Do not operate the touch screens yourself, a member of the Committee and Event Support Team will be on hand to assist. England Squash Masters will provide additional links on the event page for players to look up results and schedules. We recommend you use your own device to look up results and schedule information.

**4.3 Prize Giving.** At the prize giving on the Sunday all prizes will remain boxed to reduce unnecessary contact. There will be socially distanced photos taken, but no hand shaking.