

## **Harpenden RFC Squash Club Members Players Agreement**

Now that we are moving out of another Covid-19 lockdown your Club Committee, with guidance from England Squash and the Government, has given thought to the best practices that we would like all members to adopt for the foreseeable future. This will ensure that we continue to provide an environment where we reduce the risks of spreading the Coronavirus.

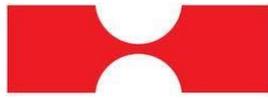
As every member will appreciate, we all play only because we want to and at our own risk. In these difficult times however, and in order to minimise the risks for all members, we would ask everyone to accept that by playing at the club at the current time you are agreeing to adhere to the following. If you don't feel able to accept these protocols, then please don't play! Also if you are concerned about playing, then please don't play. However, if you are shielding or are considered to be in the vulnerable category, contact your committee to discuss playing during the day at specially selected times.

As everyone will know, the way the Club operates it is not possible to "police" compliance, but with goodwill, cooperation and common sense we can hopefully all begin to enjoy our sport again as safely as possible. The committee will not hesitate to take action if members do not adhere to the players' agreement.

**In order to play at Harpenden RFC Squash Club, you must agree to the following:**

### **1. TYPES OF PLAY AND TIMES OF PLAY**

- 1.1 In accordance with guidelines issued by the World Squash Federation and, in particular, our governing body England Squash we are restricted to:
  - a. solo practice for one player;
  - b. normal games between two players if both are in the same lockdown household. A parent/guardian must accompany any player under 18 years of age;
  - c. coach-led sessions, from individual coaching to group sessions of up to 15 people (U18s only) from different households, provided that there are no more than two people per court at one time and social distancing is maintained. The coach will have an ES risk assessment approved by the Committee to share with you.
- 1.2 To get us underway again, from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021, it will be members only. No guests will be allowed until further notice.
- 1.3 All courts will be charged at an off-peak rate of £2. Until we have progressed to more normal competitive play, we will waive the peak rate.
- 1.4 The court duration will be 50 minutes. After 50 mins the lights will automatically switch off. Time cannot be extended with your fob. The lights will remain off for 10 minutes, to allow for air circulation between bookings. 5 minutes before the next booking, the lights will come on, and the next players must wipe the door handle and make their preparations to play (see further detail below). Hence, there will be a 60 min cycle to the court bookings.
- 1.5 If you are the last member to leave the club, we ask that you lock and alarm the building as normal.



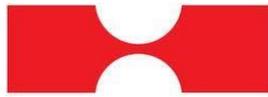
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### 2. PRE-ARRIVAL

- 2.1 To arrange to play, a court must be booked in advance. This will enable the club to regulate and record the number of people in the clubhouse and, if necessary, to trace and contact people.
- 2.2 All bookings must be made online. The Kiosk machine will be switched off.
- 2.3 Both player names should be recorded in the booking, which will be enabled in the new booking system. There is an option to select your opponent ('Add Player') which will automatically share the cost of the court. If it is solo play, click 'Add Player' and then 'Solo Player' for the 2nd name.
- 2.4 Do not play if you feel unwell or display any symptoms of Covid-19 or if you are self-isolating. Do not play if you have been in contact with anyone who has been unwell with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 during the prior two weeks. Do not play if you are included in a local Covid-19 lockdown. Any member who has recovered from COVID-19 where symptoms required hospitalisation should consult their GP before returning to play.
- 2.5 Wash your hands before coming to the club and arrive ready to play in your kit, just changing into your court shoes once inside. Changing rooms are unavailable, in line with England Squash & Government guidelines.
- 2.6 Bring your own filled water bottle. The water fountain will be switched off.
- 2.7 Bring a towel and arrive no more than 5 minutes before your court booking.

### 3. ON ARRIVAL AND DURING PLAY

- 3.1 Warm-up at home before leaving, or outside the club provided the weather permits. Do not go onto an empty court to warm-up.
- 3.2 Scan the NHS QR code on arrival. Observe social distancing in all areas of the club at all times.
- 3.3 Use hand sanitiser provided at the court doors before and after playing.
- 3.4 Use a disinfectant/antibacterial wipe provided outside court number one to sanitise the ball before playing. Please ensure they are used to wipe down any surface that you or your playing partner may have touched during your visit. (Door handles, toilets, basin taps etc.)
- 3.5 Incoming player(s) to use a disinfectant wipe to sanitise the court door before playing.
- 3.6 Take your water bottle and towel onto the court and place them at the front wall. Use your towel if you need to wipe sweat from your hand. Do not wipe your hand on the walls or back wall. As per England Squash advice, please consider wearing head and sweat bands and towel down any excess sweat on the court after playing.
- 3.7 Refrain from handshakes and high fives and avoid touching your face after handling a ball or racket.
- 3.8 If you need to sneeze or cough, use a tissue or upper sleeve.
- 3.9 Do not leave the court between games; remain on court until you have finished and are leaving the court area.
- 3.10 Toilets and sinks are available for use, but please keep this to a minimum.



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### 4. AFTER PLAYING

- 4.1 Leave the club immediately after playing. Please leave the court door open after playing to help with ventilation. It will also remove the need to open the door by the next players.
- 4.2 If any player subsequently displays symptoms of Covid-19, follow the Government's 'test & trace' guidelines and declare this to the club secretary Andy Smyth on 07585 554841. *If a member tests positive for the virus and squash/squash57 players are notified to self-isolate by the public tracking system, our thinking at the moment is that we will temporarily close and clean any court on which they recently played (rather than close all courts).*
- 4.3 For more detailed guidance from England Squash, please see the attached link [englandsquash.com/backtosquash](https://englandsquash.com/backtosquash)