



Stringbreakers Badminton Club

COVID-19 Safety

When Stringbreakers sessions were running during the pandemic the club created a detailed COVID risk assessment with an accompanying list of 'COVID rules' which members had to adhere to. All of this was done in response to Badminton England's COVID "Return to Play" guidance.

This risk assessment was tweaked as appropriate whenever restrictions were changed/lifted.

From the 1st October 2021, taking into consideration the government's current rules and guidance, we are no longer using a COVID risk assessment or COVID rules.

What is crucial is that everyone attending respects each other

Everyone has different health needs, different levels of anxiety and different ways of keeping safe and generally managing life during a pandemic, so we ask our players to please ALWAYS consider the needs of others.

Players should always put an appropriate distance between each other whenever that's possible and anyone attending a session is welcome to politely ask someone to make more space if they are unable to do so themselves.

Players are welcome to wear masks off court but no longer have to.

As a club we highly recommend, but we do not insist, that all players carry out an LFT test at home regularly, ideally twice a week, as recommended by the government. Boxes of these tests can be easily ordered and delivered to your home completely FREE OF CHARGE.

[Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

This is just our recommendation and we do not need to know whether or not you are using LFT tests and don't need to know the results.

As you will know, if you have any of the COVID symptoms then you must self-isolate immediately and book a PCR test at a test centre. This obviously means that you should never attend a badminton session with COVID symptoms, until you have a negative PCR test result.

Players are not obliged to tell us if they have had a positive PCR test but if the time scale means that they may have passed COVID onto others during a session then we would be grateful to know so we can advise those present who might wish to do an LFT test at home.

We are really glad to be able to back on court without the restrictions but we are determined to continue to make our club a safe and welcoming environment for everyone during these challenging times.