



## ENGLISH POOL ASSOCIATION

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**Please note that this is guidance only and pubs/clubs must also continue to consult their Local Authority and Health and Safety Executive for approval of their pub/club Covid-19 secure protocols.**

**From 24 September it is mandatory to wear a face covering in a pub (except for when eating or drinking)**

**24/09/20. This list is not exhausted and can/could change.**

### **EPA GUIDELINES:**

1. Temperature checks done for all players.
2. All players to have their own sanitizer and masks as extra precaution.
3. Sanitizer and cloth will be provided for per table.
4. Masks to be worn at all times, unless playing or outside of the venue.
5. Spectators must wear masks.
6. Groups of no more than 6 people.
7. One way systems in and out, will be in place at the playing area.
8. Wash hands frequently.
9. Social distancing at all times.
10. Players not playing or spectating, to vacate playing areas and/or rooms.
11. Teams not playing must go back to their caravans. (Yarmouth events). Wait for a phone call/text when the team is next allowed back into the main hall.
12. At the table, players to wear a mask at the start of a playing frame/match for lagging only. (Masks can be worn throughout the frame/match for personal preference).
13. A rest per table, cleaned after each frame/match or usage.
14. Players to use own pool equipment and not share with anyone.
15. Where applicable, players to have a chair at the table to sit on when it's not their turn at the table.
16. Referees to wear gloves, if no gloves, sanitize hands before and after picking up of any pool balls. I.e. White ball after a foul.
17. Timekeepers sanitize stop watches, after each use.
18. Playing tables where possible, set out further apart than normal for social distancing.
19. Anyone going to the top table, must wear a mask.
20. Pool ball cleaner at events, to clean the pool balls after each usage.
21. Spare sets of pool balls to be provided, used whilst sets being cleaned.
22. Anyone feeling unwell or any underlying problems. **DO NOT ATTEND.**

The EPA recommend that leagues apply the following principles:

- League matches should strictly finish by 10pm in line with UK Government guidance on business opening – all affiliated pubs/clubs must be closed between 10pm and 5am.
- Leagues may consider formats of singles, doubles or teams of up to three players in order to stay within the UK Government 'rule of six' for maximum group numbers. Careful preparation will be required to ensure adherence to this rule.
- Leagues should consider scheduling matches wherever possible, so that players on both teams know what time they are required to play, which player they will play.

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- League teams should consider staggering arrival and leaving times of individual players.
- Any players not involved in matches, spectators, parents or guardians should be seated in designated areas away from the match tables, while also strictly observing social distancing.
- League formats should be adjusted, where necessary, to ensure players do not compete against more than five other opponents.
- Leagues should schedule fixtures to avoid pubs/clubs hosting multiple matches where social distancing between tables cannot be observed
- Refereeing can recommence, with referees maintaining social distancing at all times and following the pub/club and player protocols. Gloves should be worn, which must be washed or disposed of after use.
- There should be no presentations or other activities that would encourage a gathering of people.

At the pub/club... All players shall abide by the following protocols throughout their time in the venue:

- Social distancing between players should be maintained at all times, in line with the latest UK Government advice on staying alert and safe (social distancing)
- Players will be encouraged to bring their own cues from home.
- Player seating will be at least two metres apart.
- Players will have access to hand sanitiser at all tables, entrances and toilets,
- All players will be allocated their own set of table accessories to minimise contact and will be responsible for fetching and returning this equipment to its position in the pub/club.
- Strictly no handshakes or physical contact between players.
- Avoid unnecessarily touching pub/club surfaces and minimise sharing touch points such as triangles.
- Prior to re-entering the pub/club, after any toilet breaks or intervals, players will be requested to perform hand washing for 20 seconds with soap and water in addition to using a hand sanitiser.
- Players should use their own cue, chalk and cue towel, and not leave these on the table.
- Players must pack up and leave the designated table at the end of the match before the next players approach the table.
- Players must avoid congregating around the table before or after play to allow access for others.
- All table accessories and equipment used will be sanitised after each match.
- Sharing food or drink is not permitted.

Follow the limits on the number of other people you should meet with as a group (it will be illegal to be in a group of more than six from outside of your household or support bubble). If your household and/or support bubble is larger than 6 people, this is your largest permitted group and you cannot meet as a group with any additional people.

Avoid mingling with anyone outside the group you are with, even if you see other people you know.

Provide your contact details to the organiser so that you can be contacted if needed by the NHS Test and Trace programme

Wear a face covering (except for when eating and drinking).

**The English Pool Association are not responsible for members/leagues/people who do not adhere to the suggested guidelines above.**

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