



WDBS Players – Covid-19 protocols

‘Dos and Don’ts’

As we return to WDBS events, we must act with caution in order to look after every player and staff member in attendance.

While there are no longer any capacity caps for participants or spectators, provided they can be safely accommodated, there are some steps you should take to reduce the risk of transmission when you are participating.

These will help to keep everyone as safe as possible, so that we can all enjoy our return sport. Please follow these steps to look after yourself and your fellow players.

Do...

1. Check for COVID-19 symptoms and health conditions

Before attending any sporting activities, all participants, officials, volunteers and spectators should self-assess for symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). These are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

If you have one or more of these symptoms you should not attend any sporting activity, even if your symptoms are mild.

You should follow [NHS guidance on testing and self-isolation](#)

2. Consider taking a lateral flow test within 48 hours prior to attending

You can [order these online](#) or you might be able to:

- collect tests from a pharmacy (in England, Scotland and Wales only)
- collect tests from a community centre, such as a library
- get a test at a site

3. Check in with the NHS COVID-19 app upon arrival at the snooker club

This supports NHS Test and Trace, and helps to reduce the spread of the virus.

If you do not have the app then you can leave your contact details instead.

4. Consider wearing a face covering when moving around the snooker club

This continues to be particularly important in indoor or crowded settings and is advised when you're:

- entering or leaving the venue
- moving between the lounge area and the snooker tables
- going to use the toilet facilities

This is not advised while playing snooker or while seated in the lounge areas. Those who do not feel comfortable wearing a face covering do not need to do so.

5. Continue to follow good hygiene practices

This will reduce the risk of transmission at the event.

Sanitising stations will be available around the venue, along with hand washing facilities in the toilets. Consider an alternative to hand shaking before and after matches.

Don't...

1. Ignore symptoms

While it may be very disappointing if you discover you have symptoms upon arrival at the event, it is essential that you immediately self-isolate to protect others from transmission.

If you have any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; a loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste, please follow [NHS guidance on testing and self-isolation](#).

Do not attend if you have any symptoms or need to self-isolate (e.g., because you have tested positive or have been asked to self-isolate by NHS Test & Trace)

2. Share equipment

Where possible and practical, please do not share cues, chalks or other equipment.

3. Share food and drink

Please handle and consume food and drink separately from others.