

The competition Regulations require County Associations to undertake in conjunction with their venues a risk assessment and to set out a plan to minimise the risk by reference to the ECF event [risk assessment checklist](#). Participating counties will have a partially completed version to show where steps to minimise risk were taken though the competition Regulations and the Players' Guide and highlighting the areas for particular consideration.

The Regulations also set minimum standards for venues and for the conduct of matches.

The remaining considerations are not as onerous as might appear at first sight. Broadly they fall into 3 categories:

- Ventilation – fresh air
- Distancing between players of 1m – getting the layout right early including how to handle two-boarded chess, should it be required.
- Sanitisation – clean hands before and after set-up, avoid touching of eyes, nose and mouth whilst setting up the room and equipment (which need not be sanitised if not used for 72 hours) and sanitise or change gloves if you do.

Some venues may also continue to support Track & Trace. Whilst the focus of the regulations and risk assessment is Covid-19 specific, other Health & Safety considerations should not be overlooked, particularly for emergency evacuation purposes.

A reminder that data processing and retention of personal information should be kept to a minimum and that any data relating to an individual's health is special category data. ICO [link](#).

A players guide has been prepared explaining why precautions are in place and outlining what players should do at a match in this competition.