

Assessment of Risk for Pre-season Regional County Challenge v3 14 Aug, 4 & 25 Sep 2021

Assessment carried out by ECF Counties Controller, and ECF DoHC. Each participating County Association in conjunction with their venue(s) should review, augment & action for each match venue as appropriate.

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Transmission of Corona virus between players, spectators and/ or organisers while attending chess playing session:						
1 General risks including Infected or vulnerable attendees, and venue and event risks						
1.1 Symptomatic infected players attending the venue/ event	Players, parents at junior events or guests	Possible actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear signage confirming the symptoms of coronavirus and asking players not to attend if they are showing any symptoms • Ask players to confirm they are symptom free as a condition of entry • Implement a registration system with a check on entry • Monitor whether players are still symptom free at multi-day events 		ECF: Signage added to Event Regs. CA's to implement	Pre-match	To Do
				ECF: Added to Event Regs Eligibility and Player guide CA's to implement	Pre-match	To do
				ECF: Event Regs with captains keeping attendance record. CA's to implement	On entry to keep record	To do
				NA – Single day events		
			Consider:	Not added to overall		

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temperature checks on entry 	Event Regs but could be considered by Captains.		
1.2 Asymptomatic infected players attending the venue/ venue	Players, parents at junior events or guests	Possible actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask players to carry out a PCR or lateral flow test before the event and bring the results to the event 		Not added to overall Event Regs but could be considered by Captains.		
			Consider: Repeat testing for long duration events	N/A – Single Day Event		
1.3 Vulnerable players contracting the virus	Vulnerable attendees	Possible actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise potential attendees of risks and precautionary measures in advance Consider asking for vaccine or COVID health certificate if allowed 		ECF: Event Regs ECF: Player guide CA's to implement Not added to event regs but could be considered by Captains.		
1.4 Players contracting the virus and passing on after the event	Attendees and others they come into contact with	Possible actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain a register of players, parents and guests Consider implementing track and trace at the event. Attendees required to have the NHS track and trace app on their phone and scan their details 		ECF: Event Regs Record of Attendance. CA's to implement		To do
1.5 Attendance exceeds COVID-safe limits for the venue or parts of the venue	Attendees	Possible actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with venue to observe agreed venue limits and precautions Provide clear instructions in advance to avoid players 		CA's & Venues ECF: Event Regs ECF: Player guide CA's to implement	Booking Pre-match	To do To do

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> congregating at the control desk(s) Stagger arrivals/departures to avoid bottlenecks in entrance ways/exit routes Ensure sufficient space for parents in waiting areas Consider containing player groups in event bubbles Consider excluding spectators from the playing area or the event 		<p>Unnecessary due to small volume of arrivals</p> <p>CA's & venues</p> <p>CA's & venues</p> <p>Unnecessary</p>	<p>Booking</p> <p>Booking</p> <p>Pre-match</p>	<p>To do</p> <p>To do</p> <p>NA</p>
			<p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan for smaller events or events at multiple locations Hybrid events where appropriate – eg team events with teams geographically separated 	<p>ECF: Event Regs and team pairings</p> <p>CAs: liaison</p>	<p>Pre-entry</p> <p>Pre-match</p>	<p>Done</p> <p>Review</p>
2 Through airborne transmission from infected person.						
2.1 Players standing or walking without observing social distancing in car park	Player acquiring virus by airborne droplet	<p>Possible action you may take:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrangement of parking spaces Social distancing signage Floor signs to encourage social distancing Mandatory wearing of face masks 		<p>Outdoors - unnecessary</p> <p>ECF: Player guide CA's to implement (as 1.1)</p> <p>CA's to consider</p> <p>ECF: Player guide CA's to implement</p>	<p>Pre-match</p> <p>Pre-match</p> <p>Pre-match and during play</p>	<p>To Do</p> <p>To Do</p> <p>To Do</p> <p>To Do</p>

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			Consider: Adjustments necessary to take social distancing fully into account will be different for each venue. Clubs should individually assess their playing hall to ensure risk of Covid 19 infection is minimized, including entry and exit routes, and playing areas	CA's to consider	Booking	To do
2.2 Players clustering as they approach the playing hall	Player acquiring virus by airborne droplet	Possible action you may take: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange for players to queue if necessary, with appropriate social distancing • Stagger arrival times • Mandatory wearing of face masks 		Unnecessary Unnecessary CA's	Pre-match and during play	To do
			Consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring players are aware of arrangements • Appointing a "marshal" to ensure social distancing is maintained 	CA's CA's	Pre matches Pre matches	To do To do
2.3 Players passing each other without distancing as they take their places	Player acquiring virus by airborne droplet	Possible action you may take: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marshalling players into a queue if necessary • Mandatory wearing of face masks whilst in the playing hall 		CA & venue ECF: Event Regs ECF: Player guide	Pre-match Pre-match and during play	To do To Do

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2.4 Players passing each other without distancing as they leave	Player acquiring virus by airborne droplet	<p>Possible action you may take:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asking players to collect outdoor clothing etc, and depart socially distanced, by table number if instructed Stagger departure times 		<p>Not necessary</p> <p>Not necessary due to relatively small numbers</p>		
2.5 Players breathing on each other at the table	Player acquiring virus by airborne droplet	<p>Possible action you may take:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Players will be advised to bring their own face mask, to be worn at all times in the playing venue Clubs have a stock of disposable single use face masks to use as necessary Ensuring layout of the playing tables fulfils social distancing guidance in place at the time (currently two metres or one metre with mitigation) Action recommended in HMG Ventilation Guidance – HMG guidance - ventilation-of-indoor-spaces Ensuring playing venue and waiting areas properly ventilated, with windows open and doors propped open. (Note that this should 		<p>ECF: Event Regs ECF: Player guide CA's to implement</p> <p>CA's</p> <p>ECF: Event Regs CA's to implement</p> <p>CA's & venue</p> <p>ECF: Event Regs CA's & venues to implement</p>	<p>Pre-match</p> <p>Pre-match</p> <p>Pre-match</p> <p>Pre-match</p>	<p>To do</p> <p>To do</p> <p>To do</p> <p>To do</p>

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		<p>be done in line with HMG guidelines and without compromising safety or security).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring trickle vents or grilles are open and not blocked. Ventilation maintained throughout the event with ventilation breaks. 		<p>CA's and Venue</p> <p>ECF Event Regs CA's and Venue</p>	<p>Pre-match</p> <p>Pre-match and during play</p>	<p>To do</p> <p>To do</p>
			<p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning the room layout, with the venue management, well ahead of the playing session, in accordance with the HM Government guidance in place at the time Ensure room is laid out in accordance with the plan If as is likely the number of playing 	<p>CA's</p> <p>CA's</p> <p>Not applicable</p>	<p>Pre-match</p> <p>Pre-match</p>	<p>To do</p> <p>To do</p>

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			<p>boards is reduced, using a booking system to ensure numbers of players do not exceed maximum capacity</p> <p>Playing games on two boards, facing the same direction or side by side with clock between players, moves called out as in blind chess (games played using this method are suitable for grading submission)</p>	ECF: Event Regs (CA's to implement where required in specific circumstances)	Pre-match	To do
2.6 Players breathing on each other as they change opponents	Player acquiring virus by airborne droplet	<p>Possible action you may take:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks to be worn at all times Names and board numbers called at the start of each round Where a session is less formal with more staggered start times, players should be instructed to maintain social distancing at all times Ensure layout of the playing tables fulfils social distancing guidance in place at the time 		<p>ECF: Event Regs CA's to implement</p> <p>Not applicable – single round per event</p> <p>Not applicable</p> <p>CA's/ Venues</p>	<p>Pre-match and during play</p> <p>Pre-match</p>	<p>To do</p> <p>To do</p>
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With the planned room layout, including a one-way path around the room from which players can access their table Effectively communicating the room layout and walkways in advance to members attending <p>HM Government guidance on use of community facilities is that players should only interact socially with two households in any location. Until the guidance changes, it may be necessary to restrict players to one opponent per playing session</p>	Not applicable Not applicable Guidance withdrawn		
2.7 Parents or guests in close proximity in waiting areas	Parents or guests	<p>Possible actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure sufficient space in waiting areas outside of the playing area with ventilation arrangements as above 		CA's & venues	Booking	To do
3 Through touching hard surfaces or equipment already touched by infected person.						
3.1 Venue Features: Door Knobs, light switches, etc.	Players, staff, visitors, volunteers	<p>Things to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring hard surfaces at the venue are as likely as possible to 		CA's & venue	Pre-match	To do

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	acquiring virus by touching contaminated objects or surfaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> be virus free at start of session Cleaning and disinfect objects and surfaces that are likely to be touched regularly. Propping doors open as far as possible Providing hand washing facilities or hand sanitiser for all people coming into the club 				
			<p>Further things to think about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff/volunteers regularly reminded to ensure cleaning procedures carried out Consider the use of checklist for cleaning points <p>Asking players, visitors, staff and volunteers to wash or sanitise their hands on arrival, and then regularly throughout the playing session</p>	CA's/ Venues	Pre-match and during play	To do
3.2 Venue Features: Catering Equipment	Player acquiring virus by touch	<p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No catering Players bring own food/ drinks 	Ensure that players are aware of procedures	If applicable CA's	Pre match	Review
3.3 Cash Handling	Player acquiring	Consider:	Ensure that players are aware			

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	virus by touch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No cash handling Payments by prior bank transfer of (entry) fees <p>Only accepting cheques/ exact amounts, and quarantining cash for 72 hrs</p>	of procedures	CA's	Pre match	To do
3.4 Coats and Hats	Player acquiring virus by touching another player's contaminated clothing	<p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocated coat pegs suitably spaced out Plastic crates for storage of outdoor wear Ask players to bring the minimal amount of outdoor clothing 		CA's & venue to consider	Pre match	To Do
			<p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staggered arrival and leaving times so that players do not congregate around coats, etc. when arriving or leaving Ask players to socially distance when arriving and leaving 	CA's to consider	Pre match	Done
				CA's & venues	Pre match	Review
			Consider a "marshal" to make sure that social distancing is	CA's & venues	Pre match	Review

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			being observed			
3.5 Toilets Toilets will be available during the session	Areas in toilets may be contaminated by one player and touched by another	Possible action you may take: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Placing antiseptic hand wash in each toilet Placing antiseptic wipes in each toilet Ensuring disposable paper towels are available Instructing players to wipe surfaces (BIN) and then use handwash thoroughly after using toilet Instructing players to maintain social distancing if queueing 		CA's & Venues	Pre match	To do
			Consider: Placing signage that explains current hand washing guidance in the rest room area	CAs/ Venues	Pre match	To do
3.6 Players bringing the virus into the club on their hands	Players may contaminate surfaces or equipment	Possible action you may take: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear signage confirming the symptoms of coronavirus and ask players not to attend if they are showing any symptoms Providing hand washing facilities or hand sanitiser for all people coming into the club		ECF: Player guide CA's & venues to implement (as 1.1) CA's & venues to implement	Pre entry Pre match	Done To do

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			<p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sending a questionnaire to players asking them to confirm they do not have symptoms • Regularly reminding staff, volunteers and members not to attend if they are showing any symptoms <p>Signage throughout the playing venue promoting hand washing</p>	<p>ECF: Event Regs ECF: Player guide</p> <p>CA's to check</p> <p>ECF: Event Regs ECF: Player guide</p> <p>CA's to check</p> <p>CA's/ Venue</p>	<p>Pre match</p> <p>Pre match</p> <p>Pre match</p>	<p>To do</p> <p>To do</p> <p>To do</p>
<p>3.7 Chess Club Equipment:</p> <p>Tables and chairs</p>	<p>Player acquiring virus by touching contaminated furniture</p>	<p>Possible action you may take:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiping tables and chairs clean before start of each session • Encouraging players not to move furniture unnecessarily during the playing session • Discouraging players from storing coats etc. on chair 	<p>Keeping with player under table or seat back</p>	<p>CA's & venue</p> <p>ECF Player guide CA's</p> <p>ECF: Event Regs ECF: Player guide</p>	<p>Pre match</p> <p>Pre match</p>	<p>To do</p> <p>Done To do</p>

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		<p>backs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wearing disposable gloves when arranging the furniture and equipment prior to the playing session Keeping movement of players/changes of opponent to a minimum during the playing session 		<p>CA's venue to implement CA' to implement</p> <p>ECF: Event Regs ECF: Player guide CA's to implement</p> <p>CA's to implement</p>	<p>Pre match</p> <p>Pre match</p> <p>During play</p>	<p>To do</p> <p>To do</p> <p>To Do</p>
			<p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning the playing session well in advance, with room layout and instructions properly communicated to members <p>Room layout and boards etc. should be in place in advance of players' arrival</p>	<p>CA's/ Venue</p> <p>CA's/ Venue</p>	<p>Pre match</p> <p>Pre match</p>	<p>To do</p> <p>To do</p>
<p>3.8 Chess Club Equipment:</p> <p>Boards</p>	<p>Player acquiring virus by touch</p>	<p>Possible action you might take:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Storing boards for 72 hours prior to usage Cleaning boards prior to the start 		<p>CA's/ Venue</p>	<p>Pre match</p>	<p>To do</p>

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		<p>of each playing sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wearing disposable gloves when putting boards and other equipment on tables Boards not to be moved during playing session 				
			<p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signage to remind players of the new protocols that need to be in place (as 1.1) <p>The extra space that will be needed between boards to maintain social distancing will reduce the number of players able to play</p>	CA's / Venue	Pre match	To do
<p>3.9 Chess Club Equipment:</p> <p>Clocks</p>	Player acquiring virus by touch	<p>Possible action you may take:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarantine clocks for 72 hours prior to use Clocks to be laid out at start of session using gloves, and not moved unnecessarily until the playing session has ended Preset time controls on clocks before the start of each playing session 	<p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signage to remind players of the need to clean clocks regularly during the playing session 	CAs	Pre match	Review

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of adequate wipes and bins for players to clean clocks periodically during the playing session when necessary 				
3.10 Chess Club Equipment: Pieces	Player acquiring virus by touch	<p>Possible action you may take:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As with FIDE regs for blind players, use two boards for each match up, including calling out the moves Providing each player with his own set of pieces for the playing session. For informal games, relaxing normal playing conventions (eg removing your own pieces from the board when taken) When playing the same opponent informally with opposite colour, retain the same pieces but swap K & Q around Provision of adequate hand sanitizing dispensers in the playing hall for use throughout the playing session 	<p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Location of hand sanitisers, making the cleaning of hands easier For informal games, players being co-operative to avoid risk of contamination by touching only your own pieces Any adjustments to playing protocols must be made within the laws of chess if a game is to formally graded. The use of two boards for the same game would be acceptable 	CA's/ Venue	Pre match	To do
3.11 Chess Club Equipment: Table Numbering Signs	Player acquiring virus by touch	<p>Possible action you may take:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Table numbering signs being stored for at least 72 hours before each session or wiped clean after every session with a 		CA's/ Venue	Pre match	To do

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		<p>sanitising wipe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disposable gloves being worn when putting table numbers on tables • Players instructed not to touch them 				
<p>3.12 Chess Club Equipment:</p> <p>Scorecards and pens</p>	Player acquiring virus by touch	<p>Possible action you may take:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructing players to use their own pens • Adequate supply of scoresheets on each table prior to the start of each playing session • Players to take scoresheets home 		ECF: Player guide CA's to implement	Pre match	To do
<p>3,13 Equipment:</p> <p>Other equipment</p>	Player acquiring virus by touch	<p>Possible action you may take:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstration boards to be used by one person only for the duration of the session • Hand cleansing prior to reading books or magazines, or using single purpose disposable gloves when reading. Quarantine literature for 72 hours after session 		Not applicable		