



COVID-19 is still widespread in the UK and we are therefore adopting a set of protocols as follows for ECF Over the Board events.

1. COVID-19 Symptoms

- Players should not attend the event if they have tested positive for COVID-19, are experiencing Covid-19 symptoms, or if they are required to self-isolate following a visit abroad during the 14 days preceding the start of the event.
- Players are encouraged to take an up-to-date rapid lateral flow test before an ECF event, and during multi-day events where they start experiencing symptoms, and must not attend if test results are positive.
- Please alert a member of the control team if you start feeling unwell and/ or are unsure of the procedures on the day.

2. Face Coverings

- Players are encouraged to wear face coverings in playing areas and public areas except where medically exempt or under 11.
- Where a player's opponent asks that the player wears a face covering, we suggest that it would be courteous for the player to agree to the request.
- We suggest that players should have a face covering with them during the event on the basis that an opponent may make such a request.

3. Hygiene

- Personal possessions in the playing areas should be kept to a minimum.
- Hands should be sanitised before and after handling personal possessions.
- Hand sanitiser and masks will where possible be available for players' use.

4. Ventilation

- Arrangements for ventilation of the playing area will be agreed with the venues
- Where possible, playing area windows and doors into the playing areas will be kept open during play.

5. The playing area

- Players should leave the playing areas as soon as their game is complete having reported the result and not re-enter the playing areas until the start of the next round without an arbiter's permission.
- During their game, players are encouraged to only leave the table at which they are playing for comfort/refreshment etc breaks.
- Players should not be accompanied into the playing areas by anyone else before the start of play for each round, with the exception of parents / guardians for juniors, and carers where appropriate for adults.
- To avoid players gathering around printed pairing sheets in public areas, pairings will be displayed at multiple locations in the playing area or online via <https://chess-results.com>

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- Photographers (with prior permission from the Chief Arbiter or ECF Event Organiser) may be present in the playing areas. Spectators should not attend except with permission from the ECF Event Organiser.
6. The ECF reserves the right to amend the above arrangements at any time in the light of any changes to HM Government rules and guidelines.