

Southampton Chess Club covid-19 risk assessment

Date of assessment: 25 Sep 2021 (reviewed on 2 Jan 2022)

Carried out by: Kevin Sawers

Date of next review: 31 Jan 2022

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	Action to reduce risk	Action: who	Action: when
Touch transmission: venue furniture and features (tables, door knobs, light switches, etc.)	Players (and others in attendance) catching covid-19 by touching contaminated objects or surfaces	SDACA / R-Community will ensure surfaces are clean before our session starts Ask everyone to clean their hands (Club will provide sanitiser) as they enter Encourage everyone to bring their own hand sanitiser and clean their hands regularly during the session (especially at the start of a game, after eating, and after using the toilet) Clean tables, chairs after use (Club will provide anti-viral wipes)	Centre managers Club committee, all present All present Players	Tues pm Start of session During session Session end
Touch transmission: chess equipment (boards, pieces, clocks, scoresheets etc.)	Players catching covid-19 by touching contaminated chess pieces, clocks etc.	Store equipment for 72 hours prior to usage (the Club meets weekly so this happens as standard) Boards not to be moved during playing session Remind players to regularly clean their hands (especially at the start of a game, after eating, and after using the toilet) Ask players not to eat at the playing table, but to leave the playing area to eat and then sit down again when finished If players are likely to be playing more than one game in a session, provide each player with their own set of pieces for the session For informal games, suggest players remove their own pieces from the board when taken Ask players to bring their own pen so use of Club pens is minimised	Club committee All present Players Players Club committee Players Players	Session end During session During session Start of session During session Pre-session

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	Action to reduce risk	Action: who	Action: when
People attend club while contagious with covid-19	Anyone present catching covid-19 from infected person	<p>Tell people not to come if they have any covid-19 symptoms or if they've recently tested positive. The Government website says, 'If you test positive, your self-isolation period includes the day your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you do not have symptoms), and the next 10 full days.' However, 'It is now possible to end self-isolation after 7 days, following 2 negative lateral flow tests taken 24 hours apart. The first lateral flow test should not be taken before the sixth day.'</p> <p>Encourage people to take a lateral flow test before coming to a club session, as there might well be people with age-related or other health issues in attendance.</p> <p>Ask people to notify the Club committee if they test positive having recently attended a Club session, especially if symptoms began (or the test was taken) within 48 hours of the session. (The committee will inform all attendees, while keeping anonymity)</p>	<p>All potential players and visitors</p> <p>All potential players and visitors</p> <p>All potential players and visitors</p>	<p>Pre-session</p> <p>Pre-session</p> <p>If tested positive</p>
Airborne transmission: lack of social distancing	Players (and others in attendance) catching covid-19 by airborne droplets	<p>Encourage people to respect others' wishes to observe social distancing</p> <p>Set out boards so there is as much space as possible between neighbouring players</p> <p>Encourage spectators (including players whose game has finished) to give players space while watching a game</p> <p>Operate one-way system in room, so people enter off main corridor and exit by kitchen (signage will be displayed)</p> <p>Suggest people nod or bow instead of shaking hands at the start and finish of a game</p>	<p>All present</p> <p>Club committee</p> <p>All present</p> <p>Club committee, all present</p> <p>Players</p>	<p>During session</p> <p>Start of session</p> <p>During session</p> <p>During session</p> <p>During session</p>
Airborne transmission: players breathing on each other at the playing table	Players catching covid-19 by airborne droplets	<p>Ensure ventilation is as good as possible (and warn people in advance to bring warm clothes)</p> <p>Face coverings are currently compulsory at community centres / halls for everyone, unless exempt for medical / health reasons</p> <p>Anyone concerned with their own risk of catching covid-19 is encouraged to wear a higher grade face covering (especially while playing)</p>	<p>Club committee, all present</p> <p>All present</p> <p>All present</p>	<p>During session</p> <p>During session</p> <p>During session</p>