

Squash Wales

Return to Play – Latest update 24.07.2020



In preparation for the next review and the potential opening for indoor facilities in Wales, Squash Wales have prepared guidance that will assist with a phased return to play. The guidance will help squash clubs and venues to implement necessary safety measures and protocols required in order to begin a phased return to play.

Full guidance will be released soon.

In the meantime, we are reviewing the extensive Government guidance in relation to indoor facilities to understand the implications this has for squash and what measures clubs and venues must implement.

The full guidance will include:

- Creating a club/venue COVID-19 secure plan
- Guidance for conducting a COVID-19 risk assessment
- Poster kit
- Ways to play
- Where to find additional support and resources

Be Active Fund - Launched Tuesday 07th July 2020 – the Be Active Wales Fund to support grassroots, sport and physical activity in Wales. £4 million lifeline fund launched to save a rebuild community sport. The grant funding has been made possible thanks to Welsh Government and re purposed money from the national lottery, which continues to be one of Welsh sports biggest supporters. Further information can be found at <https://www.sport.wales/beactivewalesfund/>

COVID-19 Update – Latest Government Advice

Squash Wales welcomes the [Welsh Government update of 14th July](#) on the move of easing restrictions out of lockdown, however, Squash Wales wish to reiterate what this means for squash clubs, facilities and players across the country.

Whilst we appreciate that this continues to be a frustrating time for squash clubs, facilities and players across Wales, the updated guidance confirmed that indoor gyms and sports facilities (which includes any squash club/facility) will remain closed. An update will be provided at the next review, however, any dates for their re-opening (with physical distancing & enhanced hygiene measures) remains unconfirmed.

This means that all squash clubs and facilities must remain closed until further notice – this includes anyone wishing to engage in solo practice or members of the same household playing on a squash court. This restriction includes multi-sport clubs where some outdoor sports have returned. The squash courts must stay closed.

The [Squash Wales Return to play Roadmap](#) will give members an overview of the phased return to play over the coming months. We will publish additional detailed guidance as appropriate in the coming weeks.

Courtwatch

- Please support Caldicot Squash Club in keeping open their facility by filling in a survey - access the link below:
<https://monlifeleisuredevelopment.co.uk/>

Player

- Senior elite athletes training is ongoing at SWNC under strict COVID guidelines.
- Squash Wales continue to update coaches corner. This section of the website is updated weekly with new information to help guide and support all our members through this lockdown period.
<https://www.squash.wales/coaching/coaches-corner/>

Support

- **Be Active Fund.** £4million Sport Wales funding available: at <https://www.sport.wales/beactivefund/>
- **Welsh Sports Association:** www.wsa.wales (contact info@squash.wales for club login details)
- **The Welsh Government written statement outlining the changes to regulations is here:** <https://gov.wales/written-statement-review-health-protection-coronavirus-restrictions-wales-regulations-2020>
- **Club Solutions website**
Continues to offer practical advice for clubs and is a great tool to support and guide clubs through the pandemic.
<http://www.clubsolutions.wales/>

General

- WSA weekly Covid-19 update: <https://mailchi.mp/f995efcfb987/wsa-weekly-newsletter-20072020?e=0495b5dddde>
- Squash Wales Covid-19 update: <https://www.squash.wales/covid-19/>

Date	Time	Activity	Closing date	Presenter	Details
Wed 29th July	4.30pm	Virtual Squash Fitness session (U11/13)		Derek Ryan	Fitness session taken by PSA Physio and ex World top 10
Thur 30th July	4.30pm	Virtual Squash Fitness session (U15+)		Derek Ryan	Fitness session taken by PSA Physio and ex World top 10
Wed 12th Aug	4.30pm	Virtual Squash Fitness session (U11/13)		Derek Ryan	Fitness session taken by PSA Physio and ex World top 10
Wed 12th Aug	7.15pm	Virtual Squash Fitness session (Ladies)		Derek Ryan	Fitness session taken by PSA Physio and ex World top 10
Thur 13th Aug	4.30pm	Virtual Squash Fitness session (U15 +)		Derek Ryan	Fitness session taken by PSA Physio and ex World top 10
Middle Aug	TBC	Referee -workshop	TBC	Chris Peach (England Squash)	In conjunction with England Squash Referee webinar looking at decisions and explanations with World Class referees Roy Gingell +John Massarella
Middle Sept	TBC	Referee - workshop	TBC	Chris Peach (England Squash)	In conjunction with England Squash Referee webinar looking at decisions and explanations with World Class referees Roy Gingell +John Massarella

Squash Wales are here to support our members during these difficult times.

Please get in touch with us if you have any concerns or questions.

Please distribute this email to all your members within your club.

Any further information required contact Squash Wales: info@squash.wales