

Stourbridge LT&SC

Covid-19: Latest Updates from LTA and England Squash 14/09/20

Please note the latest guidance from the two governing bodies following the Government announcements on 9th September.

Government Rule states: “the limit of six people from multiple households starts on Monday 14th September. It will apply both indoors and outdoors, and to all ages (For SLT&SC rule applies to both clubhouse and balcony).

LTA

“The Government confirmed that organised group tennis activity that is currently permitted in line with LTA COVID-19 Secure guidelines, can continue to take place, both indoors and outdoors. For clarity, from Monday 14 September:

- *For informal social play, group size is limited to a maximum of six people by law*
- Organised tennis activity for larger groups, including coached sessions, club nights and competitions is permitted by the Government as an exception to the limit of six, and so can continue, provided that venues, coaching providers and event organisers follow LTA COVID-19 secure guidelines.”

England Squash

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Reminder:

“What is a ‘squash bubble’?”

Bubbles consist of a maximum of six players and players within a ‘squash bubble’ are permitted to play full court matches with the following modifications:

- Only two players on court at one time.
- Play best of three games.
- Play first to 11 points, sudden-death at 10-all.
- Use ‘Sides’ to maintain social distancing throughout the warm-up.
- During each game, when the first player reaches six points, both players should wipe away excessive sweat, and sanitise their hands and the ball. Repeat between games.
- The same player to serve / touch the ball during each half of a game, and at the halfway point, switch servers.
- Protective eyewear or visors are strongly recommended at all times.
- Don't wipe your hands on the wall.
- Players are not allowed to shout or raise their voice.

Please maintain social distancing when not on court and continue follow your club's/venue's hygiene and cleaning policies.

How do I form a ‘squash bubble’?

- Agree who is in your bubble with up to five other players.
- Inform your club/venue's COVID-19 Officer of the names of the players in your bubble.
- Confirm to your club/venue's COVID-19 Officer, in writing, that you have read and agree to follow the England Squash ‘bubble’ guidance within this page.
- Check with your club/venue's COVID-19 Officer that you are allowed to play before starting.
- You can only belong to one bubble at a time but following a seven-day break of playing full squash, you can switch once you've got agreement from your COVID-19 officer.
- Ensure you have express permission from the parent/guardian of any minor before they can join a squash bubble.