



WDBS Covid-19 event protocols

As we return to WDBS events, we want to make sure that everyone involved can participate in our sport safely.

Through the formation of a [WDBS Return to Sport Committee](#), we have considered the most sensible and practical ways to approach restarting our snooker events.

We have set out some guidance below, which aligns with UK Government guidelines to help reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Your informed decision to take part

Before you enter our WDBS events, you should consider your own health and circumstances (for example, if you are not yet double-vaccinated or live with somebody vulnerable), so that you can make an informed choice about whether you wish to participate.

Below, we have set out the safety measures we will put in place to mitigate any specific risks associated with our sporting activity so that you know what to expect before you decide whether to take part.

Protocols

Risk assessment

We will carry out a health and safety risk assessment including the risk of COVID-19, and put in place measures to reduce the risks that we identify.

Snooker facility

We will work closely with the host venue to ensure that it is following the UK Government's current guidance on [how to manage a sport facility safely](#).

We will seek to designate specific snooker tables, player zones around tables and supporter/carer seating, wherever appropriate.

Covid Marshall

We will nominate a member of the WDBS team in advance of the event to welcome players outside the entrance to the venue and check they have understood and met all requirements.

Pre-event testing

We ask participants to consider taking a lateral flow test within 48 hours prior to attending in order to protect others.

Self-assessment

Before attending our events, we will ensure that we have communicated to all participants, officials, volunteers and spectators that they should self-assess for COVID-19 symptoms (a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; a loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste). If they have one or more of these symptoms (even if they are mild), they should not attend our event, and should follow [NHS guidance on testing and self-isolation](#).

Self-isolation

We will inform participants that they should not take part in our WDBS events if they need to self-isolate (for example, because they have tested positive or are asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace). If they are displaying any COVID-19 symptoms (a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; a loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste), they will be advised not to attend, even if these symptoms are mild.

NHS Test and Trace

We will encourage participants to continue using NHS Test and Trace.

WDBS will display its own NHS QR Code for its events for participants wishing to check in using the app, to support NHS Test and Trace.

We will have an alternative system to collect (and securely store) names and contact details for those who ask to check in but do not have the app.

Hygiene

We will continue to follow good hygiene practices to reduce the risk of transmission at our events. Sanitising stations will be available around the venue, along with hand washing facilities in the toilets.

We ask players not to shake hands before or after matches.

Equipment

We will make every effort to clean snooker table equipment between matches.

Face coverings

Face coverings are no longer required by law, but the government expects and recommends that people should continue to wear them in crowded and enclosed settings, to protect themselves and others. Where worn correctly, this can reduce the risk of transmission. Those who do not feel comfortable wearing a face covering do not need to do so. We will advise participants to where a face covering when:

- entering or leaving the venue
- moving between the lounge area and the snooker tables
- going to use the toilet facilities

We will not advise wearing a face covering while playing snooker or while seated in the lounge areas.