

**Risk Assessment Form****Essex Chess Association**

Health, Safety and Welfare Management

<b>Description of the task/activity:</b>	<b>Covid-19</b> Participation in the ECF Pre-season Regional County Challenge (14 Aug, 4 & 25 Sep)	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Wanstead House Community Association</b>
<b>Name of person(s) completing assessment:</b>	Mark Murrell	<b>Job title(s):</b>	ECA Safeguarding Officer
<b>Date of this assessment:</b>	<b>Summer Plan:</b> no legal limits, exercise caution <b>3 August 2021</b>	<b>Date of signing:</b>	<b>3 August 2021</b>
<b>Date of next Review:</b>	Review required if there is a significant change of Government guidance		<b>E-signed by the above.</b> <b>Approved by ECA Executive on 4 August 2021</b>

<b>What is the hazard?</b>	<b>Who/what could be harmed and how?</b>	<b>Initial Risk Rating (H/M/L)</b>	<b>What effective control measures are currently in place?</b>	<b>Residual Risk Rating (H/M/L)</b>	<b>Are additional controls required (Yes/No) If yes highlight action plan here</b>
<b>Being infected by the Coronavirus</b>	<b>Players, parents of junior players and officials in communal areas of venues</b>  Risk from environmental exposure (including aerosol), exposure to infected persons, transmission from touching contaminated objects		<p>The Essex Chess Association has no control over the operation of the common parts of the venues in which matches may be held. For matches played at Wanstead House please see the accompanying venue specific risk assessment.</p> <p>For away matches, venues will have conducted their own risk assessments and implemented control measures as part of their conditions of hire appropriate to their Health &amp; Safety obligations, their Public and Occupier's liabilities and governmental guidance and law. Risks associated with common parts will have been considered by the participating County Associations as to venue suitability.</p> <p>ECF competition regulations include provision for compliance with local &amp; central government guidance &amp; regulations and the conditions of hire of the venues selected as appropriate by County Associations with associated conditions of entry.</p> <p>As with all indoor public places, individuals are responsible for taking such precautions as they consider appropriate.</p>		Yes. Consideration of away venue compliance by the ECA Safeguarding Officer.

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<p><b>Being infected by the Coronavirus</b></p>	<p><b>Players, parents of junior players and officials when inside the Playing Area or Playing Venue.</b></p> <p>Risk from exposure including aerosol to infected persons (who may be asymptomatic)</p>		<p>ECF competition regulations and conditions of entry include provision for the following safety precautions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those suffering from medical conditions and at greater vulnerability to be advised to undertake their own evaluation of risk and seek medical advice where appropriate. Self-isolators must not attend.</li> <li>• If someone has a continuous cough or a high temperature and does not have a negative covid-19 test result they will be required to go home.</li> <li>• If someone displays flu type symptoms (which can be similar to delta variant symptoms) and in any event create a risk of a greater viral load transmission through sneezing or coughing they will be required to go home unless they have a negative covid-19 test result.</li> <li>• Venues with through ventilation or air-conditioning using external air.</li> <li>• Social distancing of at least 1m other than when in play</li> <li>• Wearing of facial coverings mandatory when not-seated in the Playing Venue.</li> <li>• Wearing of face covering in the Playing Area (unless both players agree to dispense with them) or application of two-boarded socially distanced chess under ECF Tournament Regulations including where a player has a medical or other condition that prevents a player from wearing a face covering.</li> </ul> <p>Other risk mitigations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Availability of free lateral flow tests for all adults</li> <li>• Covid-19 testing for school children</li> <li>• Guidance to avoid face to face situations generally without a barrier</li> </ul>		
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<b>Being infected by the Coronavirus</b>	<b>Players, parents of junior players and officials when inside the Playing Area.</b>  Risk from transmission from touching contaminated objects		Competition regulations and conditions of entry will include provision for the following safety precautions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sanitisation on entry to &amp; exit from Playing Area</li> <li>• Sanitising of playing table</li> <li>• Equipment quarantine for at least 72 hours or sanitisation before use.</li> <li>• Placement of equipment under control conditions</li> <li>• Wearing of face covering during session (unless both players agree to dispense with them) or application of two-boarded socially distanced chess under ECF Tournament Regulations.</li> <li>• Sanitiser available in the Playing Area</li> <li>• Storage of hats, coats and bags under the playing tables (common sense is also expected to be applied by not touching the property of others and will be mitigated by the playing space available.</li> </ul>		

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		Impact				
RISK RATING MATRIX		1. Very Low	2. Low	3. Moderate	4. High	5. Very High
Likelihood of Harm	5. Almost certain	5	10	15	20	25
	4. Likely	4	8	12	16	20
	3. Possible	3	6	9	12	15
	2. Unlikely	2	4	6	8	10
	1. Rare	1	2	3	4	5

Matrix to calculate the likelihood and impact should the hazard be realised.

**Essex Chess Association – Rating Matrix**

Risk Rating	Possible Action to be Taken
LOW (<5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ECA stewards/event organisers may accept risk</li> <li>Manage by routine processes</li> <li>Hazard to be reviewed and updated at least quarterly.</li> </ul>
MEDIUM (5-12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive action required to control risk as soon as reasonably practicable</li> <li>Monitor any action taken to ensure it has been effective in reducing the risk to an acceptable level according to degree of impact on attendees</li> <li>Review arrangements for ventilation and room lay out on session by session basis.</li> <li>Hazard to be reviewed and updated at least monthly to ensure risk level remains acceptable.</li> </ul>
HIGH (>12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Immediate Executive action required to further control risk</li> <li>Likelihood of need to cease club meetings</li> <li>Notify insurers</li> <li>Monitor any action taken to ensure it has been effective in reducing the risk to an acceptable level</li> <li>Hazard to be reviewed and updated at least every month to ensure controls remain effective</li> </ul>