

Risk Assessment Form**Essex Chess Association**

Health, Safety and Welfare Management

Description of the task/activity:	Covid-19: 2021/22 Chess events held in Essex run by or in which teams entered by ECA	Location:	Wanstead House Community Association
Name of person(s) completing assessment:	Mark Murrell	Job title(s):	ECA Safeguarding Officer
Date of this assessment:	Winter Plan: no legal limits, local restrictions to be expected. 28 September 2021	Date of signing:	28 September 2021
Date of next Review:	January 2022. Review also required if Government regulation re-introduced.		E-signed by the above. Approved by ECA Executive on 29 September 2021

What is the hazard?	Who/what could be harmed and how?	Initial Risk Rating (H/M/L)	What effective control measures are currently in place?	Residual Risk Rating (H/M/L)	Are additional controls required (Yes/No) If yes highlight action plan here
Being infected by the Coronavirus	<p>Players, parents of junior players and officials in communal areas of venues</p> <p>Risk from environmental exposure (including aerosol), exposure to infected persons, transmission from touching contaminated objects</p>		<p>The Essex Chess Association has no control over the operation of the common parts of the venues in which events & matches may be held. For events held 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 & 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>ECA competition regulations include provision for compliance with local & central government regulations.</p> <p>The absence of mandatory mitigations in common parts of venues maintains a risk level the Association can have no control over. As with all indoor public places, individuals are responsible for taking such precautions as they consider appropriate in accordance with venue guidance.</p>		<p>Yes. Publication on ECA Health & Safety webpage of any venue guidance supplied</p>

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<p>Being infected by the Coronavirus</p>	<p>Players, parents of junior players and officials when inside the Playing Area</p> <p>Risk from exposure including aerosol to infected persons (who may be asymptomatic)</p>		<p>ECA competition regulations provide for the following safety precautions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance with HMG regulation • Compliance with local government regulations • Socially distanced boards, on separate tables where possible. • Wearing of facial coverings mandatory when not-seated in the Playing Area. • Wearing of facial coverings at the board required unless exempt (under 12 or medical conditions) or by mutual agreement (including consent of parents) where suitably distanced from other players. • Face coverings to be available. <p>ECA competition guidance encourages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venues with through ventilation or air-conditioning using external air. • Non-attendance if displaying covid-19 or flu-like symptoms or required to self-isolate • Avoidance of unprotected close contact • Maintaining social distancing indoors of at least 1m • Vaccination • Testing for infection • Those suffering from medical conditions and at greater vulnerability to undertake their own evaluation of risk and seek medical advice where appropriate. • Social distancing of at least 1m other than when in play • Measures to reduce crowding • Adjustments for those exempted from wearing face coverings. 		<p>Yes, application of the guidance at Venues and within the Playing Area.</p>
<p>Being infected by the Coronavirus</p>	<p>Players, parents of junior players and officials when inside the Playing Area</p>		<p>ECF competition regulations and conditions of entry will include provision for the following safety precautions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance with HMG regulation 		

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	Risk from environmental exposure including aerosol		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance with local government regulations • Socially distanced boards, on separate tables where possible. • Wearing of facial coverings mandatory when not-seated in the Playing Area. • Wearing of facial coverings at the board required unless exempt (under 12 or medical conditions) or by mutual agreement (including consent of parents) where suitably distanced from other players. • Face coverings to be available. <p>ECA competition guidance encourages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venues with through ventilation or air-conditioning using external air • Social distancing of at least 1m other than when in play • Measures to reduce crowding • Adjustments for those exempted from wearing face coverings. 		Yes, application of the guidance at Venues and within the Playing Area.
Being infected by the Coronavirus	<p>Players, parents of junior players and officials when inside the Playing Area.</p> <p>Risk from transmission from touching contaminated objects</p>		<p>Competition regulations and conditions of entry will include provision for the following safety precautions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanitisation of hands at start of playing session • Sanitiser to be available <p>ECA competition guidance encourages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanitisation on entry & exit to the Playing Area • Sanitisation before & after hand to face contact 		No.

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Essex Chess Association – Rating Matrix

RISK RATING MATRIX		Impact				
		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.

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