**Wimbledon Chess Club “WCC”**

**COVID-19 Policy 10/10/2021**

This policy covers

* **travel arrangements** to and from events/venues and
* **events held by WCC** at either of our venues (St. Winefride’s Church Hall or the Sultan Pub’s Upstairs Function Room).

This policy does not cover events that are held at other venues as those events/venues will have their own COVID policy which will override this one. So, far as league matches are concerned, players will play be subject to

the COVID policy provided by that league (if there is one),

the COVID policy provided by the home club (if there is one) and

the COVID policy provided by the home club’s venue (if there is one).

WCC Captains must make their players aware, in the email offering them to play in a match (not held at either of our venues; St. Winefride’s Church Hall or the Sultan Pub’s Upstairs Function Room), of any COVID policy that they will be subject to, which in most cases can be found by looking at the “club page” at the relevant league’s website.

**Travel Arrangements**

**Public Transport:**

While travelling by public transport to events players must follow government guidelines (<https://tfl.gov.uk/campaign/safer-travel-guidance>).

**Car sharing:**

WCC request that drivers

Offer a lift to a **maximum** of 3 people, even if the car has capacity for 4 or more passengers

Wear masks during the journey

Have their window down (or at least ajar in bad/cold weather)

WCC request that passengers

Apply hand sanitizer before entering the vehicle

Wear masks during the journey

Have their window down (or at least ajar in bad/cold weather)

**Events Held By WCC**

WCC will attempt (as far as is practicable) to mitigate transmission at an event held by WCC by:

* Providing hand sanitizer
* Ventilating the venue
* Spacing out tables and boards
* Sanitising playing equipment

However, the venues used by WCC are public spaces and as such WCC has no control over the state of the venues when they are used by WCC.

WCC request that attendees **do not**,

* shake hands
* congregate around boards

WCC request that attendees **do**,

* try to avoid common touch points (i.e. refreshment areas, door handles etc)
* wear a mask (if they are not exempt and they are happy to do so). For clarity:

Anyone can wear a mask

No one will be forced to wear a mask

No one can ask another to wear or remove a mask

**Safety Acknowledgment**

**COVID-19 SAFETY INFORMATION**:  
While attending events held by the Wimbledon Chess Club, (“WCC”), consistent with government guidelines (<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>), attendees are encouraged to practice hand hygiene, “social distancing” and wear face coverings to reduce the risks of exposure to COVID-19. Because COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is spread mainly from person-to-person contact, WCC has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. However, WCC cannot guarantee that attendees will not become infected with COVID-19.  
  
In light of the ongoing spread of COVID-19, individuals who fall within any of the categories below should not engage in WCC events. By attending a WCC event, attendees certify that they do not fall into any of the following categories:

1. Individuals who currently or within the past fourteen (14) days have experienced any symptoms (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms>) associated with COVID-19; or

2. Individuals who have travelled at any point in the past fourteen (14) days either internationally (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-to-england-from-another-country-during-coronavirus-covid-19>) or to a community in the U.K. that has experienced or is experiencing sustained community spread of COVID-19; or

3. Individuals who believe that they may have been exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 or have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and are not yet cleared as non-contagious by state or local public health authorities or the health care team responsible for their treatment.

**DUTY TO SELF-MONITOR**:  
Attendees agree to self-monitor for signs and symptoms (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms>) associated with COVID-19 and, contact WCC at **Gordon.Rennie@sap.com** if they experience symptoms of COVID-19 within 14 days after attending an event held by WCC.

**ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK**. Attendees at WCC events acknowledge and understand the following:

1. Attendance includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist.

2. Attendees knowingly and freely assume all such risks related to illness and infectious diseases, such as COVID-19.

As an attendee, they recognize that their attendance, at any Wimbledon Chess Club event is voluntary and may result in personal injury (including death).

BY ATTENDING EVENTS HELD BY WCC, THE ATTENDEE IS DEEMED TO HAVE GIVEN A FULL RELEASE OF LIABILITY TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.