

**COVID-19
REGULATIONS
APPLYING TO
RICHMOND
JUNIOR CHESS
CLUB**

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RJCC COVID-19 REGULATIONS

OWN RISK

1. Richmond Junior Chess Club (RJCC) hopes with these regulations to demonstrate a responsible approach to holding face-to-face chess teaching in its club setting in this period of heightened health risk posed by the Covid-19 pandemic.
2. Despite all the precautions taken, due to the highly transmissible nature of the virus, infection may nevertheless occur. Participation must therefore be understood to be a matter of personal choice and risk.

REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY GOVERNMENT AND BY THE VENUE

3. It is expected that all staff, club members, parents and visitors will respect all Covid-19 related restrictions imposed by government in England at the time of the tournament and any additional requirements imposed by the venue.

PERSONAL PRIVACY

4. We ask everyone to be honest in adhering to these regulations.
5. Any medical disclosure, including the result of a lateral flow test, that is made by a club member, parent or staff to RJCC will be held in the strictest confidence.

HEALTH

6. We request that all members of staff, club members, any parents that come into the venue, and any visitors to take a Covid-19 Lateral Flow self-test on the evening before attending the club. Self-test kits are available for free at all main pharmacists, and can be ordered through the following government web-page: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>.
7. We will ask for proof of a negative flow test result on arrival at the club.
8. If a member of staff, club member, visitor or a family member or someone with whom they are resident is given a positive Covid-19 test result or is asked by a health professional or by legal authority to self-isolate, please inform us and do not attend.
9. If a member of staff, club member, a parent intending to visit the venue, or a visitor are feeling unwell, please inform us and do not attend.
10. The best method to report an absence due to sickness is by email up to the day before the tournament and by Whatsapp or text message on the day of the tournament.
11. Temperatures of members of staff, club members, parents staying at the venue during the classes and visitors will be taken with a non-contact infra-red thermometer on arrival. If any have a temperature of, or above, 37.7° Celsius, then they must return home immediately.

VACCINATION

12. It is anticipated that, being rational and well-educated, all club members and staff from the age of 12 will be fully vaccinated, unless medically exempted or advised not to, and will have received a booster immunisation should they have been invited.

FACE-MASKS

13. Face-masks will be required of all at the club and when moving around at the venue, unless medically exempted or in receipt of medical advice not to.
14. Primary school aged children will be exempted from this requirement.
15. Face-masks may be removed temporarily to speak in the classroom, or to speak with an opponent (e.g. to offer or accept a draw, to resign, to point out an illegal move, a fault with the clock, to adjust a piece on its square, and so forth), or to speak with an arbiter, or arbiter's assistant.
16. Staff will also be required to wear a face-mask, except in the classroom, when clear communication may require them to remove the mask for a period of discussion.
17. Face-masks should be clean.
18. Suitable disposable face-masks will be provided on request.

USE OF HANDWASH

19. Antiseptic handwash will be placed at the door of the classroom. All club members and staff will use it when entering the classroom, unless medically exempted.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS

20. If a tournament room is provided, then tables and boards will be spaced a minimum of 1.5 metres apart, unless the venue or government regulation or advice requires or advises greater spacing.
21. Equipment and tables will be wiped down with an antiseptic before the club starts.
22. Windows will be kept open for ventilation; door may be opened, too, but may be closed to minimise noise and distraction. Fire doors, naturally, will be kept shut, unless the venue provides clear instruction otherwise. Please do not close windows or doors, without permission.
23. Carbon dioxide monitors may be provided in the classrooms and in playing rooms to monitor the provision of adequate ventilation. If carbon dioxide levels exceed 1,200 ppm, then the class concerned will be suspended until levels fall below 800 ppm.

HANDSHAKES

24. The requirement to shake hands before and after playing a game is replaced with a requirement to make an equivalent gesture of sporting behaviour without direct physical contact. This might involve use of the words, "Good Game," elbow bumps, etc. Use your creativity!

MOVING AROUND THE VENUE

25. The venue may impose special one-way systems. Please respect these, if in operation.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

26. We request parents not to stay at the venue whilst their children attend the club, unless necessary for the welfare of the child or the impracticality of other arrangements.
27. Members of staff, club members, parents and visitors should observe social distancing and stay a minimum 2 metres apart, except whilst in class or playing a game.

CLASS SIZE & SIGNING UP

28. Each class will be limited to a maximum of 16 children, to minimise social interaction.
29. As class sizes will be limited, priority will be given to those who can sign their children up for the term, then to those who can sign their children up for a half-term, then to those who can sign up for the most possible specified dates agreed in advance.
30. We require a Covid-19 Agreement to be signed for each child joining the club. An example Covid-19 Agreement is appended to these regulations.

STAFF ABSENCES

31. If a member of staff must be absent at short-notice for Covid-19 related reasons, then they will be replaced, their class merged with another or cancelled, as operationally appropriate.

REFUNDS AND WITHDRAWALS

32. Refunds or credits issued for reasons related to Covid-19, or change in government regulation, conditions of the hire of the venue, or by conditions imposed by the tournament's insurers, will not be subject to any administration fee.

VARIANCE OF THESE CONDITIONS

33. RJCC reserves the right to change these Covid-19 arrangements without prior notice.
34. RJCC will nevertheless strive to give a fortnight's notice of variance unless a changed Risk Assessment should indicate a clear and major worsening in Covid-19 risk.
35. Government regulation, requirement of the venue or imposition of the tournament's insurers may also cause these Covid-19 arrangements to change without prior notice.
36. We ask for your understanding should any of this be necessary.

COLOPHON

DOCUMENT VERSION

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1.0	30/12/2021	PM	Initial version

OBTAINING THIS DOCUMENT

This document may be obtained by:

- download from: **TBD**.

The Covid-19 Agreement may be obtained by:

- download: <http://rjcc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/RJCC-Covid-19-Agreement.pdf>

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APPENDIX

COVID-19 AGREEMENT