

Gosford Hill Badminton Club – COVID-19 Risk Assessment

This Risk Assessment is based upon guidance from Badminton England and has been undertaken by Gosford Hill Badminton Club (GHBC). It has been conducted to address hazards / events related to the global pandemic COVID-19 and how GHBC can mitigate these risks. Ultimately, the control actions that GHBC put into place will allow GHBC to return to playing badminton whilst maintaining safety of players and the facilities they use.

This Risk Assessment has been completed in order to identify significant hazards /events to provide a safe environment for playing badminton at the GHBC normal playing venue (Oxford High School for Girls, Belbroughton Road, Oxford. OX2 6XA). These identified risks are quantified by considering the likelihood of an occurrence measured against its severity (see table below for graphical representation of Identified Risk). Identified Risks are then mitigated by implementing control measures commensurate with the Identified Risk level (the greater the Identified Risk level, the more stringent the control should be).

Likelihood	Severity			
	Negligible	Minor	Major	Critical
Frequent	Medium	High	Very High	Very High
Often	Low	Medium	High	Very High
Occasional	Low	Low	Medium	High
Remote	Low	Low	Low	Medium

Key: Severity is an assessment of the worst credible consequence of an event occurring, related to COVID-19. The categories are:
 Critical – this is a hazard / event which is considered to be life-threatening event, in relation to COVID-19.
 Major – this is a hazard / event which is considered to possible be life-changing, in relation to COVID-19.
 Minor – this is a hazard / event which is considered to manageable, in relation to COVID-19.

Likelihood is an assessment with respect to the chances of the worst credible event occurring. Categories are:
 Frequent – likely to occur five or more times per training session.
 Occasional – likely to occur two to four times per training session.
 Remote – likely to occur once and only once per training session.
 Improbable – unlikely to occur within one training session.

The following is a list hazards / events to be considered as part of this Risk Assessment. These hazards / events are related to the risks associated to contracting COVID-19 before, during and after playing badminton at Oxford High School for Girls.

The Risk Assessment will be reviewed in light of any changes to governmental guidelines and additionally by the club, if it is felt necessary to update the Risk Assessment.

Whilst COVID-19 restrictions ease nationally, the threat of COVID-19 still exists, especially in the Oxford city area. This guidance may not be enforceable, but GHBC asks all players to adhere to these principles for their own safety, those of your fellow club members and visiting players.

This Risk Assessment has been conducted in line this guidance to help maintain the safety GHBC players and visiting players. GHBC urges you to be mindful of these risks and be considerate towards those around you.

1. General Conduct and Behaviours of club members and visiting players

Identified Risk	Risk Level	Mitigation	New Risk Level
<p>Wearing of Masks – entering and leaving the school buildings. COVID-19 particles can remain in the air for periods of time.</p> <p>The wearing of face masks not only provides some protect to the wearer, but also provides protection to those around the wearer.</p>	Low	Because the school premises are a closed building with limited air flow, GHBC would recommend that all players wear suitable face masks upon entering or leaving the school buildings.	Low
<p>Wearing of Masks – in between games. COVID-19 particles can remain in the air for periods of time.</p> <p>The wearing of face masks not only provides some protect to the wearer, but also provides protection to those around the wearer.</p>	Medium	Because the school premises are a closed building with limited air flow, GHBC would recommend that all players wear suitable face masks in between games whilst waiting to go on court for their next game.	Low
<p>Social Distancing – entering and leaving the school buildings and in between games. COVID-19 particles can be transmitted from one person to another during close proximity.</p>	Medium	<p>Because the school premises are a closed building with limited air flow, GHBC would recommend that all players socially distance as best as they can.</p> <p><u>ACTION:</u></p> <p>GHBC will urge players to spread out throughout the areas around all courts. Benches will be placed strategically around all courts to help to socially distance.</p> <p><u>ACTION:</u></p> <p>Players should avoid congregating in one location. Players should place playing equipment, bags and drinks safely around all courts to help to socially distance</p>	Low

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Physical Contact – on and off court. COVID-19 particles can be transmitted from one person to another during physical contact.	High	Physical contact should be avoided at any stage on or off court. At the end of games, hand shaking should be avoided. Instead, grateful acknowledgment should be made at social distance. <u>ACTION:</u> GHBC will provide hand sanitiser at the end of each court. Players are urged to use the hand sanitiser at the start and end of each game.	Low
COVID-19 Status. There are a number of COVID-19 symptoms to be aware of. These include (but not limited to), a high temperature, a new continuous cough and a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste. Additionally, you may be asymptomatic or show other symptoms not listed above.	Very High	GHBC care for all the players of the club, but the general health and wellbeing of individual members and visitors is the responsibility of that individual. The following ACTION is the responsibility of the individual. <u>INDIVIDUAL'S ACTION:</u> If you think you have symptoms stay at home and take a PCR test (in line with Government guidance). The consequence of NOT confirming to this could have serious repercussions for the individual, all players attending that evening and potentially the entire club. PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND THOSE AROUND YOU.	High
Vaccine Status. Vaccination is known to significantly reduce your chance of being infected with COVID-19 and also transmitting COVID-19 to others.	High	<u>INDIVIDUAL'S ACTION:</u> In line with Government guidance: Get vaccinated if you're 16 or over. IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN VACCINATED, PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND THOSE AROUND YOU.	Medium

2. Setting up the school sports hall prior to players entering

Identified Risk	Risk Level	Mitigation	New Risk Level
Setting up courts using badminton net-posts stored in the school – posts may have been handled by multiple people.	High	<p><u>ACTION:</u> All posts to be cleaned with appropriate disinfectant prior to court set up at the beginning of each playing session.</p> <p>To limit the possibility of cross contamination, as few people as practical from GHBC is to set up posts and nets (thereby limiting the contact with equipment to as few people as possible).</p>	Low
Setting up courts using nets – nets may have been handled by multiple people.	High	<p><u>No action.</u> Nets are kept by GHBC in a closed container and in a secured location. Nets will only have been touched at times of court set up and court set down.</p>	Low
Setting up courts by providing shuttlecocks – shuttlecocks may have been handled by multiple people.	High	<p><u>No action.</u> Shuttlecocks are kept by GHBC in a closed container and in a secured location.</p> <p><u>ACTION:</u> GHBC will provide hand sanitiser at the end of each court. Players are urged to use the hand sanitiser at the start and end of each game to reduce the risk whilst handling common shuttlecocks.</p>	Low
The school sports hall and common touch points have been handled by multiple people.	Very High	<p><u>ACTION:</u> All door hands and common touch points are to be sanitised prior to use by GHBC.</p>	Low

3. Players entering the school sports hall

Identified Risk	Risk Level	Mitigation	New Risk Level
Unknown numbers of players of unknown COVID-19 status may come to play at the school.	Very high	<p>ACTION:</p> <p>Whilst GHBC will not control numbers of player attending a session, all players will be made aware of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If you think you have symptoms stay at home and take a PCR test (in line with Government guidance). - If you have been asked to self-isolate stay at home (in line with Government guidance). Do not attend the training session until allowed to do so. - All players will be made aware of the GHBC COVID-19 precautions. It is our expectation that ALL players (club member, visitors and first time attendees) adhere to GHBC guidance. 	Medium
Using the school's facilities (changing rooms, toilets and showers).	High	<p>ACTION:</p> <p>Player must already be dressed in appropriate sportswear when they arrive at the school. Changing facilities will NOT be provided at the school.</p> <p>Toilet facilities should be allowed for badminton players only (at the time of play). Any other users of the school facilities at the time of play should have segregated toilet different from those used for badminton players (this is dependent on available school facilities)</p> <p>Players must also bring their own playing equipment (e.g. rackets, trainers, water bottle, towels etc).</p>	Low

4. Player personal information

Identified Risk	Risk Level	Mitigation	New Risk Level
Will player information be shared with anyone?	Low	<p><u>ACTION:</u> The GHBC COVID-19 Officer will maintain records of all players for all sessions. This information will not be share with anyone outside the GHBC Committee, except in the case of medical emergency.</p>	Low

5. Player to player contact during play

Identified Risk	Risk Level	Mitigation	New Risk Level
Players entering the school.	High	<p><u>ACTION:</u> Upon entering the school sports hall all players will be asked to sanitize their hand with a sanitizer provided by GHBC. Additionally, players will be asked to sanitizer their hands before and after each court game (sanitizers will be provided).</p>	Low
Players at sessions touching door handles, school facilities and badminton equipment.	Very High	<p><u>ACTION:</u> All door hands and common touch points are to be sanitised prior to use by GHBC.</p> <p><u>ACTION:</u> Players to be provided with sanitizers by GHBC.</p> <p><u>ACTION:</u> Players to be instructed to only use their own equipment and not share badminton rackets, water bottles, towels etc.</p>	Medium

Identified Risk	Risk Level	Mitigation	New Risk Level
During play, shuttlecocks may have been handled by multiple people.	Very high	<p><u>ACTION:</u> GHBC will provide hand sanitiser at the end of each court. Players are urged to use the hand sanitiser at the start and end of each game to reduce the risk whilst handling common shuttlecocks.</p>	Medium

6. Who can play with who?

Identified Risk	Risk Level	Mitigation	New Risk Level
Doubles games (and singles games) organisation.	High	<p><u>No Action:</u> With consideration of current Government guidance, easing of restrictions and other mitigations described in this Risk Assessment, normal player selection will resume (peg board selection).</p> <p><u>ACTION:</u> The peg board will be sanitised at least at the start and end of each session (COVID-19 Officer may also choose to sanitise the peg board during the session).</p>	Medium

7. Setting down courts using posts touched by multiple players

Identified Risk	Risk Level	Mitigation	New Risk Level
Setting down courts after play.	Medium	<p><u>ACTION:</u></p> <p>The number of people setting down courts should be kept to a minimum (only one player from the last match played on that court).</p> <p>Prior to setting down the court, that player should sanitise their hands.</p> <p>After setting down that court, the player should sanitise their hands again.</p>	Low

8. In the event of injury during play

Identified Risk	Risk Level	Mitigation	New Risk Level
<p>Cross infection whilst treating an injury</p>	<p>High</p>	<p><u>ACTION:</u> Any treatment will primarily be self-management, with the COVID-19 Office (on the night) maintaining social distancing at all times. If contact is deemed absolutely necessary, based on a significant risk to the injured player, the injured player is to be given a face mask to wear during treatment. The COVID-19 Officer must sanitise their hands before, during (if necessary) and after dealing with a first aid situation. The COVID-19 Officer must also wear adequate PPE equipment. The COVID-19 Officer should avoid hand-mouth or hand-eye contact, wherever possible. The COVID-19 Officer should disinfect equipment before and after any first aid incident. Note: The following PPE will be provided for the First Aider and injured player:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Protective medical Gloves - Face masks for general first aid 	<p>Medium</p>

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Reporting any injury during play	Medium	<p><u>ACTION:</u></p> <p>COVID-19 Officer (on the night) must complete the Accident & Incident Report Form. The injured player <u>must</u> not handle / touch the Report Form.</p> <p>Note: The injured player and COVID-19 Officer may, in any given circumstance, be the same person. In this case, direct contact with other persons, touching or first aid equipment and Accident & Incident Report Form <u>must</u> be minimized</p>	Low
Provision for Resuscitation (CRP)	Very High	<p><u>ACTION:</u></p> <p>The first things to do are shout for help and dial 999. Recognize cardiac arrest by looking for the absence of signs of life and the absence of normal breathing. Do not listen or feel for breathing by placing your ear and cheek close to the patient's mouth. If you are in any doubt about confirming cardiac arrest, the default position is to start chest compressions until help arrives.</p>	Medium
	High	<p>Make sure an ambulance is on its way. If COVID 19 is suspected, tell them when you call 999.</p> <p>If there is a perceived risk of infection, rescuers should place a cloth / towel over the victim's mouth and nose and attempt compression only CPR and early defibrillation until the ambulance (or advanced care team) arrives. Put hands together in the middle of the chest and push hard and fast.</p>	Medium

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Provision for Resuscitation (CRP) – from the perspective of the First Aider	Medium	After performing compression-only CPR, the COVID-19 Officer should disinfect their hands with sanitizer. They should also seek advice from the NHS 111 coronavirus advice service or medical adviser.	Low

GHBC provides this Risk Assessment as a way of easing out of Government restriction. Whilst GHBC makes every precaution to provide a safe environment for all players, it is an expectation that all GHBC members, visiting players and first-time attendees take responsibility for their actions and the consequences to themselves and other around them.

This Risk Assessment will continue to be revised as Government guidance changes and as GHBC sees fit to provide a safe environment for all players.