



## Return to Play – Latest update 06.11.2020

### END OF FIREBREAK IN WALES

With Wales exiting the 17-day Firebreak on Monday 9th November all leisure facilities can re-open in accordance with the Welsh Government Guidelines. Squash Clubs/courts are also allowed to re-open.

#### **Note**

- Matches are now only permitted from players in the same household or players from their extended household.
- Players not from the same household or extended household can only play social distance squash/routines or solo practice.
- You can play sport or exercise in a group of up to 30 people outdoors or 15 people indoors, if this is part of an organised activity managed for example by a gym, a leisure centre or a sports club. Children aged under 11 and those organising the activity (such as coaches) are not included in these numbers, but the organisers will need to take **all reasonable measures to reduce the risk of spreading the virus.**

All clubs and players are urged to read the updated FAQs from the Welsh Government specifically for the new restrictions [here](#)

Squash Wales are also reminding all clubs to confirm they have read, understood and applied the guidance we have provided as part of our duty of care in relation to Covid-19.

All clubs are further reminded to send Squash Wales contact details of their respective Covid-19 Officer.

If you require any additional support, or have any questions, please feel free to contact us. [info@squash.wales](mailto:info@squash.wales)

## Be Active Fund

Launched Tuesday 07th July 2020 – the Be Active Wales Fund to support grassroots, sport and physical activity in Wales. £4 million lifeline fund launched to save a rebuild community sport. The grant funding has been made possible thanks to Welsh Government and re purposed money from the national lottery, which continues to be one of Welsh sports biggest supporters. Further information can be found [here](#)

### Activity Summary

- Senior Elite athletes training is ongoing at SWNC under strict COVID guidelines.
- Squash Wales South Junior Academy Weekly Training Night to start 10th November under strict COVID guidelines.
- Squash Wales Mid/North Junior Academy Weekly Training Night to start 10th November under strict COVID guidelines.
- Squash Wales held its first Regional Academy Squads on 16th October in Newtown and under strict COVID guidelines.
- Squash Wales continued to run the virtual squash sessions with Derek Ryan. (PSA Lead Physio)
- Joel Makin and Tesni Evans are both ranked inside the Top 10 in the Latest PSA World Rankings (Nov 1st)
- Squash Wales held a successful Coaches Network Webinar giving all our active coaches a platform to share and learn insight from one and other.
- Squash Wales 2 new Regional Development Officers started work on 26th October 2020.

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- Squash Wales continue to update coaches' corner. This section of the website is updated weekly with new information to help guide and support all our members through this lockdown period. Find it [here](#)
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*Squash Wales are here to support our members during these difficult times.*

*Please get in touch with us if you have any concerns or questions.*

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