

Squash Wales

Return to Play – Latest update 14.09.2020



Squash Wales welcomes the latest Welsh Government guidelines in a phased return to Sport published on 4th September

All clubs are urged to read the updated guidelines specifically the section relating to:

[Indoor sports and leisure facilities.](#)

Key issues

- Impact of current regulations
- Guidance for sports, clubs and facilities

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 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

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 at <https://www.sport.wales/beactivewalesfund/>

Local Lockdowns

The current situation in Wales is changing almost on a daily basis. Currently parts of Wales are experiencing local lockdowns. Clubs need to be aware of players playing within their clubs from these areas and the guidelines from the Welsh Government in relation to essential travel.

All clubs are urged to read the updated guidelines specifically to these local lockdowns

<https://gov.wales/local-coronavirus-rules-caerphilly-county-borough>

League Squash in Wales

Squash Wales has also published an update on league squash in Wales

It has been decided that the 19/20 season will be declared null and void and no promotion, relegation or otherwise will be applied.

Read the full report [here](#)

Future League Play

The League Panel and Squash Wales will continue to monitor the Welsh Government regulations and when regulations permit league play, a programme of fixtures (and any amended regulations) will be created to fit the timeline available.

General

- Squash Wales Covid-19 update: <https://www.squash.wales/covid-19/>

Player

- Senior Elite athletes training is ongoing at SWNC under strict COVID guidelines.
- Squash Wales South Junior Academy Weekly Training Night to start 15th September under strict COVID guidelines.
- Squash Wales Mid/North Junior Academy Weekly Training Night to start 6th October under strict COVID guidelines.
- Squash Wales Junior National Squads to start 19th September under strict COVID guidelines.
- 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. <https://www.squash.wales/coaching/coaches-corner/>

Support

- **Be Active Fund.** £4million Sport Wales funding available: at <https://www.sport.wales/beactivewalesfund/>
- **Welsh Sports Association:** www.wsa.wales (contact info@squash.wales for club login details).
- **Club Solutions website** Continues to offer practical advice for clubs and is a great tool to support and guide clubs through the pandemic. <http://www.clubolutions.wales/>

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.

Please distribute this email to all your members within your club.

Any further information required contact Squash Wales: info@squash.wales

Squash Wales AGM Sept2020

- As Phil Brailey was required to stand down from the post of Chair in accordance with the Squash Wales Articles of Association, Richard Bennett has been appointed as Chair, and Phil Brailey remains on the Board and was appointed as Governance Director.
- Richard Bennett presented a new initiative to include player representation on the Board of Directors. There will be a Junior (Under 20) member, and a Senior member representative. They will be appointed by the Board from proposals submitted by clubs or Counties. The post will be ex-officio and no voting rights, but they will be expected to contribute to discussions on all Board matters. Clubs and Counties are requested to submit applications to Squash Wales in the first instance to info@squash.wales
- The minutes of the AGM can be found [here](#)

Squash Wales Affiliation Fees:

- Squash Wales, in accordance with their new strategy, had developed a new affiliation model. This would be presented to the Counties for their buy in post the AGM. One of the elements of this model includes the decision to not charge any affiliation fees for Squash Wales until April 2021.
- The Board will be reaching out to County executives and all clubs to present the new proposal in the coming weeks. Upon completion of the consultation process a final, updated membership model will be presented to the membership

Dave Rees

- Squash Wales are saddened to announce the recent passing of board member Dave Rees. Dave was also a very active member of Rhiwbina, and a South Glamorgan committee member. Condolences go out to his wife Karen, daughter Tara and all his family.