

# Club Re-opening for Play

**By order of the Edmonton Squash Club Board of Directors**

June 20, 2020

To all ESC members,

**The club will be OPEN for play starting on Monday June 22, 2020**

The Edmonton Squash Club will re-open on June 22 under the Government of Alberta's Phase 2 COVID-19 restrictions. This is exciting for us all. At the same time, all members will be required to follow new bio-safety procedures to ensure to protect the health of members and our staff. As such the club will be operating within a new set of policies until the government relaxes all COVID-19 restrictions.

The ESC Board of Directors and staff are carefully monitoring the re-opening, restricted operations, and member adherence to the new COVID-19 policies and procedures. Individuals not following these will be asked to leave the club facilities and may be suspended for a period of time.

Key changes during restricted operations (a full description is attached below):

- The club is open to members only (no guests). Courts must be booked in advance
- Members must check in with staff at the front desk
- No access to locker rooms, there will be no towel services so bring your own towel
- Members can play only with others in their Sports-pod (see details)
- Play is restricted to 2 players per court (no cut-throat or doubles for the moment)
- Six-foot physical distance must be maintained at all times when not on the court

Our priority is to ensure a safe environment where members can play squash, stay fit, and enjoy the benefits of our member community. COVID-19 policies will be relaxed as we gain confidence in the safety of our operations.

**On behalf of the Board of Directors,  
Patrick Binns, Chair**

# Policies for COVID-19 Restricted Play

Revised June 20, 2020

The following describes procedures to be followed by members while the club is operating under government of Alberta restrictions related to the Covid-19 pandemic. Please check the website for any updates as these restrictions are subject to change on short notice.

The club will be open between 10am and 9pm Mon-Fri and 10am and 4pm Sat-Sun, with the last court booking taking place one hour before closing. The club will be staffed at all times to ensure the rules are followed and to address any member needs. Members not following ESC policies and procedures will be asked to leave ESC premises – their membership may be suspended.

- The club is open to members in good standing only. Courts must be booked in advance (online)
  - Members must check in with staff at the front desk
  - No access to locker rooms, there will be no towel services so bring your own (sweat) towel
  - Members can play only with others in their Sports pod (see details)
  - Play is restricted to 2 players per court (no cut-throat or doubles for the moment)
  - Six-foot physical distance must be maintained at all times when not on the court
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- Court bookings will be opened at 9am Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - Food and beverage services are open with a restricted menu
  - The water fountain behind the doubles court will be closed. Please bring your own water
  - Access to the second floor is restricted

## On Arrival

You are required to swipe your FOB at the entrance. This is required as part of our requirement to track individuals using the club. On entering the club, you must sanitize your hands, and proceed to the front desk where staff will provide information on any changes to our operational procedures.

Any individual displaying any of the following symptoms must not enter the club and should consult the AHS Covid-19 Self-assessment for further instructions. Any individuals showing symptoms will be asked to leave immediately.

Fever	Painful swallowing	Loss of sense of taste or smell
Cough	Runny nose	Muscle/joint aches
Shortness of Breath	Feeling unwell	Headache
Sore throat	Nausea/Vomiting/Diarrhea	Conjunctivitis/Pink eye
Chills	Loss of appetite	

Individuals must refrain from entering the club if 1) anyone within their household has returned from travel outside of Canada in the last 14 days (e.g. quarantined); and 2) anyone within their household has been in close unprotected contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Please arrive in your squash gear. Outdoor shoes may be worn in the club provided they are not soiled. If soiled, please remove your shoes in the entrance vestibule and place them in the bags provided and keep them with your squash bag. The shoe racks are not to be used.

Your squash bag should be placed in the designated storage area, not on tables or other furniture.

Locker rooms are closed. At your first visit staff will escort you to the lockers to remove your gear.

### **Sport-pods**

Alberta's COVID-19 restrictions include the definition of sport-pods, a group of players (less than 50) that can interact during play. The board of the ESC has decided to take a gradual/measured approach to reopening with sport-pods limited to 10 players. A player can play matches or do drills only with other individuals in the Sport-pod. **An individual can only belong to one Sport-pod** as per Alberta Health Services requirements.

Please designate a Sport-pod captain and define a name for the pod so the front desk staff can coordinate and record the pod's membership. Sport-pod enrolment will be maintained by Nic and John. They can be reached by email at [admin@edmontonsquashclub.ca](mailto:admin@edmontonsquashclub.ca) or [jcdevries08@gmail.com](mailto:jcdevries08@gmail.com).

If you do not join a Sport-pod you will be allowed to solo hit or play with a member of the same household. Members of the same household must be declared and forwarded to Nic or John by email in advance of booking a court.

### **Booking a Court**

Court bookings require the name of both players. Players must both be part of the same Sports-pod or shared household. All solo bookings need to be booked as a 'solo-play' booking.

If a booking does not follow these guidelines, the booking will be cancelled and players will be warned once. Subsequent non-conformance will result in a court-booking suspension.

### **Courtside**

Court bookings have been changed to staggered one-hour slots. This is to reduce congestion outside the courts and at the front desk. Play is limited to 45 minutes after which the court will remain empty for 15 minutes in order for aerosol particles to settle prior to the next players entering the court.

Intentional touching the court walls (e.g. wiping your hand) is not permitted at any time.

Bring your own ball or purchase one from the front desk. The ball buckets have been removed.

Players on the court are required to disinfect the court after play using provided equipment. This includes door handles on both sides of the glass door. Instructions will be posted on the court.

Children under the age of 12 must be supervised at all times by someone who is not on the court.

Players should maintain physical distancing at all times when not on the court.

Soft-furniture (e.g. couches) are not to be used until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

### **Food and Beverage**

Food and beverage services are available to members in the area behind the doubles court.

Members can socialize with other members in same Sports-pod with no more than 6 people to a table. Tables and chairs set in this area are not be moved unless approved by the staff on shift.

## **Thank You Volunteers!**

A BIG thanks to the volunteers who have helped the ESC through the club closure. Be sure to visit the club (and share a beer) to see the new paint and renovations to the courts and the courtside areas.

Jim Soneff	Ibrahim Elserafy	Geoff McNeil
Akiyah Clements	Pierre Boucher	Donna McWhinnie
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Mark Beaton	Joe Mann	Cecelia Hay
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