

Hanney Tennis Club: Risk Assessment (RA) for renewal of Club Sessions as Covid-Secure Club Sessions ('CSCS')

Prepared 12/9/20 by D Gahan

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Reviewed:

Changes:

Applicable definitions, rules and documents referenced:

The following documents/codes/guidelines are referenced and taken to be included as an integral part of this Risk Assessment (RA).

The Risk Assessment and any proposed rules herein will be compliant in all respects with the documents referenced unless noted as an 'Exception'.

1. Hanney Tennis Club standing Rules (as amended by the committee from time to time)
2. Hanney Tennis Club rules on Covid conduct as displayed on notice boards at the Club
 - a. Exception: where toilet facilities are explicitly authorised for 'Covid-Secure Club Sessions' (CSCS)
3. LTA guidance on <https://www.lta.org.uk/globalassets/news/2020/lta-guidance-for-tennis-venues---covid-19.pdf> and <https://www.lta.org.uk/globalassets/news/2020/lta-guidance-for-tennis-players---covid-19.pdf> or any updates to these
4. HMG guidance on <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-phased-return-of-sport-and-recreation/guidance-for-the-public-on-the-phased-return-of-outdoor-sport-and-recreation#organising-outdoor-sport-and-physical-activity-events> or any updates to these
5. Any committee member aware of a change in LTA or government guidance will flag this to the Chairman and CSCS Leaders
6. No player may attend CSCS if they have symptoms suggestive of Covid-19 namely a fever/temperature of 37.8 or above, a new continuous cough or a loss of, or change in, their sense of taste or smell, or are subject to stay at home and/or quarantine restrictions

CSCS Definition: Club Sessions organized according to the rules of this RA and with a **CSCS Leader** on Tuesday evening, Sunday morning or additional sessions required due to popularity or weather rearrangement.

CSCS Leaders Definition: a HTC member fully consonant with this RA and rules therein, responsible to the Committee for conduct within a CSCS and adherence to the rules. Initially these are: D Gahan, H Evans, K Horwell.

Numbers for CSCS

Verbatim guidance from LTA as of 12/9/20 is as follows:

ORGANISED ACTIVITY [NEW] The government has confirmed that organised activity for larger groups, including coached sessions, club nights and competitions is permitted as an exception to the limit of six, provided the activity is in accordance with the COVID-19 Secure guidelines published by the LTA for venues, coaches, players and competitions. The Government has made it clear that organised larger group tennis activity is only permitted where this is the case. Any organised larger group tennis activity is only permitted subject to a thorough risk assessment and event delivery plan, taking into consideration the relevant LTA and Government guidance, and where clear and appropriate risk mitigation measures are in place. Larger group sessions may need to utilise multiple full-size courts in order to maintain social distancing, depending on the local environment and risk assessment. Where space and number of courts available is limited, then based on your risk assessment only smaller group sessions may be possible. Coaches should refer to the LTA's recommended coach:player ratios for more specific guidance v The LTA recommends no more than 12 players on one full-size tennis court.

Subject to the acceptance of this RA, the maximum number of persons for a HTC CSCS shall be 10 persons. Members who wish to participate should book places at the CSCS with the Leader by email in advance. Participants up to 7 persons may freely rotate between courts. For 8 to 10 persons, they shall be grouped into two groups A and B and not mix, remaining on an allocated court and using court-specific balls (provided by participants or HTC). The CSCS Leader shall be responsible for:

- Controlling numbers by use of email (or other) confirmation that space is available
- Allocating into groups on arrival
- Recording names by group and communicating to the Membership Secretary for Track and Trace purposes (and also for lighting billing)

Additional Hygiene Measures

- 2m social distancing should be maintained at all times
- The CSCS Leader should encourage players to use hand sanitiser both before and after play
- Players may change ends as normal but should avoid 'crossing', eg by doing so in a clockwise direction
- LTA guidance specifically acknowledges that toilet facilities may be opened; due to site specific reasons the key should be retained by the CSCC Leader and given at need. Users should be reminded to wash their hands and use hand-gel before and after using the facilities and decontaminate anything they have touched with the Dettol Cleansing Surface Wipes.

Venue Specific Elements

Note: LTA guidance on toilet facilities is as follows:

INDOOR FACILITIES: Indoor courts and other indoor facilities such as changing rooms and gyms are able to open – subject to specific guidance detailed on the Government website. This guidance should be read in full and any necessary measures implemented before any indoor facility is opened. v Guidance provided around recreational play and group coaching is applicable for indoor venues, as well as outdoor venues. However, particular care should be taken in the production of a detailed risk assessment, to take into account the venue-specific considerations around indoor courts, access points and surrounding areas. Where toilet facilities are opened, particular care should be taken by those using them and those cleaning them.

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed	Controls Required	Additional Controls	Action by who?	Action by when?	Approved/Done	Notes
Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus due to contact with contaminated surfaces	Members, players and visitors Vulnerable groups – Elderly, Pregnant those with existing underlying health conditions.	<u>Hand Sanitising before and after play or use of toilets</u> Players should use hand-gel before these actions Anyone using the toilet to use the Dettol Cleansing Surface Wipes to clean the door handle, loo handle, light switch and anything else touched after use before reapplying hand sanitiser	The toilet facilities at HTC are small and not in general use during Covid special measures. However, it is recognised that some members have a particular medical need to have access to a toilet. The Clubhouse key should be available and held by the CSCS Leader for use when requested. Key to be furnished. Posters, leaflets and other materials displayed.	CSCS Leader	By first CSCS session post 13/09/20	Approved by Hanney Tennis Club Committee 14/09/20	
Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus due to proximity	As above	<u>Controls on numbers</u> HTC court surrounds are restricted; players not on court may be in close proximity to one another.	Players should be encouraged not to 'cross' when changing ends	CSCS Leader	By first CSCS session post 13/09/20	Approved by Hanney Tennis Club Committee 14/09/20	