



Dear Player or Parent/Guardian

In accordance with Basketball England and Government guidance, the Covid-19 pandemic suspended all Basketball activities with the Club.

It is intended that the Club will resume Basketball activities when the risk levels from the pandemic have reduced in accordance with Basketball England and Government Guidance. The current version of the Return to Play Guidance (**RTPG**) document can be seen at <https://www.basketballengland.co.uk/news/basketball-england-launch-return-to-play-guidance/>

From the 4th August, 'Response Level 2' was reached where indoor training and competition could be resumed.

To minimise the risks from Covid-19 when Basketball activities resume the Club will undertake to implement the guidance of the RTPG document.

In particular the Club has, or will: -

- Appoint a Club Covid officer who can be contacted at [covid@blackhawks.co.uk](mailto:covid@blackhawks.co.uk)
- Distribute to all senior members and parents/guardians of Junior members this 'Return to Play' letter that sets out the actions required to allow play to resume safely
- Liaise with venues to advise them of the Club's procedures and to be made aware of any venue specific requirements
- Implement hygiene measures
- Implement screening requirements, retaining records as appropriate in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations
- If the Club is informed that a member develops Covid-19, members who have been in contact with the affected person will be informed and Basketball activities will be suspended as appropriate
- Monitor, review and amend its policy on returning to Basketball activities.

The Club asks players or parents/guardians to: -

- Read the attached 'Club Members Covid-19 risk information sheet' to understand to risks associated with Covid-19
- Consider if you or anybody you have been in contact with exhibit any Covid-19 related symptoms
- Arrive at any training or playing venue ready to play in kit with full water bottles - changing rooms and water fountains will not be available
- Undertake screening outside the venue before entering, respecting any instruction from the person undertaking the screening
- While in the venue undertake hygiene requirements as instructed by the coach or team manager
- At the end of the session ensure you have collected and disposed of your rubbish and wiped down all equipment with alcohol-based wipes
- Advise the Club if members subsequently develop Covid-19 or any symptoms.

Thank you for joining us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask your Team Manager, Coach or any Senior Committee Member.

**Dan North**

Head of Senior Basketball



## Club Members COVID-19 Risk Information

**PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD RISK INFORMATION**

This information sheet aims to inform you of those who are most at risk should they contract Covid-19. You should identify whether you or a member of your household is at higher risk. If you are, please discuss the risk of returning to basketball with your GP and your Club Covid Officer to make an informed decision as to whether returning to group basketball is appropriate and safe for you and your family. While research around risk is ongoing, we simply hope to inform you so you can make the right decision for you and your household.

If any of the following statements apply to you or a household member, then this means that either you or a household members risk is increased. If it applies to a household member then you need to discuss it with your GP and the household member to make a decision on if a return to basketball is appropriate in a group setting, as it is possible to pass on the virus to a more vulnerable individual.

Should any of the above statements apply to you or your household, please notify your COVID officer and speak to your GP to allow you to make an informed decision that protects you and your household.

**Statements apply to YOU or your HOUSEHOLD**

Had a solid organ transplant

Undergoing treatment currently or in last 6 months for any cancer

Currently taking or in the last 6 months have taken immunosuppressant medication

Have a respiratory condition including all cystic fibrosis, severe asthma and severe chronic obstructive pulmonary (COPD)

Have any rare diseases or inborn errors of metabolism that significantly increase the risk of infections (such as Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID), homozygous sickle cell)

Pregnant

Aged 70 or older

*Have one or more of the underlying health conditions listed below:*

- Chronic (long-term) mild to moderate respiratory diseases, such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), emphysema or bronchitis
- Chronic heart disease, such as heart failure
- Chronic kidney disease
- Chronic liver disease, such as hepatitis
- Chronic neurological conditions, such as Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis (MS), or cerebral palsy
- Diabetes
- A weakened immune system as the result of conditions such as HIV and AIDS, or medicines such as steroid tablets
- Being seriously overweight (a body mass index (BMI) of 40 or above)

Are you providing caring responsibilities for anyone meeting any of the above criteria?