

Scottish Open Badminton Championships 2021

Covid-19 Protocols



Emergency Procedure

If you become ill with a suspected COVID-19 case whilst at the event, please call Peter Dean (+44 7923 229560) or Nicky Waterson (+44 7398 121009) who will then enact the emergency COVID-19 protocols.

A self-testing lateral flow/antigen kit will be provided to you. In the venue we will have a specific isolated space for this. You will need to remain in isolation for 30 minutes until the test result is known. If the result is positive, you will need to remain in isolation in your hotel room (if you test positive in the venue you will need to remain in isolation while we make suitable arrangements to transport you to your accommodation).

The organisers of the Scottish Open cannot be held liable for additional costs relating to a positive Covid-19 test, for example (but not limited to) additional accommodation or medical costs arising.

General Information

- Please note, regulations and guideline are subject to change depending on the latest advice, guidelines and laws set out by the Scottish and British governments. Badminton Scotland will always attempt to publish the latest information on www.badmintonscotland.org.uk where possible but the most relevant source of official information is always the [Scottish Government website](https://www.gov.uk).
- Do not travel if you feel unwell or have any covid symptoms. You will be asked to confirm you are symptom-free on arrival.
- Observe the rules of cough hygiene and regularly wash your hands with soap/warm water
- Hand sanitiser is available around the venue and should be used regularly. It is also advised to bring your own and use frequently.
- 1m social distancing to be maintained whenever possible.
- It is recommended that players, coaches and technical officials do not socialise and follow the principles of social distancing when possible.
- Please don't share equipment.

International travel, managed isolation and vaccination

The Scottish Open Badminton Championships is a specified competition listed on the Scottish Government's Schedule 3A of the International Travel Regulations and therefore elite sportspeople and essential support staff who are travelling to Scotland to participate in the event are exempt from some of the usual regulations surrounding self-isolation and Covid-19 testing.

The terms of this exemption depend on vaccination status and participants are also required to satisfy certain regulations. Guidance on international travel has already been widely circulated to all nations who have players competing at the 2021 Scottish Open. The latest information can be found on the Scottish Government's website at the links below.

All participants (players, coaches, support staff, volunteers, umpires and linejudges) from all countries **MUST** follow these guidelines and it is the responsibility of each person to make sure they keep up to date with the latest information.

- [Overview of regulations](#)
- [Check whether you are vaccinated with an approved vaccine](#)
- [Check the requirements to enter Scotland](#) (once you have clicked the link, go to "elite sportspeople" for a list of requirements for people participating in the Scottish Open)
- [Fill in a passenger location form](#)

Please note, participants travelling from overseas will also need to provide the same information regarding vaccination status/test results to officials at the Scottish Open in order to gain entrance to the Emirates Arena.

Additionally, regardless of the official government regulations in place, the organisers of the Scottish Open may require you to provide a negative test result using a lateral flow/antigen test before arriving at Emirates Arena. Test kits will be provided to you for this purpose if you are unable to provide one for yourself.

Travel within Scotland and from other parts of the UK, Ireland and the Crown Dependencies

Travel within the UK, and to the Republic of Ireland, Isle of Man, Jersey and Guernsey, is not counted as international travel. This means that you do not need to test, isolate or fill in a passenger locator form if:

- you're travelling to Scotland from England, Wales, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Isle of Man, Jersey or Guernsey
- you have not travelled anywhere other than these areas in the 10 days before you arrive in Scotland

For players or officials from Scotland, England, Wales, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Isle of Man, Jersey or Guernsey, in order to enter the Emirates Arena you will need to provide the organisers with either:

- evidence that you are [fully vaccinated](#) or
- evidence of a 2 negative lateral flow/antigen test results from the preceding 24 hours before arriving at the Scottish Open (the first test 24 hours prior to arrival, and the second on the morning you are due to arrive at the venue).

Transport

- Transport will only be provided for people who have booked into the official tournament hotel (Jury's Inn) through our accommodation partner Crème Conferences. [Click here for further information.](#)
- By law, it is mandatory for everyone aged 12 or older to wear face coverings in Scotland when on public transport such as coaches or trains. This rule also applies to official Scottish Open transportation and therefore masks must be worn on all official transportation.
- Players/coaches should only sit next to each other on transport if they are from the same country.
- Players/coaches must wear accreditation on official transport.
- We recommend that windows are kept open on transport to increase ventilation.

Hotel

- By law, it is mandatory for everyone aged 12 or older to wear face coverings in Scotland when in public areas such as common areas of hotels.
- Face coverings can be removed when sitting down in a hospitality venue such as a pub, café or restaurant, but only when eating or drinking.
- All players / coaches must adhere to any specific regulations set by their respective hotels.

Competition Venue

- The organisers may decide to undertake temperature tests on players and officials entering the Emirates Arena.
- The organisers may also wish to undertake lateral flow/antigen Covid-19 testing while at the Emirates Arena. If testing is undertaken, the organisers will provide test kits for all overseas players and officials. Players and officials from Scotland, or any other part of the UK, are required to provide their own test kits (further information regarding lateral flow testing can be found below).
- It is compulsory to wear face coverings at **ALL TIMES** while in the Emirates Arena. The only exceptions to this are for players who are competing, training or warming up and for umpires while officiating.
- The Team Manager Meeting and Umpire Briefings will be delivered in person at the Emirates Arena on Wednesday 24 November. Social distancing of 1m will be in place for both meetings and face coverings should be worn at all times.
- Technical Officials are encouraged to social distance where possible while in the TO seating area.
- All Volunteers & Officials are encouraged to social distance where possible while in the canteen.

- There will be separate seating areas for spectators, players and Technical Officials. These areas will be clearly marked and all parties should only sit in the relevant areas.
- Changing, showers and toilets will be available but players are encouraged to arrive at the venue ready to compete where possible.

Match Protocols

- It is compulsory to wear face coverings at **ALL TIMES** while in the Emirates Arena. The only exceptions to this are for players who are competing, training or warming up, and for umpires while officiating.
- Players and coaches should arrive at the venue a maximum 1 hour before their match and go back to the hotel as soon as all their matches are over.
- A maximum of 4 players should use each warm up court at the same time and only players with upcoming matches should use them.
- Each player/official will maintain social distancing when walking on/off court
- Players should stay on each side of the net at the service line for the toss while the umpire stays at the net
- No handshakes between players or officials at the beginning or end of a match
- Each player/pair is only allowed 1 coach while playing
- Shuttles will not be handled by officials. Shuttles will be available on both sides of the court for players to collect themselves.
- Boxes will be available at each side of the court for old shuttles to be deposited. Players are not to return old shuttles to service judge.
- Line Judges and Service Judge will wear mask for the duration of the match.

Ceremonials

- Physical Distancing should be maintained between players/pairs during medal ceremony
- Face masks are required during medal ceremony
- No handshakes will take place during medal ceremony
- Players will pick up their own medals and trophies

Covid-19 Lateral Flow/Antigen Testing

- If you are a player or official travelling from overseas, the organisers of the Scottish Open will provide all equipment and testing kits required for any required lateral flow/antigen testing.
- If you are from the UK, please bring a stock of lateral flow/antigen test kits with you to the event.
- For UK citizens only: Lateral flow tests can be ordered for free at the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> This website also provides a list of various places where lateral flow tests are freely available, for example a number of pharmacies.
- For UK citizens only: To report your test result you need to go to <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>. Each test kit has a QR code and ID number printed on it. Enter the relevant ID number and the other information that is requested, along with your mobile phone number, and you will automatically receive a text message confirming the result of the test. These text messages are the evidence we will be checking as proof of a negative result so please make sure you bring your phone with you to show us. When you report your first result it is possible to register and save your details on the site, to save you having to do so when you report subsequent test results.
- If you have had Covid-19 proven by a positive NHS test within the last 90 days before the event, you should **not** take a lateral flow test. Instead you should bring proof of this positive test to the venue (as long as the positive test has not occurred within the 10 days prior to the event, in which case you should not attend the event). If you are not able to provide this evidence, please contact Peter Dean (+44 7923 229560) as soon as possible to discuss alternative steps.