

NCNA WINTER LEAGUES 2021/22 RETURN TO COURT

1. Guidance Documentation

- EN Restart Guidance
- NCNA Risk Mitigation Strategy
- NUSA COVID Guidance
- Updated NCNA League Rules

‘COVID IS STILL AROUND EVEN IF MOST RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN LIFTED’

2. Changes from the NCNA Summer league

- Standard playing rules back in place
- No one way system in place at NUSA
- Spectators allowed – outside of courts only and socially distanced
- No COVID Monitors at league matches
- No covid related time limits for an individual’s daily playing time
- Matches back to 15 minutes each way
- Changing rooms opened (TBC – NUSA decision)
- NUSA QVR Code does not need to be used.

3. Things that will continue

- NCNA and all clubs have nominated COVID officers
- Risk assessment and risk mitigation strategy in place for the venue
- Everyone to continue to self assess their health before attending the leagues. Do not attend if you have symptoms or have tested positive or there is someone else in your household who tests positive.
- Need a register of everyone who has been present. Clubs are still responsible for everyone present being recorded for track and trace purposes. Score cards are back to normal but the checklist has space for all team bench names, i.e coaches, team managers, covid officers etc.
- Clubs/Teams are responsible for sharing messages about COVID with their members; and also for their members' behaviours in respect of these COVID safeguarding rules
- Sanitising of hands (players, scorers, umpires, team officials) before match and at intervals.
- Teams sanitise balls before match, during match and at intervals.
- Posts to be sanitised before matches and at all intervals. During play sanitising of posts should be done as directed by the umpire.
- Keep bib sharing to a minimum
- Everyone socially distances when not on court.

- Wear a face covering when in the NUSA building to go to the toilets etc.
- Disciplinary action can still be taken where COVID safeguarding rules are deliberately flouted. (From EN Restart Guidance)

4. Umpire Responsibilities

- Umpire the match to the standard rules.
- Give advice and gentle reminders to teams/clubs about sanitising, social distancing etc if they forget.
- Report any persistent COVID breaches during a match by clubs/teams to the League Secretary or County Covid officer.
- Enjoy yourself and stay safe!