

What is a 'squash bubble'?

Bubbles consist of a maximum of six players and players within a 'squash bubble' are permitted to play full-court matches with the following modifications:

- Only two players on court at one time.
 - Play best of three games.
 - Play first to 11 points, sudden-death at 10-all.
 - Use 'Sides' to maintain social distancing throughout the warm-up.
 - During each game, when the first player reaches five points, both players should wipe away excessive sweat, and sanitise their hands and the ball. Repeat between games.
 - The same player to serve / touch the ball during each half of a game, and at the halfway point, switch servers.
 - Players must wear protective eyewear or visor.
 - Players must not touch the court walls.
 - Players are not allowed to shout or raise their voice.
- Please maintain social distancing when not on court and continue follow your club's/venue's hygiene and cleaning policies.

How do I form a 'squash bubble'?

- Agree who is in your bubble with up to **five** other players.
- Inform your club/venue's COVID-19 Officer of the names of the players in your bubble.
- Confirm to your club/venue's COVID-19 Officer, in writing, that you have read and agree to follow the England Squash 'bubble' guidance within this page.
- Check with your club/venue's COVID-19 Officer that you are allowed to play before starting.
- You can only belong to one bubble at a time but following a seven-day break of playing full squash, you can switch once you've got agreement from your COVID-19 officer.

What if a player in a 'squash bubble' displays symptoms of COVID-19?

- Follow the England Squash guidance and your club's protocol for members/players with COVID-19 symptoms.
- Players from the bubble that have been in contact with the symptomatic player within the seven days prior must self-isolate and undertake tests as per Government guidelines, even if they exhibit no symptoms themselves, until it has been determined whether or not the symptomatic player has tested positive or negative.
- Players within the bubble can resume play if the COVID-19 test proves negative.

What if I can't form a 'squash bubble'?

Remember, many clubs/venues may choose to be cautious - it's their responsibility to minimise the risk to you, their members, staff, volunteers and the wider community. If you cannot form a 'squash bubble' (or wish to play someone from outside your bubble), we recommend playing 'Sides' as it's a modified/adapted version of the game which allows players to meet social distancing measures, with each player remaining in their own half of the court at all times.