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Dear Members,

Following the reopening of the club on the 25<sup>th</sup> July with a modified/ adapted version of the game for most players, England Squash announced that we move to phase 2, in their return to play plan, from **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September**.

Many of the rules of phase 1 still apply:

- one-way system (in: main door – out: fire exit behind court 4);
- arrive 5 minutes before your court time;
- change to your squash shoes just before entering your court;
- take your bag/a towel and water bottle on court with you.

Players can still choose to play 'Sides'. However, the "ways to play" whilst respecting social distancing with any of the club's members now include the additional option of creating your own **Squash Bubble (SB)**, under strict guidelines, to play full-court matches:

- a **SB** can include up to 6 players maximum;
- each **SB** must have a 'captain'; the 'captain' is responsible for their bubble's adherence to ES guidance;
- before any matches can be played 'captains' must have registered their bubble's details (names of players); they must also confirm in writing (per e-mail) that they have read and agree to follow the ES 'bubble' guidance); all e-mails should be sent to: s.coxon@ucl.ac.uk;
- **ES strongly recommends that all players wear protective eyewear or a visor at all times;**
- match-play is limited to best-of-three games with sudden death at 10-all.

Additional hygiene and cleaning policies within **SB**, as per ES guidelines:

- during each game, when the first player reaches five points, both players should wipe away excessive sweat, and sanitize their hands and the ball;
- repeat this between games;
- same player to serve/ touch the ball during each half of a game; at the halfway point, switch server;
- social distancing measures (off court) are still in force, even with members of the same **SB**.

Please do contact us if you want to become the captain of your "Squash bubble" of up to 6 players: info@abingdon-squash.co.uk

Ben Rosec on behalf of the Covid sub-committee

Protective Eyewear link: <https://www.sportsdirect.com/dunlop-i-armor-squash-glasses-738016#colcode=73801647>

<https://www.decathlon.co.uk/C-881088-squash-grips-and-goggles>

Protective Visor link (ideal to put glasses underneath): <https://www.imask.co.uk/>

More options are available with the usual squash brands: Wilson/ Tecnifibre/  
Dunlop/ Prince...