

KBC Guidelines for Playing During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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There are a number of changes for safe use of the club that complies with provincial guidelines during this pandemic. These KBC policies may be revised over time and the most recent version supersedes all previous versions. Players are responsible for being aware of the current rules. If everyone does their part to abide by them, we can all enjoy the benefits of playing badminton while minimizing known risks.

Requirements to Play at KBC

- You must be a member of KBC to play. Drop-ins are not allowed. Guests may only play if approved in advance by an executive.
- You must have a valid booking (see *Booking Courts*). You may not show up without one.
- You must arrive after your booking starts and leave before your booking ends.
- You must have your access card with you and card-in for tracking purposes. No exceptions.
- Please come changed and ready to play. The change rooms are only available for two people at a time.
- You must have indoor-only court shoes.
- You must have your own water/drink if you need it.
- You must follow all distancing protocols at the club (see below).
- You must wear a mask in all areas of the club outside of the courts. This includes the change rooms and the entrance foyer.
- You must wash or sanitize your hands prior to playing and as you leave. There are sanitization stations around the courts.

Requirements to Stay Away from KBC

- Anyone who has had symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 10 days. Symptoms include fever, chills, new or worsening cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, and new muscle aches or headache.
- Anyone directed by Public Health to self-isolate.
- Anyone who was arrived from outside of Canada in the last 14 days.
- Anyone has had contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case in the last 14 days.

The Courts

- Singles is recommended, but doubles is allowed if all players on court agree.
- If playing doubles, players should consider fixed partners and/or partners within their social bubble.
- Players should consider using separate marked shuttles so that each player only touches their own shuttle. If all players on a court are comfortable with the using same shuttle, they are encouraged to sanitize their hands before playing, avoid touching their face while playing, and sanitize their hands after playing.

- No more than 2 additional people can be assigned to a court and be waiting or sitting.
- All waiting players must be seated in one of the marked spots or stand at least 2 m from anyone else. If waiting players cannot maintain this distance, they must wear a mask.
- Avoid unnecessary movement behind the courts.
- Maintain a 2 m distance from everyone else. The one exception is when playing, particularly doubles, and all players on that court must agree to this risk.
- A wave or virtual high-five should replace the traditional handshake. No physical contact.
- Players are not allowed to enter the building prior to their scheduled start time.
- Players must leave the building prior to their scheduled end time.
- Players should leave the building when they are done playing. Lingering or socializing anywhere inside the club is discouraged.

Other Areas

- No waiting in the foyer. Players leaving should do so before players entering and maintain a 2 m distance.
- The change rooms and washrooms are available for up to 2 people at a time. Those people must wear a mask and maintain 2m from each other. Players are encouraged to come ready to play.
- The showers are unavailable for use at this time. Players must shower at home.
- The upstairs viewing area and kitchen are unavailable for any use at this time.
- No spectators are allowed in the building at this time. Drivers/rides must wait outside.

Booking Courts

- KBC members must have a court booking for a specific court in order to play. That court can be booked for either singles (encouraged) or doubles, with a maximum of 2 people sitting in either case. There are no exceptions to these maximums.
- Courts are booked online at kelownabadminton.skedda.com, which can be accessed from our website at kelownabadminton.ca.
- Court bookings must identify the specific people included in the booking and only those players may arrive at the club to play.
- At the discretion of the Booking Manager, multiple courts may be booked by a single person on behalf of a group. That person becomes responsible for all of the courts they have booked to ensure that their group complies with the rules. Each member of the group needs to be aware that they have a spot and the booker needs to be aware of everyone actually coming to ensure capacity limits are followed.
- The member making a booking must be able to provide a contact phone number for each person included in their booking upon request.
- Courts may be booked up to one week in advance.
- Courts that will not be used must be cancelled at least one day in advance to make them available for other players. Booking courts and not using them may result in suspension of booking privileges.

- Groups wishing to book courts on a repeating basis may request the Booking Manager to set that up. They are responsible for managing the specific people playing each time they are scheduled. They are responsible for cancelling bookings that will not be used.
- Restricted access members may only book courts during the times the facility is available to them.
- Juniors may book courts at any time, but their access cards only work during junior-specific times. Juniors still require a supervising adult in the building, which must either be playing on court or in one of the designated seats in the gym. Parents are no longer able to wait upstairs.
- The Booking Manager has the right to cancel or modify any booking.

While KBC is committed to minimizing risk through policies and building changes, all risks cannot technically be eliminated. Each player must assess their own risk tolerance in deciding whether and how to enjoy the club.

We appreciate your patience while we all navigate our “new normal” here at KBC. We will continue to move forward with our members’ best interests in mind while abiding by our regional and provincial guidelines to ensure the health and safety of all of our members. We ask players to be respectful of other players that may have different views on personal safety during this time. The executive will review any issues and adjust policies as needed.