

CORONAVIRUS - BASKETBALL / NETBALL / TENNIS COURTS

For a period of time government required the closing of public sports courts as a response to the coronavirus.

The Parish Council re-opened the courts for Tennis in June and **Basketball and Netball facilities will reopen on 20th July**. There are still limitations on use and Government continues to issue guidance on the safe operation of sports facilities, as do the governing bodies for individual sports.

Key Points from the Guidance:

Outdoor sports courts are allowed to be open if those responsible for them can open them safely. Activity should be consistent with the government guidance regarding health, social distancing and hygiene.

At this time sports participation should be restricted to:

- participants exercising by themselves,
- members of the same household
- a group of 2 households observing social distancing
- up to 6 individuals from different households observing social distancing guidelines

Current social distancing (15 July 2020) means a distance of 2m between people from different households, or 1m plus mitigations (such as face coverings or avoiding face-to-face contact) where 2m is not possible.

The courts are unstaffed and Parish Council does not have the means to directly manage their use or to undertake regular cleaning of the facilities.

The Parish Council has considered the issued guidance and assessed the risks that re-opening facilities brings. This assessment will be revised as appropriate.

USE OF THE COURTS

Posters displaying the current rules are on display at the courts. For Basketball and Netball this means no matches / games at this time, but drills and skills work can take place. Equipment should not be shared between different households / needs to be sanitised.

PLEASE NOTE - CONTACT SPORT IS NOT ALLOWED AT THIS TIME

Users are required to:

- Not use the facilities when they have any symptoms of coronavirus or otherwise are required to self-isolate
- Abide by limits on numbers
- Follow social distance requirements
- Use hand sanitiser
- Take their rubbish away
- Not eat on the courts
- Limit use to 1 hour when people are waiting

Gates have been locked open to reduce communal 'touch-points' which might spread the virus.

<https://www.basketballengland.co.uk/news/basketball-england-launch-return-to-play-guidance/>

<https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/about/covid-19-support/latest-response-to-government-guidance/>

<https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/about/covid-19-support/community-netball-roadmap/>