



SQUASH ONTARIO RETURN TO PLAY GUIDELINES

As of November 3, 2020, the Ontario government has implemented a classification system for regions within the province, pursuant to which regions will be classified as green, yellow, orange or red depending on factors relating to Covid-19 cases and trends. Please see the [COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open](#) for more information. The following table amends Squash Ontario’s Return to Play Guidelines to reflect recommendations within in each classification.

Please note that some jurisdictions, and facilities located in those jurisdictions, may be subject to additional measures or restrictions by local authorities. Facilities should amend their practices and procedures to comply with any such additional measures or restrictions as and when they may be implemented. Squash Ontario will not be providing amended Guidelines in response to local measures or restrictions; however, facilities can consult with Squash Ontario in relation to specific questions or concerns.

	Green	Yellow	Orange	Red
Pods/Teams*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maximum 10 players - Player can only be in one pod/team at a time and can change a maximum of once per month - Administration of pod/team formations to be managed by facility 	Same as Green	Same as Green	Same as Green
Activities (Singles/ Doubles/ Clinics)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All players must be in same pod/team (or in same household) - Games permitted but physical contact between players is not allowed - Players to follow “no touch let” directive* 	Same as Green	Same as Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No games (unless all players in same household) - Modified Pod Practice permitted* Players must maintain distance of at least 2m - Solo play permitted - Courts to be marked*
Coaching (Must be NCCP intermediate certified)	No physical contact permitted	Same as Green (but coach must wear a mask if coaching players in more than one pod/team)	Same as Green (but coach must wear a mask if coaching players in more than one pod/team)	Coach must maintain distance of at least 2m and wear a mask
Masks	No mask required	Recommended that everyone wear certified eye-guards or a face shield <u>and</u> a mask while on court	Same as Yellow	Requirement that everyone wear a mask while on court. Certified eye-guards or a face

				shield recommended. Same household play and solo-practice does not require a mask.
Spectators	Limited to the number of spectators that can maintain 2m distancing, but in any event cannot exceed 50 people indoors	Same as Green	No spectators (exemption for children who can be accompanied by one parent/guardian, with 2m distancing maintained at all times)	Same as Orange
Safety Plans (See template here)	No requirement	Facility must prepare safety plan in accordance with provincial requirements	Same as Yellow	Same as Yellow
Contact Information	No requirement	Facility must ensure that name and contact information is recorded for everyone who enters facility, records must be maintained for a period of at least one month, and the records can only be disclosed as set out in provincial legislation.	Same as Yellow	Same as Yellow

LOCKDOWN

Return to Modified Stage 1 or pre-stage 1. Refer to Squash Ontario's Return to Play Guidelines as of June 17, 2020.

The following general recommendations remain in place for all classifications:

- a. It is recommended that clubs and facilities maximize the HVAC circulation in and around the squash courts, and that HEPA filters be placed in common areas near the squash courts.
- b. It is recommended that, where feasible, clubs and facilities open windows and doors in common areas near the squash courts.
- c. Players and coaches are required to sanitize their hands each time before entering, and after leaving, the court. Players and coaches must avoid touching, walls, floors and other court surfaces. It is also recommended that players and coaches not touch their faces while on the court.
- d. Court doors and door handles must be sanitized between court times, and every court must be fully cleaned at least once per day (including floors, and each wall up to six feet from the floor).
- e. Players must only enter the squash court area a maximum of 5 minutes before their court time and exit immediately after finishing practice.

- f. Clubs and facilities must ensure that any lounge areas, locker rooms, change rooms, showers and clubhouses in the facility are managed as per relevant health and safety regulations for the relevant classification.
- g. Players and facilities must abide by all recommendations and requirements set forth in the Return to Play Guidelines published from time to time; however, if there is any inconsistency between recommendations and requirements, the most recent recommendation or requirement governs.

***Pods/Teams:** Players may engage in the above permissible on-court activities only within their designated group of players. The purpose of the pod is to lessen the risk of exposure to COVID-19 among players, and facilitate potential contact tracing.

***Modified Pod Practice:** Only on-court drills and/or conditioned games by 2 players within a pod who must maintain a distance of at least 2 meters at all times.

***No Touch Let Directive:** Players are strictly prohibited from making any deliberate and/or prolonged contact with each other. As such, let provisions are expanded to ensure points can be re-played if there is a reasonable probability of interference and a subsequent good return. Deliberate and/or prolonged contact with your opponent will be subject to code of conduct.

***Court Markings:** Courts must be clearly marked in zones that delineate each player's individual area, as shown in Squash Ontario's recommended [court markings document](#). Green painters tape it best to protect floors.