

BWPL COVID GUIDANCE DOCUMENT – JANUARY 2022

As explained after the recent BWPL Committee meeting, BWPL is committed to running phase 2, the first matches taking place this weekend (8/9 January). With the safety of all players, coaches, officials and volunteers, plus the pool staff, a prime concern, the League is putting the following measures in place. The majority applied before the Xmas break but this note will hopefully act as a reminder that Covid is still very much with us and we all need to act to protect everyone attending.

1. We request that all participants undertake a Lateral Flow Test no earlier than 24 hours before the weekend event but ideally on each morning of the event itself. If a positive result is recorded, please follow Government guidelines and advice.
2. Every player/coach is encouraged to wear a face mask – unless you are exempt – when at the venue, apart from when competing.
3. All officials and volunteers are encouraged to wear masks if their role permits. Please social distance where possible.
4. Hand gel and cleaning products will be provided for officials and these should be used between matches. Players, coaches and spectators should use pool-provided hand cleansing facilities regularly.
5. No shaking of hands before or after matches.
6. All personal items, such as water bottles, to be clearly labelled and not shared.
7. Limit the amount of clothing and personal belongings brought on poolside.
8. Nail checks to take place while players are in the water - players to submerge hands after the check.
9. All players, coaches and spectators to leave the venue once their matches have been completed. This will help limit numbers within the venue.

Any individual is welcome to take additional personal measures to help with their own safety and clearly should not attend if they feel it is not safe for them to do so.

Team captain or coaches are reminded that in signing and submitting their team lists they are declaring that all their players have confirmed they are fit and healthy to play as per the health declarations forms circulated at the start of the season. If any player has not yet completed these forms, they should do so before competing.

Officials and volunteers completed their Health Declaration Forms during phase one of the season. If attending for the first time, a completed form will need to be handed in on arrival.

This document is based on Swim England advice and the practices Swim England employed at their most recent event.