



Playing Squash Safely

US Squash Standards for COVID Approved Facilities for Accredited play.

In order to host a US Squash accredited event, facilities will need to meet and enforce the minimum operational standards outlined below. Note that these standards do not replace local, state or federal guidelines but should be considered supplemental.

The US Squash standards contained within this guidance apply to all squash facilities in the US in operation during the COVID-19 public health emergency until rescinded or amended by US Squash. The owner/operator of the squash facility, or another party as may be designated by the owner, shall be responsible for meeting these standards.

After reading these guidelines facilities must affirm their adherence to these standards by completing this [form](#).

Once approved, the information supplied on the above form will be posted to the facility's Club Locker profile and they will be marked as a US Squash COVID approved facility.

All facilities must also be a current US Squash Facility Affiliate.

Entry/Occupancy

All facilities must enforce the following operating procedures:

- Testing
 - People who enter the buildings should have their temperature read using a Non-contact infrared thermometer. Anyone reading 100.5° or higher should not be permitted into facility.
 - Screening must be required of all employees and patrons. At a minimum a questionnaire should be completed by every person who enters the facility that determines whether the individual has:
 - knowingly been in close contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or who has or had symptoms of COVID-19;
 - tested positive for COVID-19 through a diagnostic test in the past 14 days;
 - experienced any symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days; and
 - traveled within a state with significant community spread of COVID-19 for longer than 24 hours within the past 14 days.
 - Refer to CDC guidance on "[Symptoms of Coronavirus](#)" for the most up to date information on symptoms associated with COVID-19. 15
 - Refer to DOH [travel advisory](#) for the most up to date information on states with significant spread of COVID-19 and quarantine requirements.
 - Records should be kept for at least 28 days.



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- Entry/Exit
 - Facilities must designate one entry and one exit to the facility. These may be the same but are recommended to be different.
 - A daily log must be maintained by a designated staff member that lists all players/staff that attended the facility at what time to help with potential contact tracing.
 - A log must also be maintained of time of exit of each player/staff
 - It is recommended that every person who enters the building sign a waiver. It is recommended that each facility review their waiver with their legal council.
 - To conform to social distancing requirements clubs should have a maximum occupancy based on local, state or federal guidelines to enable physical distancing.
 - Where possible check in and out should be contactless and a plastic or Perspex screen should be erected at the reception desk if applicable.

- Traffic Flow
 - Facilities must clearly show how players should move within a facility to maintain physical distancing
 - Facilities must have a designated bag storage area for players
 - Facilities must have designated areas for spectators or referees to stand which maintain physical distancing

Sanitisation,

- Air handling systems
 - For facilities with HVAC systems, filtration must meet the highest compatible with the currently installed system, and as a minimum this should be MERV-13 or industry equivalent (e.g. HEPA). Facilities must also adopt the following:
 - maximize ventilation rates and outdoor air.
 - open outdoor air dampers to reduce recirculation of air.
 - run system for several hours before the facility opens and after it closes.
 - open doors and windows to the extent possible.
 - Recommended to supplement with portable HEPA filters (500 CADR minimum).
 - For facilities with HVAC that cannot meet MERV 13 standards, the following must be adopted (over and above the recommendations above)
 - deploying appropriate portable air cleaners (e.g., electric HEPA units), considering units that provide highest air change rate at appropriate performance level and do not generate harmful byproducts.



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- avoid using fans that just recirculate air.
- Hygiene, Cleaning and Disinfecting
 - Facilities must ensure adherence to hygiene and cleaning and disinfection requirements as advised by the CDC and DOH, including “[Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfection of Public and Private Facilities for COVID-19](#),” and the “[STOP THE SPREAD](#)” poster, as applicable. Responsible Parties must maintain logs that include the date, time, and scope of cleaning and disinfection.
 - Hand sanitizer should be available on entry to the facility and there must be stations at regular intervals in the squash court area.
 - Players should sanitize their hands on entry to the squash area and after they play.
 - Back glass, side walls, doorknobs, flat surfaces, permanent fixtures including water fountains, reception desks etc. should be cleaned with [EPA-registered disinfectants for use against SARS-CoV-2](#) between sessions by designated staff.
 - A touch point audit should be created to log when the last cleaning took place.

Layout / Features

- Locker Rooms are recommended to not be made available.
- Towels should not be made available. Players should bring their own if necessary.
- Furniture should be removed from lounge areas to discourage individuals from lounging in the facility.
- Water Coolers and cups/cup holders should be made unavailable. (Contactless water bottle water coolers are preferred)
- Showers are recommended to not be available at the facility.

Technology

- Facilities should consider offering livestream services to as many courts as possible.
- Facilities should have sufficient bandwidth of internet to offer live streaming services