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**FREEDOM DAY – IT AIN’T**

The Media has been irresponsible in creating the phrase “Freedom Day” and, as will have been witnessed, the general mass of the public has taken that to mean **“DO AS YOU LIKE”** you may not !!

I do not wish to be the Covid-19 Officer, but in the absence of any volunteers, I am obliged to continue in order to keep the Club environment as safe as we can for our members, their families and visitors. There is a great deal of confusion about exactly what the lifting of the restrictions means and how to act responsibly; we are being expected to exercise personal responsibility and as there is no reliable advice from the politicians and the media I have sought guidance from our Governing Body, England Squash who, in their turn, are guided by Sprott England.

So, it is incumbent upon me to **remind everyone** of the protocols and procedures necessary for the smooth running of the Club and continued compliance with current Covid-19 guidelines

The following measures ALL remain in force and are to be complied with.

* **Courts** **MUST** be pre-booked on the “MyCourts” system.
* The player booking the court must include the name of the opponent.
* **BOTH** players are required to **CHECK IN** on the “MyCourts” system.
* Sign in on the NHS App or:-
* Sign the Track & Trace Register upon entering and leaving the Club.
* Keep safe measures such as Surface Cleansing, hand & ball sanitising, safe distancing etc all remain in place. If you touch it – clean it.
* Players must **NOT** wipe hands on Court walls.
* Limit the number of people in changing rooms to 4 & 2 in showers at any one time.
* **Face masks to be worn in all off court areas.**
* Hospitality Areas may be opened with hand sanitising and **surface cleansing** in place.

Whether we agree with the guidelines or not, It is up to each and everyone of us to encourage one another to comply; as you know it is in the interests of everyone to reduce the risk of spreading the virus.

Before September, there will be a debate about whether Squash Courts are a “confined space” and whether access will be conditional upon production of a double vaccine passport – I will inform members of any developments.

Graham S Jackson.

Chairman & Covid-19 Officer