

ENGLAND TOUCH: COVID-19 CODE OF CONDUCT

This document applies to **ALL** Touch participants and includes, but is not exhaustive to the following: players, coaches, referees, match officials, support staff, league organisers, club volunteers, other England Touch volunteers and spectators. If you have any questions, or are unsure of anything, please get in touch with your England Touch COVID-19 Officer.

We are all very excited at the prospect of resuming training, friendly fixtures, leagues and tournament Touch. However, it is vital that all participants realise that without careful adherence to our Return to Play plans and government guidance on social distancing, continuation of Touch activity and matches may not be possible. As such, it is extremely important that all participants in Touch adhere to this Code of Conduct.

It is important to remember that the risk associated with returning to sport cannot be completely averted, but with adhering to return to play guidance, risk assessments and government guidance, these risks can be minimised. It is also very pertinent that all participants understand that they should make their own decision about when they feel comfortable to return to play, based on when they feel comfortable. This is particularly important for those high at risk, or those who have been shielding in recent months.

ALL participants should ensure that they adhere to any government advice issued, as well as England Touch's standard [Code of Conduct](#). In addition, ALL participants, should also adhere to the following England Touch COVID-19 specific Code of Conduct:

- **Be Self-Aware:** Ensure that you self-assess for COVID-19 symptoms each time you attend any Touch related activity.
- **Be Responsible:** If you display symptoms, stay at home. Ensure you are fully aware of all England Touch Return to Play guidance and government guidance.
- **Be Vigilant:** Ensure that you maintain social distancing wherever possible. This is particularly important when not playing or training. Ensure you do not shout, spit, shake hands, high-five or embrace teammates or the opposition.
- **Be Hygienic:** Practice and maintain good hygiene at all times; wash your hands before, during (in the sub-box), and after any Touch related activity. Bring your own hand sanitiser to all Touch activity.
- **Be Proactive:** Ensure that you report anything that contravenes this Code of Conduct, the Return to Play guidance and/or government guidance to your Club COVID-19 Officer, or directly to England Touch.
- **Be Prepared:** Ensure that you bring all necessary equipment and belongings that cannot be shared: water bottle, food, clothing, personal equipment etc.

Each club may need to adjust (and reserves the right to adjust) this COVID-19 Code of Conduct dependent on their particular situation and any guidance that may have changed due to their location.