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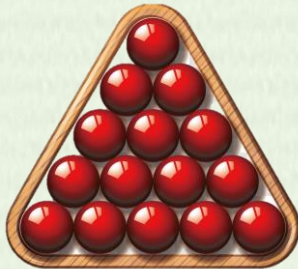
# Getting back to playing Club

## Snooker

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## Billiards

# in the Republic of Ireland



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## Introduction

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This document has been produced in conjunction with Sport Ireland to facilitate a safe and controlled reopening of snooker clubs.

SBI proposes to put new protocols in place to meet the new challenges facing our clubs. These protocols will be called “Playing Safe” and will be reviewed on an ongoing basis subject to advice.

Under the Government’s Roadmap, indoor sports will be permitted to reopen soon.

This roadmap places the health and safety of all our members and their families at the top of our priorities, everything else is secondary. We believe it will allow for a safe and controlled return to playing snooker & billiards. SBI will always be guided by advice from the Government, HSE, Sport Ireland and International Snooker & Billiards bodies.

Members/players and all stakeholders will need to be aware of the limited basis on which they will have the opportunity to play in the initial months. SBI and the clubs should seek to ensure that members/players and stakeholders understand the necessity of the restrictions to minimise the risk of a reintroduction of the lockdown measures. While everyone may have an opinion on what should be done, full compliance with the measures in place is essential.

Members/players and stakeholders should also be aware that these restrictions are not going to last forever, but they must live within them and be patient while they are in place. We all want to get back to normal as soon as possible, but this will be a gradual process and will be reliant on you observing these Protocols.

**In line with the Government’s Roadmap SBI propose that clubs apply the following “Playing Safe” protocols.**



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## The Club

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### Clubs wishing to reopen for play should ensure that:

1. Signage is posted to reinforce physical distancing rules.
2. Hand sanitisers are available for all.
3. Members/players and stakeholders displaying any COVID-19/flu like symptoms please stay at home.
4. Physical distancing rules are observed by all in the car park, club rooms and playing areas.
5. Where possible personnel are on hand to monitor compliance with social distancing and all other "Playing Safe" protocols.
6. Tables where possible should be booked in advance to allow compliance with maximum occupancy.
7. Players names are recorded in a daily register to assist with future contact tracing.
8. Social gatherings, as per government guidelines within the club.
9. Unnecessary touching of tables and other equipment is avoided.
10. "Playing Safe" protocols are posted on club web sites/social media platforms and in the club.
11. For commercial clubs, all equipment (Cues, balls, triangles etc.) will be handed out at the counter and must be returned to the counter at the end of play for sanitising.
12. For community clubs, facilities for players sanitising balls and equipment needs to be put in place.
13. Clubs will no longer keep personal cues on the premises.
14. Tables are allocated with social distancing in mind



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## The Player

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### Responsibilities of the Players

1. If you are displaying any COVID-19/flu like symptoms, have been out of the country in the past 14 days or are in self isolation, please stay at home.
2. Tables should be booked in advance.
3. Aim to arrive at the club no more than 15 minutes prior to play.
4. Park your car to allow for physical distancing.
5. Observe social distancing rules at all times while in the club.
6. Do not exchange or share equipment, food or drink with anyone.
7. Personal cues and extensions etc. should be sanitised before leaving home.
8. Equipment including tables, balls and rests should be sanitised between sessions.
9. Each player will use only 1 rest during play.
10. Each player is required to remove everything they brought to the table, empty bottles, food wrapping etc.
11. Members/players will leave club as quickly as possible following play.
12. Players are discouraged from shaking hands/fist pumps.

#### Club facilities:

- Some venues will have cafés providing on premises food & beverages where they can comply with social distancing measures and strict cleaning in operation.
- Only one person at a time in toilets.



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"The best way to prevent person-to-person spread of COVID-19 is to use proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette and practice physical distancing"



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