

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS OF CHEAM SPORTS CLUB

Dear Members

Thank you for your support during these challenging times. This has been and will be crucial to get us through to better times. The good news is that we are in a decent position and its great to see so much sport being played and the bar being utilised by so many of you.

I am pleased to start by confirming that the Clubhouse will remain open as we move into Tier 2, as will the catering. We have also decided not to reduce our current opening hours.

From Saturday 17th October, all London Boroughs move into Tier 2 which has some serious consequences for the hospitality industry and how bars can operate. I therefore need to explain to you what we plan to do, what we have to do and how it will impact on you. Please take time to read all of this and I would draw your attention to item 7 in particular.

This is based on the instructions we have received from the London Borough of Sutton and this applies to all licensed premises.

Some things have not changed:

- 1) You must sign in or use the QR scan on arrival each time you visit.
- 2) You must wear a mask on arrival and anytime you are not seated, e.g. if you need to go to the toilet or you're leaving, then its mask on as you stand up from your table.
- 3) You must have left the premises by 10pm very latest.
- 4) Inside it is table service only.
- 5) Outside you can order from the bar window.
- 6) Social distance as much as possible when moving around the premises. Think Brucie; "Nice 2 metres, 2 metres nice".

However, the new regulations now mean with effect from noon this Saturday when we open that the following new things apply:

INSIDE

- 7) You can only sit on the same table if you live at the same address and up to a maximum of 6.**

As we are a member's club this will be easier for us than pubs. Please keep in mind that YOU need to prove this if asked. Bar staff are not allowed to take you on your word and are expected to ask if in any doubt. Fines and possible closure will be imposed on licensed premises if this rule is not being adhered to, likewise fines on the individual(s) concerned.

If you cannot provide proof, you will be asked to sit separately, at least 2 metres away, if you want to stay inside. To give us extra space and keep us going, we will be trying to make the most of the upstairs bar, particularly at weekends.

Alternatively, you can use the outdoor spaces we have; the balcony and the field where the beer garden is.

8) “Support bubbles” can sit together but must obey the following rules:

A support bubble is a close network between a household with only one adult in the home and one other household of any size. This means one person who lives on their own can join say two other people who live at the same address.

Once you make a support bubble, you should not change who is in your bubble.

More details on support bubbles are available at;

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-a-support-bubble-with-another-household>

OUTSIDE

9) You can sit in a group of 6.

OPPOSITION PLAYERS & TEAMS

10) We have been told that opposition players and teams should only enter the main Clubhouse to use the toilets. If they want to have a drink, they need to stay outside.

I appreciate some of these rules feel a bit draconian and we hope there may be some sensible relaxation of them BUT for now, we all need to stick to them. Please play your part.

Any updates will appear on our website and Facebook page as well as in the Clubhouse. I hope you will agree we have done a lot to keep the operation up and running and together, we'll get the Club through this.

To end, I'd like to thank all our Clubhouse team for handling things so well and our members for accepting what we all have to do for now. All I would ask is that if you don't like the rules, please contact your MP and not the staff who are simply doing their very best to look after you.

Thank you for your support, keep well and keep using the Clubhouse.

Alan

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