



BETFRED WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2021 - EVENT RESEARCH PROGRAMME

INFORMATION FOR TICKET HOLDERS

The Events Research Programme

The Betfred World Snooker Championship is participating in the Government's Events Research Programme.

The Events Research Programme will oversee a range of pilot events in Spring and Summer to build evidence on the risks associated with Covid-19 transmission routes, the characteristics of events and surrounding activities, and the extent to which mitigation measures can effectively address these risks.

The evidence from these pilot events will be used to inform the government's decision around Step 4 of the roadmap and will shape government policy to bring about the phased return of fuller audiences to venues and events up and down England.

Testing

Prior to attending the event, you must take a Covid-19 rapid lateral flow test at a Local Authority Asymptomatic Testing Site **close to where you live or work**. If you are travelling from outside of Sheffield, you must take this test prior to travelling. For attendees of multiple event days, you must take a test **prior** to the first event you attend, and then every third day thereafter. (To clarify, if you test on Friday to attend on Saturday morning, you would need your next test on Monday).

When you attend the Crucible, you will need to bring a text message or email confirming a negative lateral flow test result, photographic identification, which you'll produce alongside your test result, and email confirmation that you have provided your consent using the online consent form.

A link to find your local rapid lateral flow test site is provided [here](#). Please note that many of the lateral flow test centres offer a booking system, rather than a drop-in facility. Please be aware that some testing sites only operate Monday to Friday.

From Friday 16th April a limited drop-in facility will be available at the Sheffield Hallam University for attendees resident in the Sheffield area. Ticket holders attending multiple event days, and requiring multiple lateral flow tests, will also be able to use this site. You must bring your World Championship ticket with you to gain access to the testing site. To ensure you are able to receive

your test result in good time, please look to attend the testing site one day prior to attending your event.

The Sheffield Hallam testing facility will be open as a minimum Mon – Fri: 09:20 am – 12:20pm, 1:30pm – 4:50pm. Sat, Sun: 10am – 2pm. Further information on how Covid-19 testing works at Sheffield Hallam can be found [here](#).

Audience participation in this event is possible as it is part of the Event Research Programme (ERP) this will help to gather essential evidence to inform the government’s decision around Step 4 of the roadmap to lift lockdown, and will support the phased return of fuller audiences to venues and events up and down England. **In order to collect the important evidence required to support the return of audiences we request that all participants undertake both a pre and post event PCR test in addition to the lateral flow test referenced above.**

Participants are requested to take one pre-event PCR test as close as possible to their attendance at the event, and one PCR test 5 days after the event (or final event attended, if attending over multiple days). Both PCR tests can be conducted at home and returned by post.

A link to how you request these is provided [here](#). Scroll down to the button which says ‘GET A FREE PCR TEST’ (start now). For this application you are not Key Workers, and on selecting No, you can scroll to the bottom and click continue. Continue through the questions and select that you are taking part in Contact Testing Study. Participants have permission to use this link to order their PCR tests for ERP research purposes, even if they are not displaying Covid-19 symptoms. **Please be aware that this is a separate request to the Covid-19 rapid lateral flow test required for your entry into the Crucible Theatre.**

Capacity

According to the guidelines set by the Event Research Programme we will adopt the following capacities for the different stages of the event as follows:

Round 1 – Saturday 17th April to Wednesday 21st April

The venue will operate at 33% spectator capacity. This will be managed under social distancing guidelines similar to those in place at the end of the 2020 Betfred World Championship and there will be 1m+ distancing observed between different ticket groups/bookings. Social Distancing will be observed throughout the building and external queuing areas and face coverings will need to be worn throughout the time inside the building, including when seated.

Round 2 – Thursday 22nd April to Monday 26th April

The venue will operate at 50% capacity. Bookings will be grouped in parties of 1 or 2 and the available seats will be spread around the venue to avoid different parties sitting next to one another. Social Distancing will not be expected under this capacity although some mitigation procedures will be required to reduce the risk of transmission including wearing face coverings in the venue.

Quarter Final and Semi Finals – Tuesday 27th April to Saturday 1st May

The venue will operate at 75% capacity. It will not be possible to avoid different parties sitting alongside one another. Social Distancing will not be expected under this capacity although some mitigation procedures will be required to reduce the risk of transmission including wearing face coverings in the venue.

Final – Sunday 2nd to Monday 3rd May

The venue will operate without any capacity restriction. It will not be possible to avoid different parties sitting alongside one another. Social Distancing will not be expected under this capacity although some mitigation procedures will be required to reduce the risk of transmission including wearing face coverings in the venue.

Accommodation

You will be permitted to book self-contained accommodation in Sheffield which is permitted under the existing Government guidelines from 12th April. Please visit [Welcome to Sheffield | Snooker 2021](#) to help find available accommodation

Test & Trace

On entry to the Crucible, all spectators will scan the QR Code and 'check in' using the NHS Track and Trace APP.

Consent

In order to participate in this Event Research Programme pilot event, you will be required to confirm that you know the full terms of your attendance, that you have undertaken your own personal risk assessment for the event and that you are happy to participate. We will require the full name, home address, email address and date of birth of all ticket holders in order for them to individually provide this consent. If you indicate that you are interested in participating in this pilot you will be asked to provide these details for every ticket holder that is part of your booking. The consent form will be circulated to each ticket holder prior to their attendance . Admittance will not be possible until confirmation of consent has been demonstrated.

Children

It should be noted that as a research project, it will not be possible for us to allow any minors to access the event so all attendees will need to be over 18.

Clinically Extremely Vulnerable or Pregnant adults

Unfortunately, it is not possible for us to allow you to attend this event if you are classed as clinically extremely vulnerable, pregnant or living with somebody who falls within these categories.