

# COVID ERA RULES OF



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**THE BRITISH CLUB**  
B A N G K O K

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## **1. PREAMBLE**

- (a) The British Club Bangkok has been allowed to re-open during this current Covid-19 worldwide crisis. The Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) periodically issues revised regulations on the current stage of the easing of Covid-19 curbs and these temporary rules reflect the current regulations.
- (b) These temporary Rules created under By-Law 1(d) and temporarily replace all existing Rules, numbered 1 to 29, unless specifically mentioned.
- (c) These Rules are subject to change at any time as Club Management or the General Committee react to changes in advice, or permissions, from the BMA, the Ministry of the Interior (MOI), the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH), or any other agency of the Royal Thai Government.
- (d) Members of the Club, their spouse and families and domestic staff, are requested to abide by these Rules for your own health and safety, and the overall wellbeing of the Club.

## **2. ENTRY PROCEDURE**

- (a) The Club premises shall be open from 6.00am to 10.00pm.
  - (b) The Club may be used by:
    - (i) Members, their spouse and families and household staff, as defined in Articles 43 & 44 of the Constitution
    - (ii) Guests as defined in Article 47 of the Constitution.
    - (iii) Associated Groups
    - (iv) Loyal Societies
    - (v) Non-Member players
- Members of reciprocal clubs may not currently use the Club.
- (c) Entry by foot shall be by the Silom and Surawongse Pedestrian Gates only; Entry by vehicle shall be by the Silom Gate only. Exit (by foot or vehicle) may be by either the Suriwongse Gate or the roadway of the Silom Gate.
  - (d) All persons entering the Club shall be subject to a temperature test. Anyone exhibiting a temperature of 37.5°C and over, or refusing to be checked, will not gain entry, nor will those who are travelling with them.
  - (e) All persons entering the Club, including children, must be wearing a facemask.
  - (f) Staff will record the names and membership numbers of all Members entering the Club: please facilitate this by showing your Membership Card.
  - (g) The Car Parks are open; The drivers' room is open for toilet facilities. All car engines must be switched off.

## **3. GUEST RULES**

- (a) Guests and other non-members must show valid identification (for example ID card, Passport, Driving Licence) and have their name and telephone number recorded by Club staff, and be signed in by a Member or spouse.
- (b) Guests will be issued with a Guest card.
- (c) Guests shall be subject to a temperature test.
- (d) Guests may not enter the Club before the Member arrives.
- (e) Guests must leave the Club when the Member or spouse leaves.
- (f) A maximum of three guests may be introduced by a Member or spouse on the same day, unless booked in advance, and approved by Management.
- (g) Members may introduce guests to any of the Club's food & beverage facilities in the clubhouse at any time. However, on weekends and on public holidays, prior Management approval is required for guest use of the Surawong Sala, Silom Wing and swimming pools.
- (h) Guests may not use the fitness centre; and they may not play squash or tennis more than one day in any calendar month, even if signed-in by different Members. Such use shall be subject to a non-Member fee.

#### **4. OTHER NON-MEMBERS**

(a) Members of Associated Groups, Loyal Societies and Non-Member Players must show valid identification (for example ID card, Passport, Driving Licence) and have their name and telephone number recorded by Club staff, and checked against a current list provided by the Society, Group or Section.

(b) Members of Associated Groups, Loyal Societies and Non-Member Players shall be subject to a temperature test.

#### **5. FOOD & BEVERAGE OUTLETS**

(a) The following Poolside outlets are open at present: Kids Stop, the Splash Café the Surawong Sala, the Silom Wing Café, the Pool Deck, and the pool surround. All will have table service only. Food may be ordered from 6.00am to 9.00pm. Tables are set for one to four people and may be not be reserved. Last orders thirty minutes prior to closing.

(b) In the Clubhouse: The Churchill Bar 10am to 10pm; The Verandah 11am to 10pm but closed 2pm to 5pm Monday to Thursday. Last orders thirty minutes prior to closing. Tables are configured for one to four people, but larger tables are allowed. Please book in advance. Each outlet will be deep cleaned following each day.

(c) Smoking is permitted at the Clubhouse portico and the designated back lawn area.

(d) Tables are being 'socially-spaced' so that tables are 1m apart and in many cases roped off to create 'safe areas'– please do not move or group tables together.

(e) All tables are disinfected after use, please wait for staff to clear tables after a member has left.

(f) Existing By-Laws on the bringing in of outside Food & Beverage still apply.

#### **6. RECEPTION & OFFICES**

(a) The Reception will open from 8am to 10pm; Club Offices will open 9am to 6pm Monday to Friday.

(b) Please queue for reception at a 2m distance from the person ahead of you.

(c) Please stand back from the reception counter when talking with the Receptionist.

#### **7. FACILITIES**

(a) The following facilities are open but with restrictions where applicable:

- Badminton is set up on the front lawn
- Cricket Nets (see section 7-1)
- Fitness Centre (see section 7-2)
- Multiple Purpose Court (teams of five only)
- Poolside Changing Rooms
- Poolside & Clubhouse toilets
- Squash Courts (see section 7-3)
- Swimming Pools (see section 7-4)
- Tennis Courts (see section 7-5)
- Table Tennis is set up on the front lawn
- Thai Massage (see section 7-6)

(b) Existing Facility Rules regarding age of use and dress code shall still apply.

(c) Please respect the social spacing guidelines before and after play.

##### **7-1. CRICKET NETS**

(a) The Cricket Nets must be booked in advance.

(b) When not playing, cricketers may not gather to watch others playing.

(c) Players must observe seating and mask regulations when not playing.

### **7-2. FITNESS CENTRES**

- (a) The 'temporary' Fitness Centres for use during the construction of Phase 2 are located in the Silom Wing:
- Fitness 1, on the ground floor, is open for cardio equipment use.
  - Fitness 2, on the upper floor, is open for weights and PT.
- (b) Please leave the room following use, and do not spectate or socialise inside.

### **7-3. SQUASH COURTS**

- (a) Squash Courts 1 & 2 only will be open for use.
- (b) Bookings must be made in advance. The Squash Section will announce mix-in reservations.
- (c) Squash players must enter the courts and play their games as per the times booked.
- (d) Players must sanitise their hands before and after using the courts. Doors and glass walls will be regularly cleaned.
- (e) Players must observe seating and mask requirements when not playing.

### **7-4. SWIMMING POOLS**

- (a) The Swimming Pools are open 6am to 9 pm only.
- (b) Please shower before entering either pool.
- (c) Please observe distancing rules:
- In the Main Pool, Six Lane Dividers have been installed. Please do not sit on the Line Dividers.
  - In the Kids Pool, children or a parent with child must remain 2m apart.

### **7-5. TENNIS COURTS**

- (a) Tennis Courts may be booked up to one week in advance, i.e. on Sunday courts may be booked through to the following Saturday.
- (b) All Members are limited to three hours playing time per person per day, of which no more than two hours can be in Peak Periods: Peak is defined as 6pm to 9pm Mondays to Fridays and all day at weekends and public holidays. Time participating in Mix-Ins does not count against this limit. A court may be played if not booked, and this does not count against the limit.
- (c) All Members playing on a court must be signed in, with Member number, on the Booking Sheet prior to entering the Court
- (d) A Maximum of four balls may be taken on to the court for both Singles and Doubles play
- (e) Payment for, or collection of coaching fees other than through the Club booking system is strictly prohibited. Paid Member-to-Member coaching on Club courts is illegal.
- (f) Baskets or other containers containing more than four balls may only be taken on court with prior authorisation and after payment of the appropriate Bucket Fee
- (g) No racket rentals will be available
- (h) Staff will check players on and off courts.
- (i) The courts will be cleaned after each match has finished.

### **7-6. THAI MASSAGE**

- (a) Thai Massage is open 10am to 6pm, Friday to Wednesday.
- (b) Both parties must wear face masks at all times.
- (c) No facial massages are allowed.
- (d) The Massage Room will be cleaned after each session has finished.

**8. GENERAL**

- (a) Please wear masks in the Play Area and whilst moving around the Club.
- (b) Any Member, or spouse or child or household staff, or Guest or other non-member who has influenza symptoms (coughing, sneezing, panting or a runny nose), will be asked to leave the Club immediately and seek medical attention. Those with them will also be asked to leave to reduce the risk of secondary contagion.
- (c) These changing regulations are also new to our staff, so please bear with those who serve you as we learn together to make the 'new normal' work. The Club has a zero tolerance of any form of mistreatment of its staff.
- (d) Any breaches of these Rules will be treated seriously by Management, and the General Committee, as they could lead to the temporary closure of the Club for failing to meet BMA standards. Such breaches will result in a Member, their spouse, family, and domestic staff being asked to leave the Club premises and may be subject to disciplinary action under By-Law 36.
- (e) Stay Safe!

**These Rules come into effect on Friday 3rd July 2020**