

Dear SCCA clubs,

In light of the UK government's continued position of not requiring further legal restrictions in respect of coronavirus, the progress of the UK booster program and emerging data that Omicron appears to be less serious than previous variants, the SCCA Board takes the view that its competitions should continue as currently scheduled.

We will, of course, continue to monitor future developments in respect of the pandemic and respond accordingly.

In the meantime, we would like to take the opportunity of reminding clubs of the advice we had previously issued to keep us all safe.

[Advice on new COVID rules to SCCA clubs FINAL.pdf](#)

We draw your attention in particular to:

- a) the importance of full vaccination, including the booster;
- b) the government's legal requirements in respect of face mask wearing; and
- c) the good sense of taking a lateral flow test before matches to protect others. This practice has become a mainstream defence against the spread of COVID in many settings and chess should be no exception.

It requires the good will and thoughtfulness of everyone involved to keep chess participants safe.

Please share this advice with all your members and encourage them to follow it.

For and on behalf of the SCCA Board