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The World Professional Billiards & Snooker Association is today issuing guidance to its Professional Snooker Players on the return from Covid-19 lockdown to solo training.

In this document, the WPBSA sets out guidelines for its players to follow which adhere to Government Advice of **'OUR PLAN TO REBUILD: The UK Government's COVID-19 recovery strategy'** which states **'All workers who cannot work from home should travel to work if their workplace is open.'**

A professional snooker players place of work is not only at events it is also where their practice table is for training purposes. It is essential that players to have access to training facilities before returning to professional tournament play. Snooker is no different to other professional sports and professional snooker players are no different to other athletes in this respect. Return to professional competition or approved online activity is essential for professional players to earn a living.

Therefore, the WPBSA advises professional players where safe and with prior agreement from the owner of the snooker facility, that they can return to solo training within the following guidelines.

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Standards of hygiene

- Snooker facility commits to thorough clean of venue before and after training.
- Hand sanitiser required at all tables, entrances and toilets.
- If required club snooker ball boxes/trays wiped with anti bacterial wipes after every training session. Balls cleaned with adequate cloth.
- If required for opening venue for training, staff to wear masks and gloves and follows government guidance on social distancing.

Limited entry

- Set training hours agreed with owner/manager of facility.
- One player at a time in training venue. No additional guests or ball pickers.
- Access to venue agreed between player and venue owner/manager ensuring social distancing will be adhered to.

Social distancing

- Bar areas will be closed and TVs off in lounge areas. No other staff to be in venue than those needed to open/close venue.
- Player is to train on their own and bring own food and drink if required.
- Any payment required to venue should be made online.
- Player to inform venue of any toilet used for cleaning purposes after training.

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Activities

- Individual training – Daily
- Approved online solo activity – Scheduled & Streamed Online

Equipment

- Snooker Table – permanent fixture on site including ancillary equipment
- Snooker Cue – brought from Player's home and to return following use
- Snooker Balls - brought from Player's home and to return following use
- Mobile Phone/streaming equipment – brought from Player's home and to return following use
- Any other equipment - brought from Player's home and to return following use

Player Guidance

- It remains the case that anyone who has symptoms, however mild, or is in a household where someone has symptoms, should not leave their house to go to work. Those people should self-isolate, as should those in their households.
- Avoid unnecessary touching of the table
- Use own equipment
- Ensure hands, clothing and snooker equipment is adequately cleaned and sanitised during use and upon return home
- Ensure social distancing and other government guidance is adhered to
- All ancillary equipment needs to be sanitised before and after use

Players must adhere to these guidelines.