



Ready to Return: FAQs

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Following the Government announcement outlining a Tiered system from 2nd December, Table Tennis England have received a number of questions from Clubs, Leagues and Individuals looking to return to play, but unsure what the new system means for table tennis locally.

This document has been developed to compliment the 'Hygiene and Facility Guidance' and provide answers to the most frequently asked questions. The information provided below is our current understanding and interpretation of the Government guidance for indoor sport but encourage you to check back regularly before the 2nd December in case of any changes. We will continue to add to this Q&A document as different questions come in.

1. Can adults in a tier 2 area play table tennis with someone from another household?

Yes. One person can play with **one** other person from another household.

www.gov.uk/government/news/culturesecretary-announces-return-of-fans-toelite-sports-events-and-reopening-ofgrassroots-sport-from-2-december

2. Would two members of the same household who play each other, also be able to play with one other person from another household?

Yes

3. In Tier 2 areas how many players can play at any one time in a venue?

This will depend on the size of your venue. At all times, players must remain in their pairs and must not mix with other pairs either playing, or socialising. Social distance must be maintained and tables and equipment cleaned down every time there is a change of players. Each pair should also have their own ball, unless the ball is cleaned/washed down if swapped between groups.

A playing space of 40.5sqm allows for 2 groups of 2 players.

A playing space of 55sqm allows for 3 groups of 2 players.



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4. Can an adult have 1-2-1 Coaching and then be allowed to play with another person?

No, the person being coached should not play another person on the same day, but could do the next day.

5. If an adult in a tier 2 area plays table tennis with someone from another household, how long should that person wait before playing against another different person from a different household?

Partners cannot be changed within the same session or day, but they can be changed from one day to the next.

6. Can an adult in a Tier 2 area travel to another Tier 2 area to practice with someone from another household?

Yes. However, this would not be allowed if either player were in Tier 3.

7. As a coach, can I coach more than one person or bubble on the same day?

Coaches that are coaching on an employment basis can coach more than one person/bubble on any given day but not multiple people/bubbles at the same time

8. Can a player travel from tier 2 into tier 3 to play?

Yes, but they must abide by restrictions in the tier 3 area, if over 18 only playing with someone from their own household or support bubble, or if under 18 or with a disability, playing within a bubble of 15. Government advice is to avoid travel to or overnight stays in tier 3 areas other than where necessary, such as for work, education, **youth services**, to receive medical treatment or caring responsibilities.

9. Can coaches continue to operate in educational settings, such as schools, colleges and universities in tiers 2 and 3?

Yes, if it is for educational purpose or an extra-curricular club for students at that school.



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10. If playing doubles, do all 4 participants have to be from the same household, or just each pair?

All 4 participants must be from the same household or support bubble.

11. If two adults have formed a support bubble, should they only play each other, or can they be on a table with one person from another household?

In Tier 2 if two people are in a support bubble, they can play singles with one other person from another household.



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