

## **STBA Mask Wearing Policy:**

This policy has been put in place with guidance from Badminton Tasmania as well as the State Governments Communities, Sports, and Recreation department. We ask that everyone who enters the hall follows this policy for the safety and comfort of those around them, regardless of any personal opinions on the effectiveness of such policies.

Please be kind and thoughtful to everyone around you – we don't know everyone's health conditions, nor do we know how stressed people may be feeling by participating in indoor sports.

Ensuring a safe environment for more players will keep the business and centre running.

1. Every person who enters the Harry Thompson Badminton Centre (STBA) whilst the Tasmanian Government has an ongoing 'Mask Mandate' in place will be required to wear a mask at all times whilst in the centre, except in **ANY ONE** of the following situations:
  - a. Whilst participating in badminton related activities whilst on court.
    - i. This excludes the following activities which will still require a mask
      1. Any person that is umpiring from the umpire's chair on court; and
      2. Any person who is doing warm up or cool down stretching
  - b. Directly after undertaking vigorous and intense exercise on court. Once you come off court, you should seek to take a drink and a quick bite to eat then put your mask back on. If you feel you need more time with your mask off, please exit the Centre and stand away from the entrance points, where you are able to remove your mask for fresh air.
  - c. While drinking or eating off court. This should be done quickly and your mask should be put on immediately after. **PLEASE** do not use this as an excuse to sit there with your mask off for long periods of time – you may be asked to leave.
2. Failure to adhere to this policy will result in a verbal warning from staff.
3. Continued failures to adhere to this policy will result in you being requested to leave the centre by Management Staff.

While the staff and committee members will monitor this, it is up to us all to keep our centre and our sport safe and open. If staff or a fellow player/volunteer/spectator asks you to put on a mask, please follow this instruction or head outside for some fresh air if you require more time – please put on your mask while you're walking to the exits.

**If you have a medical exemption, we request that proof is provided to the reception/staff upon entry. Any information passed onto the STBA Committee or Staff will be kept confidential and stored securely for privacy reasons.**

**While the STBA endeavours to take a personal approach to such a sensitive subject, we all make mistakes and are all human. Please do not abuse staff, players, supporters, or volunteers at any stage.**