

Return to Short Mat Play

Player Responsibilities & Regulations

Each and every player is responsible for his/her safety from the virus, and the safety of those players around them. Additionally, ESMBA has imposed detailed actions to be followed at all times before we are permitted to bowl.

Until further notice games will be played as pairs on two mats separated by 3 metres. The pairs on each mat can agree on number of bowls to be played to the maximum of four per player.

The wearing of face coverings is strongly recommended.

Initially there will be session stewards in place at each playing period to both assist and to ensure compliance with the conditions under which we are allowed to bowl.

The kitchen and bar areas are locked off. Any refreshments required should be brought by each player, with that player having responsibility to remove from the club any rubbish created.

Social distancing will be in place at arrival (no more than TEN minutes prior to play), temperature will be taken by the steward, and each player will sanitise their hands in the club foyer before signing in at the "track and trace" form at the table near the bar area.

By signing that form each member is acknowledging that they are free of symptoms of the virus and fully understand the Club directions on safety.

There must be no competitive bowls played. The playing of running bowls is discouraged and the stewards will monitor play in this respect.

There will be no measuring, and any touchers may be marked by spray chalk only.

No physical contact between bowlers is allowed. Bowls may **only** be handled by their owner.

Players must arrive ready to bowl, but can change shoes and deposit outer clothing using one of the line of chairs safely placed in the area between mats. Nothing will be left in the foyer.

If any player is feeling at all unwell they must tell the steward so that the matter is investigated. If symptoms of the virus are suspected, the steward is, by ESMBA direction, obliged to inform the appropriate authorities.

Attached is the list of responsibilities for each session, introduced to reduce the risk of cross-contamination. For convenience there will be Teams A and B on each of the mats.

These responsibilities are always directed to Team A on each mat, the intent being to limit the number of players touching surfaces.

Time of play is initially limited to two hours. Sessions will be booked through Roger Dobbing. **Players who have not paid their 2020/2021 membership fee will not be allowed to book sessions.**

The system will be advertised when we get a date for opening. Please do not contact Roger on this subject until that time.

Each player should book sessions individually. However, in the case of a pair wanting to book and there are communication problems, this will be permitted (for example if a player has no access to the internet, or cannot drive)

Two metres social distancing must be exercised at all times, beginning at the entrance path to the club. There are appropriate floor markings from the approach path and throughout the club to assist this, including movement around the mat, keeping the mat on your right.

The changing rooms are not accessible except as a corridor to gain access to the single "disabled toilet" in male and female areas respectively. Obviously this will be single occupancy, while any waiting time for either the toilet facility or to just wash hands will be in the hall. The changing room areas are taped off to prevent use and cannot be used.

Players must leave the club within ten minutes of finishing play.

Team "A" Responsibilities

Prior to play sanitise the jacks, the block, the playing mats and the bowls pickers.

During play place the jacks, place the mats, remove "dead" bowls from the mat area, adjust disturbed bowls and jack in the ditch as necessary, using the bowls picker whenever practicable, replace disturbed blocks, and keep the score.