



ENGLISH SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Covid Requirements – Melton Mowbray IBC

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As we try and get back to some kind of normality, after 18 months without any competitive bowling, everyone must remember that we all had different feelings and experiences during the pandemic. Some have already been getting back to normal life, whilst others are only just getting out and about. None of us can guess what others are thinking or feeling so it is important to respect one another and allow space.

Please remember if you, or a member of your household have symptoms or have been in contact with someone who has, you must follow the Government advice and also let the competition organiser know. If you have any doubts to how you feel please take a lateral flow test before travelling.

The Chairman Barry Hedges can be reached on 07788414311 if anyone has any doubts regarding attendance.



The ESMBA are piloting a new 'traffic light' system at ESMBA events to help keep our members safe. For ease, the venue has been classified into zones to designate different risk levels based on the associated transmission risks of Covid-19.

Red Zones

These areas indicate a higher risk of transmission, be it from a confined space or just a heavier footfall.

The guidance in these areas is to wear a face covering whilst moving around, follow any one-way system that is in place, sanitise regularly and maintain social distance of 1m Plus.

Amber Zones

These are deemed to be areas of moderate risk of transmission.

When entering the restaurant amber zone, you will be required to follow the venues hospitality covid guidelines, ie mask required until seated.

When entering the rink Amber zone to play, please sanitise your hands on EACH occasion to ensure the risk of cross contamination is minimised. Face coverings are optional in this zone so best practice is to all change ends walking clockwise. Please avoid physical contact and do not be offended if individuals choose not to shake hands yet.

Reduce the amount of close contact time you spend with others and respect their personal space.

Green Zones

These are deemed as low transmission areas; at present these are only classed as outside and well-ventilated areas.

We advise that you still consider social distancing and limiting contact. Although transmission is deemed low, it is not zero.

Specific Requirements for Melton Mowbray IBC

Please uphold your duty of care to your fellow bowlers. Do not turn up at the venue if you or any member of your household have covid symptoms, please phone NHS 111 and follow the advice given.

Please arrive using the main entrance, keeping your social distance. Temperatures will be randomly checked on arrival before you enter and if found to be high you may be asked to undertake a lateral flow test before entering the building. On entering the venue you must wear a face covering in all red zone areas unless seated.

Please sanitise on entry and register at the main office for track and trace purposes.

The Changing rooms are closed. You should find a chair around the rink side to change your shoes and store your bag. Please use the same seat all day to reduce cross contamination.

If you feel unwell at any time, please let the competition organiser know immediately.

When using the restaurant, please observe the hospitality protocols in place i.e. table service. Weather permitting there may be the opportunity to also eat outside, and in this instance and when leaving to smoke etc you will be required either to change into your outdoor shoes or use the 'shoe covers' provided to ensure your bowls shoes are kept clean. When going outside please follow the one-way system which requires you to exit by the fire door adjacent to the rink and re-enter through the main entrance.

When queueing for the buffet or tea and coffee facilities in the lounge please maintain a good social distance and continue to wear a face covering as this is a red zone.

Please enter the Toilets only when you are sure there is enough space for you inside and thoroughly wash your hands before re-entering the rink. This is again a red zone and face coverings are expected to be worn.

At the end of the day please exit via the fire door in the corner of the rink as indicated.

Anyone seen not be to complying with the instructions put in place to keep everyone safe may be asked to leave the venue and may be excluded from taking any further part in the event.

You must remember the protocols are a balance between trying to get back to near normality and the safety of those attending. We are relying on individuals to respect each other's space.

If you feel unable to abide by the ESMBA guidance you may let the competition organiser know your decision to withdraw from the competition without prejudice.

On behalf of the ESMBA

