



NEW COVID ALERT LEVELS WHAT IT MEANS TO INDOOR BOWLS CLUBS

With the Government introducing a 4-Tier system from Sunday 20th December 2020 to control COVID-19 the following will apply to Indoor Bowls: -

Tier One - MEDIUM RISK

For Clubs in an area of medium risk there are no further actions required from the EIBA's last Return to Indoor Bowls Guidance of 25th September 2020.

Organised Indoor Bowls can continue to take place indoors for up to 6 people from different households per rink.

If you have members or visitors who live in a high-risk area, they are able to play but only with people from their same household / support bubble.

For supervised Under 18 and / or Disability specific bowls activities these are able to take place with larger group mixing e.g. Fours format.

Club bars and restaurants are permitted to be open under the rule of 6, but with table service only, between the hours of 5am to 11pm. Last orders have to be at 10pm with guest leaving the venue by 11pm.

Tier Two - HIGH RISK

For Clubs in an area of high risk there are changes required.

Organised indoor bowls can take place for 2 people from different households (singles play) or for people from the same household / support bubble on the same rink as long as they do not interact with people on other rinks.

For supervised Under 18 and / or Disability specific bowls activities these are able to take place with larger group mixing e.g. Fours format.

Club bars and restaurants can remain open between the hours of 5am to 11pm but are only allowed to have people from the same household / support bubble on a table. Alcohol is only permitted to be sold with a substantial meal. Last orders have to be at 10pm with guest leaving the venue by 11pm.

Tier Three - VERY HIGH RISK

For Clubs in an area of very high risk there are changes required.

Organised indoor bowls is only permitted for people from the same household / support bubble on a rink and they do not interact with people on other rinks.

For supervised Under 18 and / or Disability specific bowls activities these are able to take place with larger group mixing e.g. Fours format.

Club bars and restaurants will not be allowed to open but are permitted to continue sales by takeaway, click-and-collect or delivery services.

Tier Four - STAY AT HOME

For Clubs in Tier Four there are changes required.

Organised indoor bowls for adults is not permitted and Clubs need to close.

Under 18 specific bowls activities are only able to take place if they are for educational purposes with larger group mixing e.g. Fours format permitted.

Club bars and restaurants will not be allowed to open.

To see which level of risk applies to your Club / home please use the Government's post code tracker <https://www.gov.uk/find-coronavirus-local-restrictions>

The Government will be reviewing the areas within each Tier on 30th December 2020, which could see areas move up or down a level.

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