



RETURN TO INDOOR BOWLS

With the Government announcing that England will move to Step 2 of the road map out of the COVID-19 restrictions on Monday 12th April 2021.

This decision means that Indoor Clubs will be able to open but with the following conditions in place: -

- Only players from the same household / support bubble or an individual player permitted on a rink. They are not permitted to mix with other players on the green.
- Organised bowls activities for Under 18s or Disabled groups exempt from restrictions on participants per rink.
- Changing rooms / lockers can be used but players should be encouraged to avoid or minimise the use of this area, where possible.
- Face Coverings are to be worn when entering and moving around the club but can be removed when the player is on the rink.
- Coaching can take place but only on a 1:1 or single household basis.
- Club Shop can re-open.
- The Bar and restaurant are permitted to open but can only serve people, via table service outside. The rule of 6 will apply to people at any table.
- Ventilation in the club should be optimised to ensure a fresh air supply is provided to all areas of the facility being used.
- Every visitor over the age of 16 must scan the NHS QR code using their NHS COVID-19 app or provide their name and contact details, not just the lead member of the household, to support the NHS Test and Trace.

Clubs should follow the [EIBA's Return to Indoor Bowls issue 6 Guidance](#) in relation to hygiene and social distancing measures on and off the rink.

These procedures will remain in place until the Government announces that we can move to Step 3 of the Road Map, which will not be before Monday 17th May 2021.

Under Step 3 Indoor Bowls Clubs would be able to open under the rule of 6 individuals and provide indoor hospitality.

The EIBA will issue further guidance in relation to Step 3 when appropriate.

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