



ENGLISH SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

The ESMBA Route Map Updated 13th May 2021

Following the Government's announcement on 10th May 2021, on reducing lockdown restrictions the ESMBA announce the following guidelines for returning to bowls. Clubs will still need to achieve 'Safe Bowls' certification to return from 17th May 2021 via the approved route.

It is worth noting that at present there is no advice from Government as to what restrictions and what the new normal will be from 21st June 2021. So at present the ESMBA would encourage clubs to undertake the process of 'Safe Bowls' certificate for the safety of its members.

Clubs with 'Safe Bowls Status' may return to bowls from 17th May 2021.

Guidance for 'Safe Bowls' certified clubs (as updated weekly on the ESMBA Web Page), and their Registered Players.

- Safe Bowls rules apply in all Club Roll Ups.
- Move to Triples should be confirmed by request in writing to the County Safeguarding Officer who will respond in writing. Additional rules apply to Triples especially no playing of consecutive sessions.
- Internal Club competitions may take place Singles, Pairs and Triples (if approved) however these games must adhere strictly to the 'Rule of Six', Players cannot change mats, Players cannot play more than the games allowed in the 'Rule of Six' within the time frame of 12 hours. Eg A triple can only play 1 game within 12 hours but if 6 Singles players play in a group of 6 they could play each other within the time frame. No substitutes are allowed.
- Internal competitive games must be in addition to club roll ups not instead of. They must comply with all the Clubs approved Safe Bowls Protocols including No measuring.
- Counties with 'Safe Bowls Status' for their venues will be allowed to open but must also adhere to the above.

We would remind all 'Safe Bowls' clubs and counties that the scheme is for affiliated members only.

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