



# ENGLISH SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

## **ESMBA COVID-19 ROUTEMAP March 2021**

In line with the latest Government COVID Policy the ESMBA interpretation is

- Up to no earlier than 12th April 2021 short mat bowls cannot re-commence however, it is strongly recommended that clubs, county associations and leagues with central venues apply for Safe Bowls now.
- No earlier than 12th April 2021 where venues e.g. leisure facilities and community centres (not Village Halls) are open and allow indoor sports those Short Mat Bowls Clubs and County Associations that have “Safe Bowls” status can resume but must observe the condition that only one person or people from the same household can play on each mat.
- No earlier than 17th May 2021 where venues e.g. leisure facilities and community centres are open and allow indoor sports those Short Mat Bowls Clubs and County Associations that have “Safe Bowls” status can resume but must observe the condition that up to 6 bowlers from different households or members of 2 households can play on each mat.
- No earlier than 21st June 2021 it is hoped all limits on social contact are removed and short mat bowls can return to normal enabling all bowlers to make informed personal decisions about social contact. This will be reviewed when more information is received

It must be remembered that this is only a guide and can change dependent on the latest Governments interpretation of the most recent data.

Also to return to bowls Clubs, Leagues and County Associations must hold “Safe Bowls” status. Anyone found not adhering to ESMBA policy could face further action.

The ESMBA will continue to update everyone once more details are released for each stage.

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