



ENGLISH SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

ESMBA Coronavirus statement 1st December 2020

The ESMBA Management Committee have reviewed the current Government guidelines for the return to sport under each tier. At present the ESMBA are awaiting clarification for pairs play under Tier Two between different households/support bubbles and until such time as that is received the following conditions apply.

Tier One – Medium Risk

For 'Safe Bowls' certificated clubs that have affiliated members

- Affiliated members may return to bowls as previously agreed within their documentation for play from different households.
- Affiliated members from family and support bubbles can play in approved pairs formats on each rink mat.
- Supervised Affiliated Under 18 and/or Disability specific short mat bowls are allowed to continue to operate.

Tier Two – High Risk

For 'Safe Bowls' certificated clubs that have affiliated members

- Two affiliated members from different households and support bubbles may return for singles play on each rink mat.
- Affiliated members from family and support bubbles can play in approved pairs formats on each rink mat.
- Supervised Affiliated Under 18 and/or Disability specific short mat bowls is allowed to continue to operate.

Tier Three – Very High Risk

For 'Safe Bowls' certificated clubs that have affiliated members

- Affiliated members from family and support bubbles can play in approved pairs formats on each rink mat.
- Supervised Affiliated Under 18 and/or Disability specific short mat bowls is allowed to continue to operate.
- There shall be no games played with different households or support bubbles

We would remind all 'Safe Bowls' clubs that it is for affiliated members only. Clubs that have failed to affiliate will have their status removed with immediate effect and are no longer authorised by the ESMBA to return to bowls under any Tier.

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On behalf of the ESMBA Management Committee