

Returning to Indoor Bowls

The following information sets out how the Eastbourne & District Indoor Bowls Club will re-open with measures that will make it safe for its members to enter the club. All members entering the club will have to strictly adhere to the guidance set out below.

You can only enter the club if you have an online booking. You can book by phone if this option is not available to you.

Entrance & Exit

Socially distanced queuing markers are spaced out from the front entrance along the left side outside wall.

Members may enter together as a household bubble or individually.

Members will be temperature checked (forehead) and have their hands sanitized when entering the club by a member of staff. You will not be allowed to enter the club if you have a temperature.

You must go straight to your rink.

A one way system is in operation, directional signage and barriers are in place. (There are points within the club where members may have to cross over, but you must be alert and keep to social distancing.)

All members must exit the club via the restaurant and through the doors adjacent to the servery.

You should not arrive at the club earlier than twenty minutes before your rink session starts unless you have booked a restaurant table prior to playing.

Access to the Rinks

Access to Rinks 1-2-3 are by the stairs on the left.

Access to Rinks 4-5-6 are by the stairs on the right.

A one way system operates clockwise around the Bowling Green.

Changing Rooms/Lockers

The changing rooms are closed. You may go to your locker to access your bowls when you enter the club for the first time. **Put your shoes on and prepare for bowling at your rink.**

You must take your bowls equipment home with you and will not be allowed to go to your locker again. Remember to bring a bag to take your equipment home in.

The Bowling Committee has agreed that the dress code for the Summer Season be relaxed and members may wear smart casual clothes including shorts. (No Jeans or Cargo shorts)

Toilets

Both the Ladies and Gents toilets will operate a one in one out system. The disabled toilet is for staff, disabled and junior use.

Only two people at a time can queue outside the toilets, socially distanced floor signs are visible.

There is appropriate signage in place to show if the toilet is occupied.

Bar/Restaurant

The club must adhere to the rules for social distancing that have been set by the Government. All tables will be socially distanced at a minimum of one meter plus to allow people to communicate safely and are "table service only".

The restaurant will have one area for members who wish to come in and have a meal or drink and the other area for rink bowlers who wish to have an interval drink.

There are four tables in the bar area and three tables in the restaurant to enable members to watch the bowls with two seats at each table. Restaurant meals can be served to these tables. All tables can be served alcoholic drinks.

Booking System

The club is introducing an online 'MY CLUBHOUSE' rink, restaurant & bar booking system. Members can now book a rink or reserve a table themselves on their computer, tablet or mobile via the EDIBA website, Membership tab, Secure member area. **You will have been sent password and log in details if you have an email address.**

Booking is a simple process once you have registered online and the club sees this process as a preference. If you don't have a computer or are struggling to place a booking you can ring the club help desk. 01323 506009.

Member booked rinks are automatically registered.

Payments

From now on the club is unable to accept or handle cash. Members will purchase £3 rink tokens in advance in either £15 or £30 denominations. One person from each rink will be requested to collect their group rink drink payments and pay for the total cost by credit/debit card.

Playing Bowls

Always socially distance on the green.

Masks must be worn for Triples and Fours to ensure safe distancing at one metre plus on rinks. You have the option to wear a mask if you are playing Singles or Pairs, but you must maintain a two metre distance if you choose not to wear one.

All rinks will be pairs/singles until 14th August. Triples may be phased in after this date.

Please refer to the guidance on the table of each rink as to how the rink should operate.

Please stand on the rink as soon as you have put your bowls shoes on to enable social distancing.

Delegate one person to use the scoreboard.

Delegate one person at each end to position or remove the mat.

Delegate one person to measure.

The Jack to be handled by one person at each end.

The Jack length should be nominated. **(2 jacks per rink)**

Only touch your own bowls and remove your own bowls from the ditch once the end is completed.

Any bowler may use their feet to move the bowls.

If the Jack moves nearer to an adjacent rink consider moving it back to a spot or more central position.

Walk clockwise around the green when changing ends.

Only use spray chalk to mark the bowls.

All ditch markers have been removed.

When your session ends please vacate the rink as soon as possible to allow sanitising before the next session begins.

Smokers please note you will not be able to have a cigarette break during the session.

Cleaning

The club will be cleaned after every session to include toilets, handles, tables, mats, jacks & scoreboards.

Important - Please sanitise your own Bowls when you get home.

Summer Rink Sessions are as follows:

Monday to Friday 10am to 12pm and 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 7pm to 9pm.

N.B There are no sessions on Wednesday and Friday 12.30pm to 2.30pm

The club opens for bowling on 3rd August.

The restaurant/bar is open from 27th July.

Based on Guidance issued by the English Indoor Bowls Association.

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