

COVID 19 SMIBC Response

The Covid-19 virus has meant several changes to the way we operate. Everyone is now familiar with what we need to do to make ourselves safe, so the changes we've made reflect things we now do automatically, and are based on Government & EIBA guidance.

On this and page 1, we have laid out specific rules for our joint safety. These are rules which we expect everyone to obey, they are there for your protection, anyone breaking these rules will be liable to exclusion from the club, please follow these rules.

There are several signs in use throughout the building, follow their directions.

If you have any symptoms of Covid, such as a high temperature, a new persistent cough or a loss of the sense of smell or taste, DO NOT ENTER the club. At the moment face coverings must be worn at all times in the club, unless you are exempt. Throughout the club there will be hand sanitiser stations, please use these. Try at all times to stay 2 metres apart from others in the club. No shaking of hands or any physical contact.

The changing rooms will NOT be open, so when you come, please come dressed ready for bowls. The dress code still applies, but exceptions are permitted for those coming directly from work, or from an appointment. The toilets will be in use, but only one person at a time will be allowed in. In the toilets, please use the wipes provided to wipe surfaces you have touched, so its ready for the next person to use safely. The lockers will be in use, but we ask only one person at a time use them, so please be quick and obey the one way system indicated. For changing, chairs will be laid out for you to use, please do not move these chairs as they are set at a safe social distance, use them only to change your shoes (please don't wear bowls shoes to the club) and a place to leave your belongings. The outer club doors will be locked while you are playing, so your belongings will be safe; this means that smokers will not be allowed out of the club to smoke, as with the doors open it could allow others to enter the club. No visitors or spectators are allowed in, we are restricting the numbers within the bowls area to 26 people.

Neither the Kitchen nor bar will be open, so if you bring your own drink in, please take home any rubbish or empty containers.

We will have a contactless payment system in place, and ask that ONE person only makes payment on behalf of their team, so you will have to sort out as a team how you do this. If nobody has a debit/credit card, you will be expected to pay with one £10 note, NO change will be given.

Entry & Exit will be by separate doors, so please follow the signs. When your game is over, please leave as quickly as possible, no session after yours will be allowed in until you do.

Covid rules may change, subject to guideline changes, or how members behave.

COVID 19 PLAYING RULES.

The following rules may differ from our normal rules. If there is any conflict with existing rules, the Covid rules will take precedent.

All matches will be Triples

- 1 The front of the mat is to be placed at least 4 metres from the rear ditch and at least 25 metres from the front ditch. This to allow space behind the mat to socially distance.
- 2 The lead & Skip from the team winning the toss, are the ONLY 2 players permitted to handle the mat and jack.
- 3 The mat is to be wiped after each end by the skip who won the toss. (wipes will be provided at each end)
- 4 The jack will not be rolled, but placed by the skip winning the toss, or at the direction of the skip winning the last end. The lead only of the side winning the toss is to place the mat at his skips direction, or by the direction of the side winning the last end. Also to pick up & wipe the jack at the conclusion of an end. One jack will be kept each end of the rink.
- 5 The electronic score board can only be used by 1 volunteer player, and wiped down after use with the wipes provided.

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- 6 The bell will sound 5 minutes before the start of the game, and play to commence no later than 15 minutes after the bell. Any match not starting then, will result in the offending team forfeiting the game. See rule 10 for forfeit penalty. (note the doors will be locked 15 minutes after the bell sounds to start play, so late players cannot gain access).
- 7 If a team is short of a player, you may play 2 versus 3 with the triple playing 2 woods each, and the pair playing 3 woods each. In this event the pair will loose 25% of their score. If both teams have 2 players they will have 3 woods each and not loose any of their score.
- 8 Dead Ends will NOT be respoted. The dead end will count as an end played but no score awarded to either team.
- 9 Players 1 & 2 when changing ends are to walk in single file on the left hand side of the rink, and the skips to walk single file also on the left hand side of the rink, but may step to the rink centre if players from the next rink are walking towards them.
- 10 The score card to be kept by the skip loosing the toss, and will be the only one to touch the card. Pens will not be supplied, please bring your own.
- 11 When the bell sounds to mark the end of a game, the match will stop whatever the state of play and no shots awarded. Socially distanced, make your way off the rink.
- 12 Only in leagues with program breaks will teams be allowed to rearrange a game. Otherwise cancelled/forfeited games will not be replayed, and 2 points and a 7-0 win will be awarded to the non cancelling/defaulting team. There will be no other penalty for a team cancelling provided at least 2 days notice is given. If insufficient notice is given, the offending team will pay the match fees. (In exceptional circumstances the committee may review this. Example - imposed self isolation, illness etc...).