

# English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd



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## **NEW COVID ALERT LEVELS**

### **WHAT IT MEANS TO INDOOR BOWLS CLUBS**

With the Government re-introducing a 3-Tier system from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 to control COVID-19 the following will apply to Indoor Bowls: -

#### **Tier One - MEDIUM RISK**

For Clubs in an area of medium risk there are no further actions required from the EIBA's last Return to Indoor Bowls Guidance of 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Organised Indoor Bowls can continue to take place indoors for up to 6 people from different households per rink.

If you have members or visitors who live in a high-risk area, they are able to play but only with people from their same household / support bubble.

For supervised Under 18 and / or Disability specific bowls activities these are able to take place with larger group mixing e.g. Fours format.

Club bars and restaurants are permitted to be open under the rule of 6, but with table service only, between the hours of 5am to 11pm. Last orders have to be at 10pm with guest leaving the venue by 11pm.

#### **Tier Two - HIGH RISK**

For Clubs in an area of high risk there are changes required.

Organised indoor bowls will only be permitted if it is possible for people to avoid mixing with people they do not live with (or share a support bubble with).\*

For supervised Under 18 and / or Disability specific bowls activities these are able to take place with larger group mixing e.g. Fours format.

Club bars and restaurants can remain open between the hours of 5am to 11pm but are only allowed to have people from the same household / support bubble on a table. Alcohol is only permitted to be sold with a substantial meal. Last orders have to be at 10pm with guest leaving the venue by 11pm.

If the Club decides that these restrictions make it unviable for them to open or impacts their business severely then they should contact their Local Authority for a Local Restriction Support Grant (Based on rateable value), for every 28 days they are closed.

\* The EIBA is seeking clarity on what this actually will allow Indoor Bowls Clubs to provide.

## **Tier Three - VERY HIGH RISK**

For Clubs in an area of very high risk there are changes required.

**Organised indoor bowls cannot take place indoors. \*\***

For supervised Under 18 and / or Disability specific bowls activities these are able to take place with larger group mixing e.g. Fours format.

Club bars and restaurants will not be allowed to open.

If the Club **has to close** or decides that these restrictions make it unviable for them to open or impacts their business severely then they should contact their Local Authority for a Local Restriction Support Grant (based on rateable value), for every 28 days they are closed.

**\*\* The EIBA is seeking that casual indoor bowls is possible as sports facilities are permitted to open.**

To see which level of risk applies to your Club / home please use the Government's post code tracker <https://www.gov.uk/find-coronavirus-local-restrictions>

The Government will be reviewing the areas within each Tier on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020, which could see areas move up or down a level.

Peter Thompson  
Chief Executive  
28<sup>th</sup> November 2020