



Spalding Indoor Bowls Club

Return to Bowls procedures - Version 4 effective 2nd October 2020

Sections amended since V3:

- Mats and Jacks **IMPORTANT CHANGES**
- Scorecards (new section)
- Rearranged games (new section)

In order for the bowls hall to reopen and for the club to be able to recommence league games, there are a number of procedures set out by the EIBA and Parkwood to mitigate the risk of the spread of Covid. The procedures set out in this document are non-negotiable. The club has had to sign a declaration that we will comply with EIBA and Parkwood requirements to ensure Covid safety. If we are found to be in breach of those requirements the club will be unable to continue to play. **If you are unwilling to comply with the following then you cannot bowl.**

We are still in a very uncertain world as far as Covid is concerned, so there may be need to amend these procedures at short notice or maybe even suspend bowls again.

Entering and exiting the centre and paying for the game

Players may only arrive no more than 10 minutes before the match is due to start. In order to satisfy Track and Trace requirements, each team member must have their centre membership card scanned at reception and pay for themselves. There is no longer the concept of one person paying for the team. Payment must be made by credit or debit card. The centre is not accepting cash.

There is to be no congregating in the reception area. After paying proceed directly to the bowls hall via the ramp **do not** go through the bar. The exit is also via the ramp. Timing of games has been planned so that using the ramp for entrance and exit will not produce a bottleneck. Please leave the centre promptly at the end of your game unless you are going to the bar.

Roll ups

All roll ups must be prebooked by using the Leisure Centre app/website or ringing the centre reception, not the club. If you turn up unannounced you will be refused. Roll ups will not take place on the spare rinks whilst league games are in progress in order to preserve social distancing space.

Changing rooms

The changing rooms are only to be used as a route to the toilets. Please observe any notices regarding restricting the number of people allowed in the toilets at the same time.

In the bowls hall

On entering the bowls lounge you must check your temperature by using the wall mounted thermometers. These can be found on the right hand wall opposite the hand sanitiser and the left hand wall just round from the hand sanitiser. If you get a red light then you are unable to play and must return home and follow government guidance.

As we are restricting the number of matches and therefore the number of players present at any one time we are not at the moment enforcing a one way system once you are in the hall.

Lockers

Lockers may continue to be used. However all players are reminded to observe social distancing and to be aware of others who may be waiting to get to their locker near yours. **Congregating around lockers is not safe and may well break the 'rule of 6'.**

Face Coverings

Unless medically exempt, a face covering must be worn in the bowls hall. Neither the club or Parkwood will supply face coverings. Whilst on the mat, a mask may be lowered to below the nose but must be raised again before leaving the mat.

Parkwood are recommending the use of face coverings throughout the centre except when vigorous exercise is being undertaken. We encourage all members therefore to wear face coverings for roll ups as well as league games.

Rink Markings

In order to maintain social distancing on the rinks we will use yellow T's at the 4 metre mark with matching yellow respots. The white T's will remain for National games but must not be used for league games. Yellow crosses will be used to indicate where players must stand while not on the mat. Not all rinks will be used for league games so there will be additional space for players to move into if needed.

In order to ensure the 'rule of 6' is not broken, rinks must not interact with each other.

Mats and Jacks

There will be a jack each end of the rink.

In order to minimise multiple contacts with jack and mats the following roles apply:

- **HOME** skip lifts mat when end completed.
- **HOME** no. 2 Scorecard
- **HOME** lead sets mat at 4 metre mark. This is a fixed position.
- **AWAY** skip sets jack. If it is the HOME team's end then the HOME skip directs the AWAY skip as to where to place the jack taking into account permitted minimum and maximum distances.
- **AWAY** no. 2 backup scorecard (see scorecard section below)
- **AWAY** lead sets timer. Note that scoreboards are not in use.

Mats have been marked with an 'H' and 'A' at each end and side. The ends should be touched by the lead to place the mat and the sides used by the skip to lift the mat.

Mats and Jacks will be cleaned by Parkwood in-between games. It is the responsibility of the skips to ensure these are placed on the bank after each game.

The club has purchased hand sanitiser for each rink. Please ensure sanitiser is not dripped on the rinks.

Scorecards

Scorecards will not be issued by the centre. Blank scorecards will be available in the rack where completed cards used to be left. Completed cards **must not** be left in this rack or posted in the office. Only results submitted online will be accepted.

Results will need to be entered online from the link on the winter 2020/21 league page:

http://www.spaldingindoorbowls.co.uk/index.php?&ddpp=docs_97_Winter2020_21_League.html&ddpe=1&ddpf=&ddpg=0&ddph=11

It is the HOME skip responsibility to log the score. A scorecard is also to be completed by the AWAY team as a backup. It is recommended that teams keep their scorecards until results have been updated onto the website in case of dispute.

Rearranged games

Existing procedures for rearranged games apply. However you will need to ensure that rinks 1, 3 or 5 are used as these have been marked with the 4 metre 'T'.

Spectators

Spectators are not allowed except for safeguarding reasons, e.g. if a junior is playing then ONE parent may attend or if a player's partner cannot be left alone at home.

No Go areas

A number of items are taped off, under no circumstances are these to be used or moved. These are:

- Books and Jigsaws. Also do not bring any donations of books & jigsaws until further notice.
- Loan bowls
- Second hand clothes rail
- Water dispenser (if you bring your own drink, existing rules where this can be left and drunk still apply).