

Southbourne Bowls Club



Return to Short Mat Bowls during Covid-19 restrictions

All Southbourne Bowls Club Members wishing to resume Short Mat bowling activities are required to read the following guidance and sign the attached compliance certificate before being allowed to participate.

Introduction

The current and ongoing threat posed by Covid-19 still has a significant impact on our lives and in our participation in the activities we once took for granted. The resumption of any sporting activity is now bound by conditions and limitations stipulated by that sport's governing body and subsequently approved by the Government.

The English Short Mat Bowling Association (ESMBA) has now set in place an approved process whereby Clubs can apply to return to bowling. Although this process is complex and imposes many restrictions and limitations, it is designed to minimise the risk of spreading Covid-19 and help protect you.

Over the past few weeks, Southbourne has engaged with that process and I can now announce that we have been granted a 'Safe to Bowl' certificate from the ESMBA with our risk assessment and supporting documentation being approved.

However, I need to stress that obtaining that certificate was dependent on us at Southbourne demonstrating that we can return to Short mat safely. We, both as a Club and as individuals are now bound by the terms and conditions of that submitted documentation.

Please note that the ESMBA reserve the right to revoke our 'Covid Safe Club' status if we do not comply fully with the standards laid down.

Please read the following guidance and complete the attached compliance certificate (Appendix B). All Members will need to submit this signed declaration prior to resuming Short Mat bowling.

Guidance

Venue – Southbourne Social Club

We are of course all Members of the Social Club and as such need to abide by all regulations and restrictions currently in force. It is your responsibility as a Club Member to regularly review those instructions and adhere to them. Any questions or concerns regarding the policies adopted by the venue should be addressed to the Social Club Secretary.

Limitations

Limited to one mat with a maximum of four bowlers.

No spectators or additional bowlers allowed within the confines of the playing area.

One Hour sessions - multiple sessions will be implemented if demand dictates.

No shared equipment.

Roll-ups only - no competitive games (clarification being sought).

Pre-booking required - on-line booking system to be amended (instructions to follow).

Social Distancing / Covid-19 symptoms
If any Bowler exhibits Covid-19 symptoms then they must not attend and are required to follow current Gov. advice. In addition, any member of the Bowls Club committee and/or Social Club committee should be informed.
It is the responsibility of all Bowlers to keep aware of and to adhere to all current Gov. regulations and restrictions regarding Social distancing.

Arriving at Venue
Wash hands or sanitise with hand gel on arrival.
Do not enter the playing area until your allotted start time and then only if clear of Bowlers from a previous session.
Register attendance using the ESMBA Track & Trace register. This is mandatory and must be completed.

Setting up of equipment – First session
Sanitise equipment before use. Disposable gloves, hand gel and disinfectant will be made available.
Two Bowlers to place the Mat in accordance with the attached sketch (Appendix A).
One Bowler to lay the fenders, centre block and jacks. Foot mats are not to be used. Delivery area is indicated with white tape.
Scoreboards are not to be used. One Bowler should be nominated to complete a scorecard.
Sanitise fenders, centre block and jacks on completion of session.

Playing – Positioning of Bowlers
Maintain Social distancing at all times.
Bowlers must only approach the mat when it is their turn to bowl and then retire to a free safe zone on completion of their delivery. Refer to attached sketch (Appendix A).
The Bowler in charge of the head must only approach the mat when their team is due to bowl and then retire to a free safe zone on completion. Refer to attached sketch (Appendix A).
Bowlers must follow the safe lines moving clockwise around the mat when changing ends. Refer to the attached sketch (Appendix A).

Playing – Additional Rules
Bowlers must not touch any other Bowlers equipment.
Placement of jack to be by foot or by Bowler nominated under Setting up of equipment.
Touchers can be marked using spray chalk only. No chalk sticks.
Illegal bowls to be stopped by foot if safe to do so or allowed to run their course. The end should be declared void if the head is disturbed.
Displaced centre block, fenders and jacks to be re-positioned by foot or by the Bowler nominated under Setting up of equipment.
Displaced woods or jacks in the ditch to be re-positioned by foot or by use of personal bowls lifter.
No Measuring permitted.

Packing up of equipment – Last session only
Sanitise equipment before packing away. Disposable gloves, hand gel and disinfectant will be made available.
Two Bowlers to pack away the Mat (If only one session it must be the two Bowlers who set up the Mat).
One Bowler to pack away the fenders, centre block and jacks (If only one session it must be the Bowler who set up those items).

Appendix A - SBC Sketch of Short Mat positioning

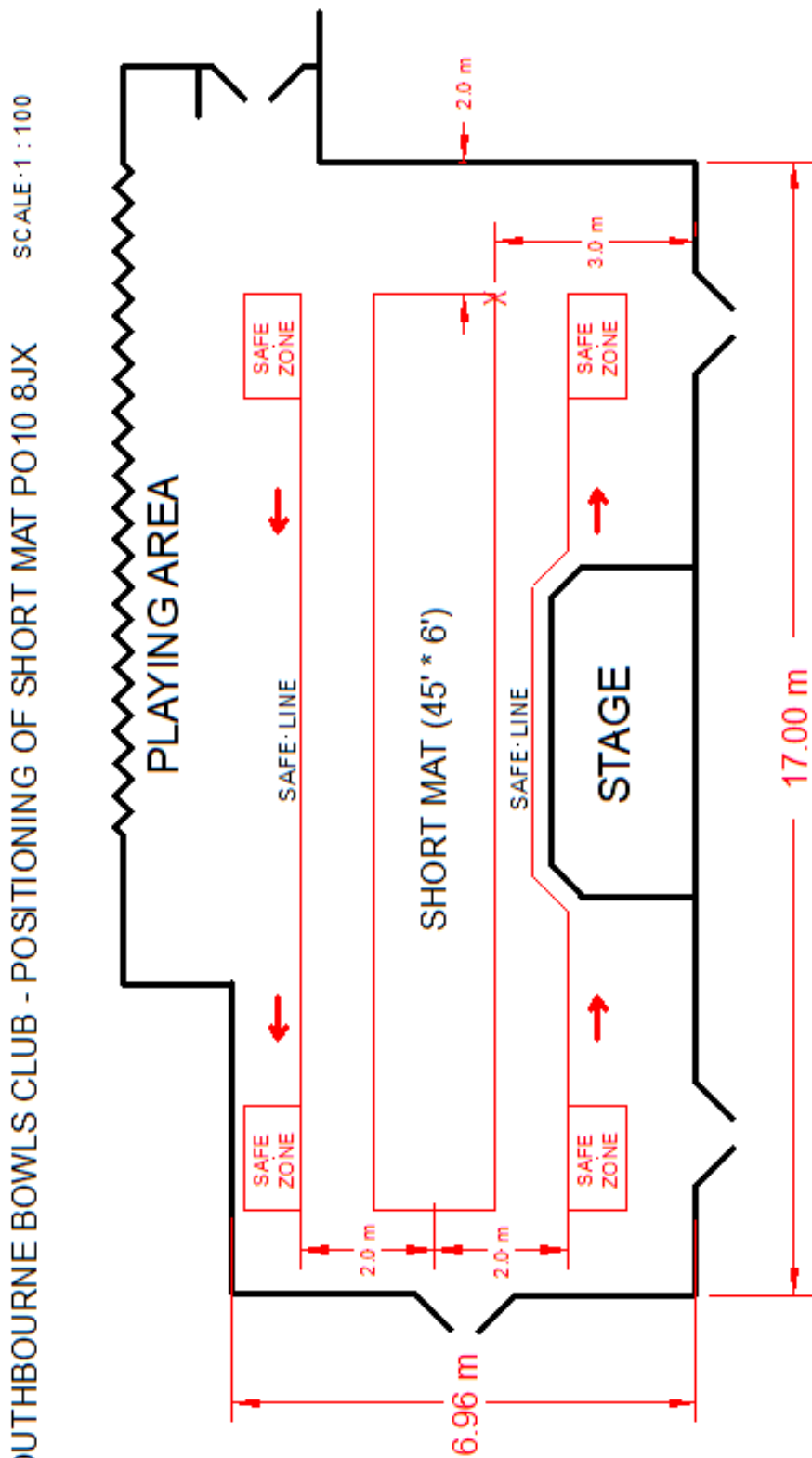
Appendix B - SBC Bowlers Short Mat Compliance certificate

Additional documentation.

SBC Short Mat Risk Assessment (separate document)

ESMBA COVID 19 compliance guidelines (separate document)

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NOTES

CORNER OF MAT (MARKED WITH AN X) IS TO BE LAYED 2M FROM END WALL AND 3M FROM SIDE WALL - FLOOR MARKED.
SAFE ZONES TO BE POSITIONED AT EACH END 2M LEFT & RIGHT OF MAT CENTRE LINE - FLOOR MARKED.

Appendix B - SBC Bowlers Short Mat Compliance certificate

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Declaration

I have read and understood all of the guidance pertaining to a safe return to Sort Mat Bowls at Southbourne and will comply with the instructions and directions contained within.

I am aware that failing to follow the guidance may result in the ESMBA withdrawing Southbourne's 'Safe to Bowl' certificate

Name :

Date:

Sign:

Return to:

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