

24th July, 2020

Dear Member,

I am delighted to say that the Club will re-open again on Monday, 27th July 2020. To begin with the Club will only be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 9.30-11.30 and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2-4. Further sessions may be made available subject to demand. Unfortunately, the bar is closed until further notice so please bring your own water.

Attached are new Rules passed by the Committee at its meeting on Thursday, 23rd July. Please read them carefully. The Rules are derived from the Guidance received from EIBA which was approved this week by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport. Some of the new Rules may seem to you "unnecessary". However, I can assure you that that is not the case. All the Rules are there for your protection and safety. And the safer you feel, the more likely you are to want to return to indoor bowling. You will note in particular that pre-booking is an essential requirement. There is no ability to "turn up and play" so you need to pre-book. It not only enables us to control numbers (we are limited to a maximum of 30 persons (players and others) in the Club at any one time) but it also serves as a record of attendees for the purposes of 'Test and Trace' should that ever become necessary. I cannot stress enough the need for strict observance of the new Rules which are there for everyone's protection.

In the coming weeks we intend to have an automated booking system up and running that will enable you to book on-line but until that time booking can be made until 6pm on the night before by email, text or telephone to:

Day of Play - Monday/Wednesday/Friday

Eric Farrelly ericbowls@btinternet.com 07752 623603

Day of Play - Tuesday/Thursday

Andy Wilson awilson@isc-global.com 07798 517083

Guidance is evolving all the time and it will be necessary to update these Rules from time to time. Indeed, the Rules will have to change in some respects for the start of the winter season when the leagues commence and there are many more playing sessions to consider. We also would like to hear from you on how the new Rules are working and suggestions for improvement.

Finally, I want to say a personal thank you to all members for their forbearance during the period of closure and the tremendous generosity of those who have donated both money and a huge amount of time and effort into keeping the Club going by way of maintenance etc. and in getting it ready for the re-opening; but I will wish to say more on this at the Annual General Meeting which will be held in the coming months.

Welcome back to bowling at Five Rivers Indoor Bowls Club. Enjoy your bowling under the new and much improved lighting system, and be COVID safe.

Best wishes.



Andy Wilson
Chairman
Five Rivers Indoor Bowls Club