



PROUD PLATINUM SPONSORS OF
TONBRIDGE ANGEL INDOOR BOWLS CLUB



Saturdays (till 7pm)

Sundays (till 3pm)

Every weekday (except Mondays) until 10.30pm

Restaurant open: 10am to 2.30pm everyday the Club is open (except Wednesdays & Sundays)

Updated Club Covid-Guidance

On Monday 19th July the Government will remove virtually all existing legislation related to covid safety restrictions. The Board has thus reviewed and set out below updated guidance regarding ongoing covid related safety measures to apply within our own Club from Monday July 19th.

In a nutshell, in the face of high (and rising) local infection levels, and with the safety of our members first and foremost in mind, the Directors have decided to maintain the majority of the covid related safety measures currently applying within the Club.

This is in line with further guidance recently received from the EIBA.

The only material changes from Monday July 19th will be ...

- 1) You may now order drinks from the bar, but please use the queuing system and maintain a safe distance from fellow members when queuing

- 2) You may now use the main toilets, changing rooms and lockers, but use of toilets and changing rooms only on a '2 in - 2 out' basis please (you are still welcome to use the Assisted Toilets if you prefer).
- 3) If you are playing in a 'private' roll up booked by yourselves you may now play the game however you wish. You are though still asked to sanitise any club equipment handled (jacks, mats, scoreboard) in the usual way after your game.
- 4) Bowling Hall sessions will remain shortened to allow safe change-over. The bell will now ring after 2 hours to signal "last end". You are then to complete the end you are on and leave the bowling hall as promptly as possible (please do not start a new end).
- 5) You now only need to complete the Club's track and trace process if you would like to be informed by the Club should you be in at the same time as a member who subsequently tests positive
- 6) Testing. The Government is urging everyone to take regular lateral flow tests. About 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 do not have symptoms but can still infect others. And even if you're fully vaccinated, there's still a chance you can become infected, not display any symptoms, and unwittingly pass the infection onto others.

To protect fellow members and staff we would thus urge everybody using the Club to follow this testing guidance and to test themselves regularly.

Of course if anyone using the Club has not been able to be fully vaccinated for whatever reason then your risk of unwittingly infecting fellow members will be that much higher. In this case, we would urge you to test frequently.

All other covid related safety measures remain unchanged. And in particular we ask that

- 1) Members continue to wear masks and be respectful of other members' space when moving around the Club house
- 2) Neither members nor guests enter the Club if they have tested positive, been requested to isolate, if they are displaying any Covid related symptoms or if they have recently been in contact with anyone who has tested positive or who is displaying symptoms
- 3) Members notify the Directors as soon as possible if they have been in the Club within 14 days of exhibiting covid related symptoms, or of testing positive.
- 4) Sanitisers will remain available for use in and around the Club and, in particular, after bowling in order to sanitise mats, jacks and scoreboards

- 5) Club organised rollups, league games and club competitions will continue to be played using the same covid related safety measures and amended rules as applying now (eg placed jacks, restricted touching of the mat, no shaking of hands, ensuring there is at least one empty rink beside yours if playing triples, etc).

All safety measures will be reviewed on an ongoing basis, and particularly for the start of the winter season, again based on then infection rates and further EIBA Guidance.

Renewal of Club Lease

Our lease renewal process continues. Having found the initial proposals offered by the Council unacceptable to fellow members, the Directors worked with a local surveyor to make a counter-offer. This counter offer remains with the Council for consideration.

Club Volunteers

The Directors would like to take this opportunity to thank, on behalf of all fellow members, each and every member who volunteers in any way to the running of our Club.

Being a members' Club (run by members for members), the Club only works thanks to the input and dedication of our volunteers.

This includes our members serving as Directors and Officers, members who run our leagues, competitions and roll-ups, members who keep our grounds tidy, who open and close our Club when no staff / cleaners are present, who put together and send our Newsletters, who help with the renewals process, who maintain our website and social media accounts, who run our taster sessions and coach our juniors, who organise our social events, who help out at our stalls and Open Days, who fix up bits of our building when it goes wrong, who maintain our rink diary and membership data, who recruit and manage our sponsors, who vacuum the carpet, who design and produce our marketing literature ... and so on and so on.

An amazing number of our members already do something, however small, to keep our Club running. This is so important because until we can substantially increase our member numbers we can only afford a very limited number of paid staff (i.e our Club Stewards, whom we currently ask to focus on the running of our bar and the day to day management of our building and services). In the meantime we must all rely on our

fellow members volunteering to run the rest of the Club. Without these volunteers our Club simply wouldn't function (and there would, indeed, be no Club).

How can you help?

The soon to be published July Newsletter will be making various calls for further volunteers. Volunteers to help with the running of our winter leagues and competitions, to help promote the Club at the Farmers Market, to help at our Open Day and run or assist with subsequent Taster Sessions, and to serve as Officers on the Bowling Committee.

To help spread the 'volunteering load' we ask every member to consider volunteering to help out with one of these July Newsletter 'asks'. Often it only needs an hour or so of your time.

And, particularly if you haven't volunteered before, why not start now?

Sign-up forms for all the July Newsletter volunteering opportunities will be up in your Club soon.