



Sport England Indoor Bowls Design Guidance Notes - EIBA Addendum

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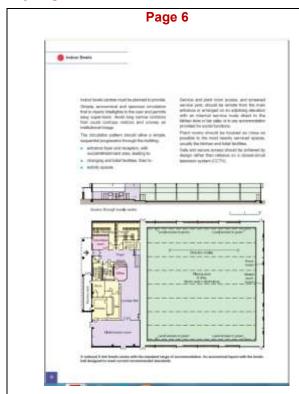
Design Guidance Note

Indoor Bowls





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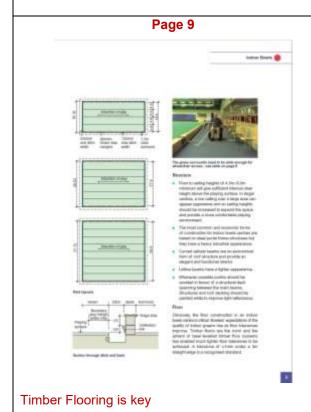


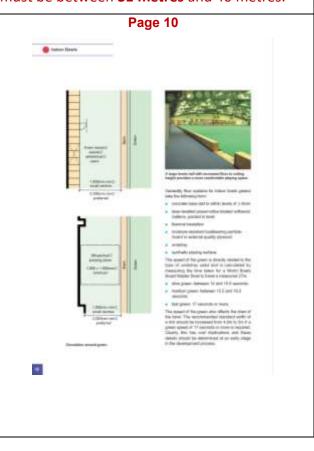
Location of Lockers; Honours Boards; Noticeboards?

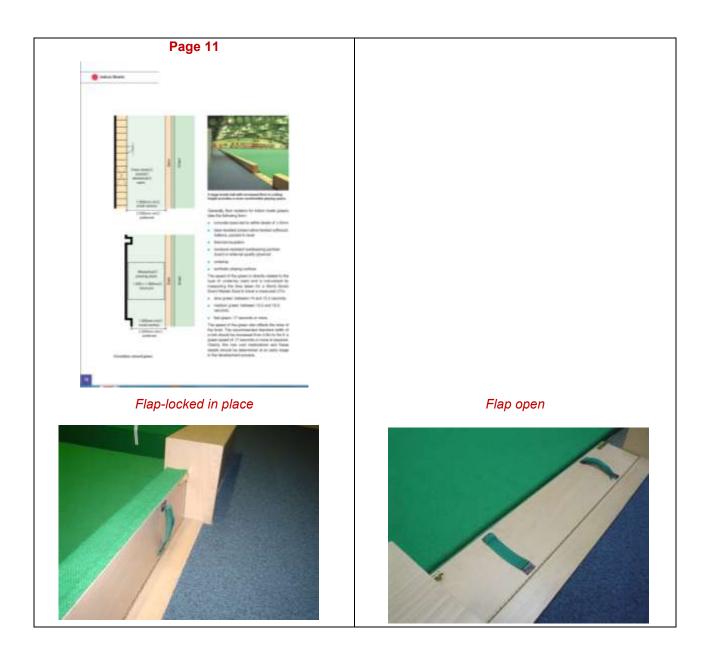


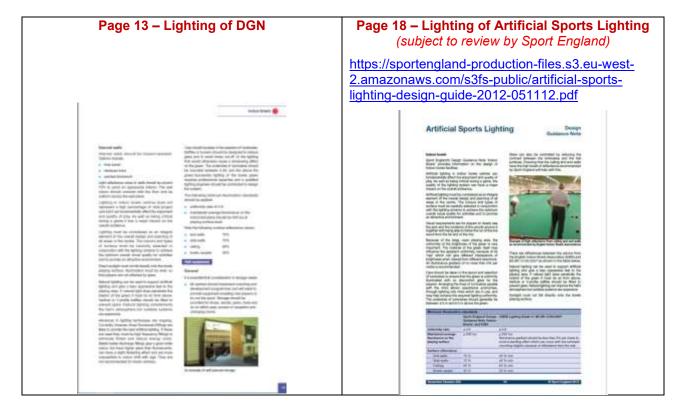
see Crystal Mark Edition 4 of the Laws of the Sport (Law 46.2)

The length of the green in the direction of play must be between **31 metres** and 40 metres.



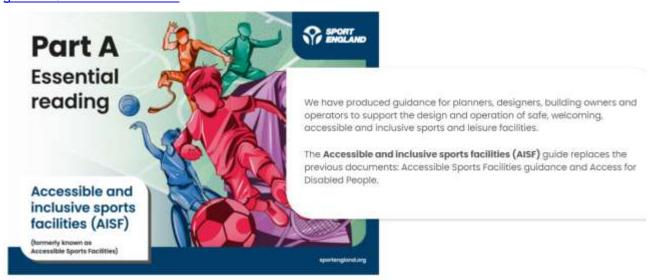






SPORT ENGLAND - Accessible and inclusive sports facilities

https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/facilities-and-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/accessible-inclusive



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Activity Alliance (formerly EFDS) Guidance:

Access for All: Creating accessible places and spaces

www.activityalliance.org.uk/assets/000/005/381/Access For All Accessible Full original.pdf?1753354846



Please note: This resource is not for new buildings, major construction, or extensive refurbishment projects, or for those working in the built environment sector.

For such initiatives refer to:

RIBA's Inclusive Design overlay and Sport England's Accessible and Inclusive Sports Facilities (AISF) Resource 2024.

Activity Alliance - "Disability Inclusion Hub"

www.activityalliance.org.uk/how-we-help/programmes/68-inclusive-club-development

The Disability Inclusion Hub is a free online tool, developed in partnership with Sport England buddle, that supports sports clubs and community organisations improve their delivery and access of activity opportunities, so more disabled people can be active.

It enables sports clubs, community organisations, and the sport and activity workforce to self-assess their offer for disabled people. As part of the assessment, users will understand how inclusive and accessible their current offer is for disabled people and identify areas for improvement.

https://buddle.co/tools/disability-inclusion-hub



Additions to DGN

AIR CONDITIONING – since the Guidance Note was issued, the external temperature during the Summer months has required Clubs to install Air Conditioning. This has had a positive impact on Membership numbers.

SUSPENDED CEILINGS AND LIGHTING

EIBA suggests like Melton and Kempston Park



LOCKERS

STORAGE NEEDS

BOARDING/TILING OF GREEN

NOTICE BOARDS

SHORTMAT OPTION

END OF SESSION BELL – games are played over a set period (e.g. 2 Hours); The Bell indicates the start of the bowls session and the end of the session.

HAND RAILS TO GET ON and OFF RINK - see images below

HOT AIR HANDRIERS for Changing Rooms

WATER SENSORS for URINALS – reduces the Water Rates payable by the Club.

Additional Images



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Page 7 Social Area



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General view



General view



Steps and handrail for Access to the Green



Handrail for Access to the Green



Handrail for Access to the Green

BWBA Historic Guidance

Notes on Access for Wheelchair Bowlers to Bowls Clubs [Revision April 2001]

These notes are for information, guidance & support to Clubs seeking to refurbish an existing Club or build on a green field site. These notes are widely drawn, and it is appreciated that not all may be taken on board but they, nevertheless, show the issues that should be considered in seeking to provide access for wheelchair users from "car park to green".

Parking

Wheelchair spaces should be of the wide variety i.e. The width of one and a half normal spaces to allow for the car door to be opened and wheelchair taken of the car and assembled. How many disabled spaces are planned?

Where will the spaces be situated? Ideally as close to the Club entrance as possible. Is the car park level and do any kerbs have to be negotiated between car and entrance? If there has to be a ramp, then the local Social Services Dept. can advise on the maximum gradients/width of slope (see below on width of wheelchairs).

Is the car park fully lit at night? Movement sensors are best, and they are economical too.

Entrance to Club

How easy is the door to open? Open in? Out? Are there dampers on the door? If so, how easy is it to open the door? How high is the door handle? Three feet/four feet high would be the ideal. If it is an automatic door does it open on a sensor basis or is it a "smart card"? If the latter, be careful not to site the "swipe" mechanism too high (see door handle height above).

How wide are the doors? A wheelchair can vary in width from 20" to almost 30" in width.

Are there 2 sets of doors together at the entrance? This can be a problem for a wheelchair user especially if one set of doors open one way and the next open the other.

Inside the Club

Thin pile carpet is the ideal otherwise you have difficulty pushing in a straight line.

Is there access to all parts of the Club? Bar? Dining Room? Toilets? Changing Rooms? With the toilets and the changing room there should be space to turn a wheelchair 360' without difficulty, which is roughly a circle of 4 feet diameter. Are there lower mirrors in the toilets? Is there a wide enough door to the toilet? It is better to have a door that opens out and is at least 50% wider than a normal door.

Is there storage within the Club? Specialist bowling wheelchairs need a safe place to be kept and a space that can be accessed by the wheelchair user himself/herself if required.

If the dining/bar area is raised there should obviously be a ramp to the bank/green. How high are the dining room tables as some wheelchairs sit higher up than others but a free space of up to 30" from the floor to the underside of the table should allow most wheelchair users to sit comfortably.

Getting onto the Green

Most existing green have a drop from bank to green. The ideal is to have the bank and the green on the same level with a dwarf wall dividing them. It makes obvious easy access for the wheelchair user removing the need for a ramp; but also, directly aids the more elderly and less mobile Club members and also aids getting the vacuum cleaner onto the green. These dwarf walls typically have removable areas which are strong enough to sustain a blow from a bowl but also light enough to be removed

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