

# English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd

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## **Affiliation to the English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd**

### **EIBA VISION 2025-2027**

The EIBA plan covers the following areas:

- Recruit and Retain
- Facilities – Build, Improve, Retain
- Inclusion
- Communications
- Commercial Activities
- Performance
- Governance



### **EIBA Objectives**

- A growth in participation across the adult population in local Communities. Targeted work to increase Female and Ethnic participants.
- A growth in participation in the 10 - 18 age range as part of the “EIBA Development Pathway”
- The provision of an excellent sporting experience for new and existing participants
- A growth in Indoor Bowls participation by people who have disabilities

EIBA is keen to work with:

- Affiliated Clubs, Affiliated County Associations and the Bowls Development Alliance who are established for the promotion of the sport of Indoor Bowls
- Active Partnerships
- Local Authorities/Leisure Operators



### **The EIBA priorities are:**

1. Recruitment of Participants
2. Retention of Participants
3. Retention and Improvement of Facilities.

### **EIBA “Recruit and Retain Strategy”**

The EIBA “Recruit and Retain Strategy” is to concentrate on the family aspect of our Sport. This means that we are keen for all of our Clubs to avail themselves of opportunities for “increasing participation” and “improving the experience” of all able-bodied or disabled participants in Bowls across all ages and gender.

## **Clubs owned by the Club/Local Authority-Leisure Operator managed Indoor Bowls Sites**

We will foster positive relationships and work with the Club and the Centre staff to develop their Plans for:

- Creating a robust and thriving Bowling Club on their site, which operates for 12 months a year.
- Ongoing relationships between an Indoor Club and Leisure Operator.

## **BENEFITS OF AFFILIATION:**

As a member of the Association, which is the National Governing Body for playing Level Green Indoor Bowls in England – you can have a direct influence on the running of our Sport.

**Laws of the Sport**– With the EIBA being a member of the International Indoor Bowls Council (IIBC) who are an affiliate to World Bowls. All Affiliated Members can have an input into the contents of the Crystal Mark Fourth Edition Laws of the Sport of Bowls by submitting suggestions for consideration.

**Director** - all members of Affiliated Clubs are eligible for Election to the Board, the controlling body of the Association and thereby have a direct influence on the work of the Association.

All members of Affiliated Clubs have an immediate access to Officers, Directors and Staff of the Association, who are available to provide advice and guidance.

As your National Governing Body, we provide the Sport with a structure which enables Indoor Bowls to be recognised by Government Agencies, corporate bodies and general public.

All Affiliated Clubs and Counties of National Governing Bodies are therefore eligible to receive support from the DCMS, Sport England and Health Department funded partner organisations such as:

- County Sports Partnerships
- Local Authority Sports Development Officers
- Educational Establishments – from Junior to Higher & Further Education
- Leisure Operators
- HMRC – benefits of CASC registration [www.cascinfo.co.uk](http://www.cascinfo.co.uk)

**Bowls Development Alliance (BDA)** – the Association is an active partner in the Alliance, supported by Sport England and Active Sports Partnerships that are based across England.

**Information and Guidance Service** - by Affiliation to a National Governing Body of Sport which is recognised and supported by Sport England, an Affiliated Club and County will benefit from a Network of Advisers on such subjects as:

- Community Amateur Sports Club's & Charitable Status (CASC)
- Changes in Government / Companies House / HMRC Legislation
- Constitutions
- UK GDPR legislation
- Disciplinary & Appeals Procedures
- Sources of Funding – guidance on applications
- Facility Design Advice
- Best Practice for Recruit & Retain – [Recruitment Campaign](#)
- Access to Services offered via the Sport and Recreation Alliance - [Sport and Recreation Alliance](#)



**Arbitration Service** – the Association will assist Clubs, Counties and individual Members to resolve difficulties that may occur.

**Safeguarding Bowls** – The English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd, Bowls England, English Short Mat Bowling Association, English Bowling Federation, British Crown Green Bowling Association and the Bowls Development Alliance are working jointly to safeguard all those who participate in the sport of flat green bowls. We have developed a Safeguarding Bowls Document for the sport of bowls which outlines our commitment to ensuring that the sport provides a safe environment for all young people to play.

For full details visit the Safeguarding Bowls website [Safeguarding](#)



**National Skills Awards** – The EIBA Ltd has developed a range of youth awards aimed to test and develop Junior Bowlers across England. The Bronze and Silver Awards are conducted within your Club, by a qualified coach, whilst the Gold award will be conducted around the Country. [www.eiba.co.uk/youth/national-skills-awards.pdf](http://www.eiba.co.uk/youth/national-skills-awards.pdf)

**English Bowls Umpires Association (EBUA)** – through the Associations funding of the EBUA, the services of fully trained Umpires are available to all Affiliated Clubs and Counties.



**Coaching** – the services of fully trained Coaches are available to members of all Affiliated Clubs and Counties. For full details [www.coachbowls.org](http://www.coachbowls.org)

**Membership Services** - we are able to offer the Members of Affiliated Indoor Bowling Clubs a variety of specially arranged Services which are aimed at assisting Members in the day to day running of the Club.

See [Official Partners - EIBA Ltd](#)

Companies and their products / services are sourced and secured for affiliated Clubs to utilise at beneficial rates which will reduce their overheads and help keep subscription rates and rink fees to an attractive level.

**Direct Benefits from Sponsors** – through our negotiations with our Sponsors, Clubs, Counties and individuals can obtain special benefits which are communicated on a regular basis. See [Official Partners and Sponsors](#)

**Insurance** – Bespoke insurance for English Indoor Bowling Association clubs underwritten by Hiscox is available through Howden (In addition to Civil Liability/Employers Liability Insurance.)

**EIBA E-Newsletter** – An email Newsletter is sent free of charge to every Affiliated Club during the year and to individuals who sign up via the EIBA website

**Player Pathway** - Ability to nominate members of the Club for Junior and International Trials, and ultimately the ability to play for their Country at British Isles (BIIBC) and World (IIBC) level events.

**National Competitions** – Participation in 40 Winter National Individual and Team Competitions and 4 Summer National Individual and Team Competitions See [Home](#)

**Open Singles Circuit** – The EIBA administer a schedule of weekend Singles knock out tournaments, which are hosted by interested affiliated clubs and open to all players clubs across the Country.

**EIBA TV** – to help promote the sport of Indoor Bowls the EIBA had its own Streaming platform, EIBA TV, which shows over 30 live matches per annum from the EIBA National Finals. See [English Indoor Bowling Association](#)

## Marketing material – Templates for Recruitment and Popups:

### Posters –

[www.eiba.co.uk/downloads/posters.php](http://www.eiba.co.uk/downloads/posters.php)



### Banners

<http://www.eiba.co.uk/Guidance/banners.php>



## Additional reasons for being Affiliated:

- Potential Partners/Funders/Insurers are provided with the assurance that your Club receives assistance from a National Governing Body to which you can obtain assistance and guidance on matters relating to the Governance and day to day running of your Club.
- The EIBA support Clubs who are facing the threat of closure due to landlords looking to use the facility for other activities. This has achieved a change of mind and or ensured that a new facility includes an indoor bowls facility.
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## MEMBERSHIP

Each Member Club/Member County shall pay such Annual Subscription as may be determined by an ordinary resolution of the Members at the Annual General Meeting.

Each Member Club shall in addition pay a levy in respect of each of their playing members who have attained the age of **18 years** of such amount as may be determined by an ordinary resolution of the Members at the Annual General Meeting

A “playing member” for the purposes of the Levy is regarded as any person entitled by virtue of his or her membership to use the indoor playing facilities of the Club.

For the 2025/2026 Season the following monies are currently payable:

- For the 12 months ending 30th November 2026, the Levy payable by each Club in respect of each of their playing members (who have attained the age of 18 years) as at 1st December 2025, shall be £5.00 this sum to be paid by 31st December 2025
- For the 12 months ending 30th November 2026, the Annual Subscription for Clubs shall be £136.50, this sum to be paid by 31st December 2025.

Full details relating to the Association can be found at [www.eiba.co.uk](http://www.eiba.co.uk) including downloadable copies of our Articles of Association, AGM Booklets and Diary of Events.

## **APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Applications for Affiliation may be made by letter together with:

- ◆ a copy of the Club Constitution and Rules
- ◆ Name, Address, Telephone Numbers of the Club and Officers
- ◆ Such other information that may be required by the Board of the Association.

To be eligible for Affiliation, the Club must have the use of a Green, which conforms to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark Fourth Edition as approved by World Bowls.

For further information about the English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd please contact

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