

IRISH INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION

A Zoom Meeting was held on Thursday 7th October 2021 at 8 pm.

1. Attendance

Mrs F McNally	A Rice	Ms C Adair	H Nixon	S Carleton
W Cassells	D McCullough	E Irwin	D Doherty	Mrs R Rice
Mrs J Parkinson	W Clinghan	S Kyne	C Mearns	G O'Hare
B Holmes				

Apologies

H Massey	D Bintley	Mrs A Patton	Ms R Neely	Ms H Foley
M Caughey	Mrs C McKim	Mrs A McKiver		

2. Chairman's Business

The President took the chair as the Chairman was unable to attend as he was having technical issues.

3. Return to Play – Leagues and Competitions

There was a mixed response from Conveners as some Conveners stated that their clubs were keen to get started whereas others said there was little interest in getting started again. Conveners felt that leagues should be allowed to go ahead if they wanted to. If a league must make a change from their usual format that is laid down in their rules this should be accepted as a temporary change of format due to covid restrictions. S Kyne proposed and Mrs R Rice seconded those leagues could recommence from Monday 11 October if clubs had Covid Officers, had carried out a risk assessment and have the appropriate insurance in place.

It was noted that the Baker stadium is currently running competitions even though at the September meeting only clubs were allowed to open. It was decided not to allow tournaments at present and that this would be reviewed at the beginning of January.

4. Competitions Secretary's Reports

4.1 Completion of Nationals

The Competitions Secretary stated that the first 3 Saturdays in November provisionally booked. On 6 November the National Fours would be completed with the games reduced to 8 ends. On 13 November the National Pairs and Ladies Singles are scheduled for completion. On 20 November the Junior Singles and the Over 55 Pairs would take place in the morning and the finals would commence at 2 p.m.

There is currently a maximum of 200 people throughout the building. This meant no supporters allowed as by the time we have the players, umpires and officers there we will be nearly 100 people for a time each day. Track and trace forms would be issued to all players and these would have to be completed before entering the Stadium. Players are asked to go home once they are no longer in the competition. The Competitions Secretary suggested that for this year only, two substitutes would be allowed in the fours and they would have to be from the same club. This was agreed. The Competitions Secretary raised the problem of setting up and putting away the equipment and asked Conveners to help.

The Competitions Secretary is liaising with the Umpires Association regarding the play-offs. It was agreed that the Umpires could mark and measure. If there was not enough umpires' players could measure but both skips would have to be in agreement with result before any bowl is removed. Umpire could be requested to watch measure and their decision would be final. Masks have to be worn unless a player has a medical reason not to wear one.

It was suggested that foot mats were not required if taped across the end of the two white lines were taped across where the foot mat is placed. If a player has their foot on or over this line it is a foot fault. Umpires could ensure score cards are filled in. With regards to scoreboards one person on each mat would be nominated to manage scoreboard and there would be no need for sanitising. Scoreboards and blocks could be disinfected after each game.

4.2 British Isles 2022

The Competitions Secretary drew attention to the fact that if the British Isles Championships went ahead in January 2022 this would mean the IIBA would have to organise some "version" of the nationals to facilitate the following British Isles in November 2022. This could be a problem as some zones may not have access to their normal venues for running zone qualifiers. The Competitions Secretary suggested that if this was the case it would be better to run only the National competitions.

5. Finance/Annual Subs

The Treasurer reported that only 19 clubs have paid their annual subscription so far.

6. Correspondence

The Honorary Secretary had received a request for information about the IIBA's registration numbers and fees and net current assets on behalf of a group of bowlers called Vision 2030. After discussion the Executive declined the request as the IIBA is an all-Ireland body and therefore any information would not be relevant to the study.

Meeting closed 9.50 p.m.