

Sutton St. Edmund Short Mat Bowls Club.

Risk Assessment.

Work Activity	Description	The hazards and associated risks with this activity have been identified and given a scored rating using a semi-quantitative risk assessment methodology. The risk assessment ratings are based on the subjective estimate from the knowledge of the assessor and aim to identify both the level of risk without controls and the level of residual risk once control measures have been introduced.									
Playing the short mat bowls game.	This risk assessment focuses on the activities associated with the short mat bowls game.	Very Low Risk (1 - 4)	This level of risk is minimal. This activity may proceed with standard caution, and no additional control measures are required.								
Assessment date: - 24 June 2025.		Low Risk (5 - 10)	This level of risk is acceptable to the club. Proceed with caution and stop if anything changes.								
Assessment number: - SSESMB CRA02		Moderate Risk (11 - 15)	This level of risk is acceptable if it cannot be reduced further after a review by the club.								
Completed by: - Alan Bingham, Sharon Bingham and David Warriner.		High Risk (16 - 20)	This level of risk is significant. Additional control measures are required to reduce the overall risk to an acceptable level before proceeding.								
Review date: - Club AGM 2026.		Very High Risk (25)	This level of risk is critical. This activity should not proceed until the risk has been reduced.								
		To calculate the risk rating and residual risk rating, multiply the likelihood (1 -5) by the impact (1 - 5). This results in a risk score that can range from 1 - 25, where the higher scores indicate more severe risks.									
		Risk Matrix		Impact on club following an incident.							
				1 Minimal	2 Minor	3 Moderate	4 Major	5 Critical			
Likelihood of an incident.	1 Very Low	1	2	3	4	5					
	2 Low	2	4	6	8	10					
	3 Moderate	3	6	9	12	15					
	4 Likely	4	8	12	16	20					
	5 High	5	10	15	20	25					

Risk No.	Description of identified hazard	Who might be harmed and how	Risk rating			Control measures	Residual risk rating		
			Likelihood	Impact	Score		Likelihood	Impact	Score
1	Straining back whilst picking up and placing the rubber delivery mat.	Any player by holding their back posture incorrectly.	3	3	9	All players to use the 'vertical straight back and bent knees' approach where possible to minimise back strains.	1	3	3
2	Straining back whilst picking up and placing the jack on the mat.	Any player by holding their back posture incorrectly.	3	3	9	All players to use the 'vertical straight back and bent knees' approach where possible to minimise back strains. The club also has available for use bowl and jack pick up tools, which eliminate the need for bending down.	1	3	3
3	Straining back whilst moving the fender into it's correct position.	Any player taking part in the game.	3	3	9	All players to use the 'vertical straight back and bent knees' approach where possible to minimise back strains.	1	3	3
4	Straining back whilst moving the centre block into it's correct position.	Any player taking part in the game.	3	3	9	All players to use the 'vertical straight back and bent knees' approach where possible to minimise back strains.	1	3	3
5	Straining back whilst stopping and recovering a bowl that has been delivered and run off the side of the mat.	Any player taking part in the game.	4	3	12	Any player at the head end to stop the bowl before it has chance to cause injury to any player in the vicinity and guide the bowl to rest behind the fender or pick it up using the 'vertical straight back and bent knees' approach and place it behind the fender.	1	3	3
6	Straining back / suffering an injury attempting to stop a bowl that has touched the centre block on it's way to the head.	Any player taking part in the game.	4	4	16	Any player at the head end who goes to collect the bowl that has hit the block must take great care not to trip over any other bowls already on the mat.	2	4	8
7	Straining back whilst recovering an illegal bowl.	Any player taking part in the game.	4	3	12	Any player at the head end who goes to collect an illegal bowl must take great care not to trip over any other bowls or other items already on the mat.	1	3	3

8	Nipping fingers whilst gathering up the bowls following the completion of the end.	Any player taking part in the game.	4	3	12	All players involved with the gathering up of the bowls must be aware of other players using their fingers that could become trapped in the bowls and stop gathering until they are out.	1	3	3
9	Player sustaining an injury whilst gathering up bowls following the completion of the end using their feet.	Any player taking part in the game.	3	3	9	All players involved with the gathering up of the bowls with their feet to be aware that moving bowls become trip hazards and can trap other players body parts.	1	3	3
10	Tripping over bowls waiting to be bowled.	Any player taking part in the game.	4	3	12	Where possible all waiting bowls should be tight up behind the fender and to either the far left or far right and not gathered up directly behind the rubber delivery mat.	1	3	3
11	Straining back whilst measuring for shot.	Any player taking part in the game.	4	5	20	Any person involved in this activity should get down on their knees to avoid over stretching their lower back which could cause serious back issues.	1	4	4
12	Tripping over the fender moving into position to take shot and returning to the floor having taken shot.	Any player taking part in the game.	4	3	12	All players should be aware the fender protrudes above ground level and care to be taken whilst stepping over it.	1	3	3
13	Not used.				0				0
14	Not used.				0				0