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SUBJECT: Season 2020/21

Dear Members,

The WSCSMBA Management Committee (MC) met via Zoom on 4th August 2020 to discuss the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and the continuing impact on our activities in short mat bowls.

Further to the recent update released by the Government regarding the re-opening of some sporting venues, the MC discussed whether it would be permissible to resume play within the County. However, this guidance states that the resumption of recreational sport should be led by the National Governing Body and each individual sport must submit an action plan to the Government for approval before the sport may return. The Government's social distancing guidance also states that only members of two households may currently meet in an indoor setting. In view of the guidance available, the age profile of our membership and the possible clinical vulnerability of players, the MC confirmed that the re-opening of clubs would not be appropriate, and is not permissible at this time.

The MC also discussed the viability of either completing the current season's Winter League and KO Cup, or running a 2020/21 season. The MC unanimously agreed there would be **no** County Winter League and KO Cup held in the 2020/21 season. The MC will continue to look at possible options to replace this with an alternative competition should the situation allow for play to resume.

The ESMBA have released their proposed "Route Map" back to bowling and further updates will be supplied as they are received. The "Route Map" is subject to Government's approval.

We would again like to thank the members for their understanding during these difficult times and hope to see you all on the mat again as soon as possible.

Regards

Roger Hawke
County & Membership Secretary