

Following the advice and guidance given by Bowls England this policy has been drawn up to ensure that all members are aware of the rules that the club is introducing in respect of playing on the Outdoor Green.

Playing Arrangements

- A booking system has been set up and must be adhered to. The booking system will commence on 1st June 2020. If you wish to book a rink you should do so by preferably emailing chairwbc@gmail.com or 01823 666015. Bookings must be made 48 hours in advance.
- Initially there will be three sessions per day. 11.00-12.30; 13.30-15.00; 16.00-17.30 with an additional session on Friday from 18.30-20.00 where those members who work full time will get priority.
- Only the disabled entrance to the green is available for use and you will be advised of the code when you make a booking.
- Play will be on alternate rinks and the rink will be allocated on booking.
- Players should arrive no earlier than 15 minutes before their allocated playing time and should leave within 15 minutes of their finishing time.
- Maximum of six players on club premises at any one time (assuming average of two people per rink who are not from the same household). The only exception will be if there are more than two players from the same household who wish to play together.
- No visitors/spectators to be admitted to the club.
- The club will cap the number of occasions a player can book a rink each week to ensure that the available capacity is distributed fairly.

Playing Formats

The following playing formats are in accordance with Government guidelines:

- Individuals playing bowls on their own on a single rink.
- Two individuals from two different households playing on a single rink (no marker).
- Members of the same household on a single rink

Social distancing rules must be strictly adhered to; you must remain at least two metres apart from other bowlers (who are not part of your household) at all times.

Clubhouse and Facilities

- Until further notice the clubhouses will remain closed and locked and there will not be any toilet facilities.
- Sanitiser will be available for cleaning hands and equipment before and after playing.
- Players should bring their own personal sanitiser for opening and closing the gate.

Equipment

To minimise the risk of infection, only essential items (as below) should be utilised during any session:

- Mat
- Bowls
- Jack
- Rink Markers (these will be placed by Green Staff)
- Gloves
- Bowling arm/lifter (for use by one person only if required).
- Bowling aids (for players with a disability if required)

To minimise the risk of infection, any other equipment is not deemed essential equipment at this time and will not be available. This includes:

- Scoreboards
- Bowls Pushers
- Ditch Markers
- 2m Distance Sticks
- Chalk in any form

Players

In advance

- Do not go to the club if you are experiencing any coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or any cold or flu-like symptoms, in particular a cough or a high temperature. Use the NHS 111 website or helpline and seek advice. For your own protection, follow the advice about self-isolation if you are, or are living with, someone in one of the vulnerable groups
- Dress appropriately before you get to the club to avoid the need to change clothes – change shoes immediately before and after your game
- Travel to the green on your own or with members of your own household only – do not offer a lift to, or accept a lift from, anyone outside your household. Do not arrive more than 15 minutes before your allocated booking time.

Personal care

- Clean anything you have touched after use.
- Take any food or drink you might need with you and remove anything you bring when leaving.
- Wash or sanitise your hands and sanitise any equipment (including bowls, jacks and mats) you use before and after you play – do not assume that the person before you has sanitised the equipment thoroughly.
- Sanitise padlocks, keys and door handles before and after use.

Playing the game

- You should only play:
- By yourself
- with people from your own household
- with one other person from outside your household as long as you stay two metres apart
- Groups of more than two people must all be from the same household. This means you cannot have two or three people from one household plus one person from outside the household playing together
- Do not shake hands before, during or after a game
- Do not 'high-five' OR 'hug' other players to celebrate shots or a win
- Only one player should handle the mat during the session
- Two jacks (one at each end and of different colours) should be used and this should be set by one player only throughout the session
- Do not touch your opponents' bowls with your hands
- Measuring for shots is not permitted. Use best guess.

When you leave

- When you finish playing, change your shoes and leave the club immediately – ensuring that you have sanitised all equipment used and that the club is secure.

Additional Notes

- Any member who is found breaking any of the above rules **will** be suspended immediately pending disciplinary action.
- If you feel unwell after playing please advise the booking officer so that we can advise other members who were playing on the same session. It will be a generic notification and no names will be mentioned.