

Swindon & District Bowling Association

Covid 19 coronavirus Statement 2

S&D Evening League

Firstly I would like to correct one item in the previous statement I issued. Reference to the cancellation of the Bowls England National Finals programme was in relation to the Indoor Competitions only. My apologies for any confusion caused. However Bowls England has since issued a statement now indicating that they have cancelled their entire domestic programme of events. The Committee has continued to review the situation and has formulated the following plan of action for both the S&D Afternoon and Evening Leagues in the coming season.

We propose to cancel ALL league matches in the first half of the season. The season will now start at the end of June or early July with the reverse fixtures programme. Clubs will just play each other once and although this will mean that some clubs may play more away fixtures than home (or vice a versa) it will not necessitate the revision of Club Fixture Cards.

Obviously further postponement or cancellation of the programme may be required as the situation develops but at least this way there is a chance to salvage some of the summer programme.

The Association Friendly Match programme will also have to be curtailed with the likelihood that most matches will be postponed or cancelled. I think it is safe to say that the matches scheduled for May and June will NOT take place at that time. Further details will follow in due course.

We have also reluctantly decided to cancel the S&D Competitions this year. With the latest restrictions on unnecessary association many of our members will be excluded or feel unable to enter anyway thus making the competitions meaningless.

Individual Clubs must decide whether or not to proceed with their own Club Competitions and Friendly Matches.

The Committee will continue to monitor the situation and keep clubs informed

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Monday Afternoon Triples (Tea & Biscuits)

The new starting date for the season in the S&D Afternoon League will be Monday 29th June in 2-6 Divisions, with the start for Division 1 being a week later on 6th July. Please check with your fixtures so that you will only play your opponents once in the proposed shortened season, I have checked these but please double check !!! and let me know of any problems.

Good luck to you all ! remembering that this might all change later on in the year.

I will try to keep you all in touch with the situation regarding the T&B League.

Bowls Wiltshire

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Wilts Leagues

As a consequence of the current Emergency measures arising from the effects of the COVID-19 virus Bowls Wiltshire Men are following the advice of the UK Government and Bowls England.

We have already seen the closure of Bowls Clubs throughout the County. We are therefore compelled to Suspend ALL Men's Leagues, (4RL & 3RL), and other Bowling events for the foreseeable future.

Having watched the latest presentation from Prime Minister Boris Johnson the current prediction is that the "tide will start to turn" on the defeat of this disease in around 12 weeks which takes us to the end of June. So it is highly unlikely that Local and National Competitions and Championships in all disciplines will proceed in 2020.

We will, of course be reviewing the situation as events unfold and will attempt to give statements on a monthly basis.

Due to the changes we are making in the 4 Rink League system for 2021 we will need to formulate a system for creation of the "Premier" Division. This will be advised later in the "Season".

I'm sure that you have all seen the previous emails from Gerald giving details of the Bowls England stance on the crisis and the effect on their Leamington Programme and International Fixtures.

It is sad that many County Friendlies will not go ahead which will have a profound effect on the "year" of our County Presidents, Babs Salter and John Crowder. June Corbet has this under her wing and will be addressing this situation separately.

It only remains for me to say - Take this situation seriously, follow the Government's Health Warnings and look out for your neighbour and yourselves.

We will get through this and meet once more on the Green.

