

Guidance for bowling safely

For the safety of all concerned, bowlers must stay alert and follow this guidance when using the green.

Government permission to bowl says

“You can play lawn bowls where facilities have reopened, but you can only take part in these activities by yourself, or with members of your household or with no more than five other people outside of your household, as long as you are able to maintain social distancing.”

Current restrictions may change in the light of government advice and we will keep you updated, but until further notice from the club you must follow the guidelines below.

Play arrangements

- Off-site booking system for rink allocation (call or text Annika on 07775 093484)
- Minimum of 30 minutes between allocated time slots to enable players to arrive/depart safely
- Only play on rink 1 and rink 3 – you should only play singles and make sure you keep 2 metres apart. If you want to play with more than one other person book both rinks (max 6 members on the premises at any one time)
- No visitors/spectators to be admitted to the club. Players must close the gate, once inside.

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 clubhouse will be closed and key to the shed will be in the keysafe (contact Robert, Terry or Annika for code) please ensure key is put back after your session
- Sanitiser and wipes will be available for cleaning hands and equipment before and after use, payers must provide their own sanitisers and wipes for personal use.
- No rubbish bins will be put out – please bring a bag for wipes etc and take this home with you

Equipment

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

- Mat
- Bowls
- Jack
- Gloves
- Scorecards (these should be retained by one person only if required)

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

- Scoreboards
- Bowls pushers
- Ditch markers
- 2m distance sticks
- Chalk

Player's responsibilities

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.
- 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 & hygiene

- Take any food or drink you might need with you
 - As the toilets in the centre are closed the club has hired a portaloo which will be for the use of bowls club members only. It will be locked and key for it will be kept in the shed. Only use when necessary and wipe down anything you have touched after use.
- 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, key safe and door handles before and after use
- Please bring a bag for wipes etc and take this home with you
- Personal hygiene is important. Refrain from spitting on your hands or licking fingers to avoid cross-contamination from bowls.

Playing the game

- You should only play singles and make sure you keep 2 metres apart. If you want to play with more than one other person book both rinks (max 6 members on the premises at any one time)
- Do not shake hands before, during or after a game
- Only one player should handle the mat during the session
- Two jacks (one at each end) should be used and this should be set by one player only throughout the session
- If scoring:
 - o Social distancing rules must be strictly adhered to at all times
 - o Do not touch your opponents' bowls with your hands
 - o Avoid measuring for shot/s

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: Doors locked, portaloo key in shed and shed key back in the key safe and everything you've touched wiped down and rubbish taken home.

Thank you

To book a rink call or text Annika on 07775 093484

The time slots are available everyday as below

12.00 – 13.30

14.00 – 15.50

16.00 – 17.30

18.00 – 19.30