

Protocol for Outdoor Bowling, Summer 2021

From 15 June

If you or anyone in your household or “bubble”, are experiencing any symptoms of Covid-19 or generally feeling unwell, you must not come to the club. Any member, particularly those over 70 and those classified as vulnerable, who plays at the club does so at their own risk.

The wearing of face coverings is mandatory on entry to the bowls club and moving about the club unless you are medically exempt or a child under the age of 11.

Before the game

- A. Only club members who have paid can play.
- B. Spectators are permitted in accordance with social distancing rules and social gathering limits (no more than a group of 30 outdoors).
- C. Locker rooms will only be available for collection of equipment on your first visit. All equipment is to be taken home.
- D. Rinks must be booked at least 24 hours before you wish to play or up to 7 days in advance. Please contact **Kevin Batchelor** our Green Ranger **by WhatsApp or text 07973 946129 or email greenranger@wpavilionbc.org advising the names of players on the rink.** Please buddy up with anyone who does not have access to email or text to take on this task or ask them to ring Maurice Hartley on 01903 882187, who will take their call, send Kevin a message, and monitor to ensure it is booked correctly.
- E. Sessions will be organised as follows:
Monday to Sunday 10 am – 11.45 am, 12 noon – 1.45 pm, 2pm – 3.45 pm, 4pm – 5.45 pm, 6pm – 8pm
- F. Players to use allocated rink only on designated green following the direction set out by the greenkeeper.
- G. National or County Competitions can be booked in advance. Where one rink is required, a minimum of two rinks shall be offered to the opponent.
- H. Car sharing is permitted in accordance with government guidance.

Playing bowls

- A. Players should not arrive more than 10 minutes before the session is due to start. If you arrive early, please wait in your car. You should arrive dressed and with equipment ready to play. Please change your shoes rink side.
- B. Individual, Singles, Pairs, Triples or Fours play. For singles a marker is permitted. **Do not forget hands must be sanitised before and after play and social distancing of 2 metres must be adhered to at all times. Members who breach this guidance are liable to be asked to leave the rink and may not be able to book in the future.**
- C. Players may use vinyl gloves throughout their visit to the club but it is recommended hand sanitiser is used.
- D. 2 mats and 2 jacks per rink. The jacks should be returned to the box by each green. Only one player should handle the mat at each end during the game.
- E. Scorecards will be available which should be retained by one player.

- F. One player on each rink is responsible for getting and putting away the following equipment (Mats, Pushers, Ditch Markers and Scoreboards) which are stored in the sheds. Sanitiser is in the sheds to clean equipment.
- G. One player is to use the pusher each end.
- H. One player is to use the ditch markers for touchers.
- I. Scoreboards can be used for matches. These are only to be handled by the HOME team who will place the board on the green, sanitise it and turn the scores over during the game, then sanitise it after the game.
- J. Do not shake hands before or after the game.
- K. At no point should you handle anyone else's bowls.
- L. Only one player per team should carry out any measuring, using their own equipment. Only use spray chalk.
- M. When changing ends, all players must walk up their left-hand side of the rink and observe social distancing when doing so.
- N. Players must bring their own water.
- O. Players must wipe down all equipment with anti-bacterial spray before and after each game.**
- P. Please place any rubbish (blue paper towels, plastic gloves etc) in rubbish bin to right of steps by club entrance.

Access to Club and Toilets

- A. Face coverings must be worn unless you are medically exempt or a child under 11.
- B. Please enter by the main door, having checked your temperature, sanitised your hands and signed in via the book or QR scan. There is a one-way system in place.
- C. **Remember you must keep your 2 metres distance.**
- D. All toilets are now open. Only one person at a time. Hands must be thoroughly washed afterwards. Clean everything you have touched after use e.g., door handles and locks. Sanitise your hands before returning to the rink.
- E. Changing Rooms will remain closed as well as areas with no entry signs.
- F. Catering will remain closed.
- G. The bar will be open Monday to Friday 11am to 2pm, 4pm to 9pm and on Saturday 11am to 2pm and Sunday 12 noon to 2pm only unless matches are on. Public holidays the hours may vary. Tables inside are restricted to 6 people per table.
- H. When leaving the club use the walkway door to exit

Other points to remember

- A. Spot checks will be carried out by club officials to help ensure the health and safety of all members.
- B. Any member who feels unwell after visiting the club must inform Graham French, the Club Secretary, 01903 820079. So that others who have been in contact can be notified of the need for precautionary self-isolation.