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Opening of the Bowling Green - Conditions of Play

The safety of all Club Members is paramount. The virus is still a killer. Do not go to the Club if you are experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms, or, of course, if you are self-isolating.

Members should use their own common sense to decide if they are fit to play in the given conditions.

All sessions must be booked. *Refer to the booking system section.* Dress code is casual. There will be no Standard Roll-ups but a Modified Roll-up is available on Wednesday afternoons between 1.00pm and 3.00pm.

Open and close the gate to the Club with your arm not hand.

The Clubhouse will not be entered under any circumstances.

Social distancing and all that entails is to be maintained at all times between households.

A limited number of spectators will be allowed around the green during play.

Players and spectators must keep in mind when using a bench that other people have used it before, the benches are not sanitised and they should observe all the social distancing requirements.

You can of course change your shoes in your car or bring a collapsible picnic chair with you if you wish to avoid using the benches.

Only mats and jacks will be used. These are provided in a box at the end of the Clubhouse where the brushes for the green are kept. There will also be antibacterial spray. The mats, jacks and box lid are to be sprayed before and after use. Players will provide their own cloth to wipe down after spraying (take it home with you and wash at 60°C). There will be two jacks per rink available to enable a jack to be placed if necessary before moving to the other end of the rink to bowl, or each lead to have a jack.

Scoreboards, ditch markers, 2m distance sticks and nets will not be used.

Pushers are available for the use. They have been sanitised and placed by the box containing the mats and jacks. Please spray them before and after use.

The green will be set out for seven rinks. Only four of the rinks will be used, numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4, with an empty rink kept between.

We do need to avoid damage to the green so only play when the green is firm. Nets will not be available.

Play sessions will be available seven days a week. Friday mornings are reserved for work on the green.

When your session has finished spray your jacks and mats and return to the box.

A Member may book a rink to practise by themselves.

A Member may book a rink to play with Members that are part of the same household. This is likely to limit use to a singles game, unless there are more than two Members living in the same household.

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A Member may book a rink to play with a Member of another household, i.e. singles.

A Member may book a rink to play with a Visitor, i.e. singles.

A Member may book a rink to play with a Member from the same household and two Members from another household, i.e. pairs.

A Member may book a rink to play with a Member from three other households, i.e. pairs.

A member may book a rink to play triples but only 2 triples rinks will be allowed per session

When playing with Members from another household additional restrictions are necessary:

- Do not shake hands or otherwise touch any other player.
- Only one household may handle the mat during the session, as directed by another household as necessary.
- Two jacks (one at each end) should be used and should be set by one household only throughout the session, directed by another household as necessary.
- Bowls must be sanitised before and after play. Do not touch bowls other than your own with your hands.
- Avoid measuring for shots.
- Social distancing must be adhered to at all times between households.
- Do not share chalk.
- Players are to arrive and depart independently if not in the same household.

Bring all the refreshments that you need with you, especially water in hot weather, and take home any remains.

Observe social distancing in the car park as well as on the green.

Players must advise the Committee if they, or a Visitor, subsequently start showing symptoms of the virus, stating what sessions they have attended.

The Committee may change the requirements to respond to usage and such decisions are not open to discussion.

Booking System

All bowling sessions must be booked. Whether there are rinks free or not roll-ups will not be permitted.

The available bowling sessions will be shown on our website but technical reasons will require members to telephone or email Roger Newman (Tel: 01403 753140, email roger.newman45@yahoo.co.uk) for him to enter the booking. The booking will then be visible on the website. For GDPR reasons only members initials will appear on the calendar.

Bookings will be limited to three per Member per week, on a weekly basis. If on the day there are still slots available they may be booked by a Member, even though it exceeds the weekly allocation.

Sessions must be booked in the names of all the Members or Visitors playing. Strict adherence to this is necessary as should players exhibit symptoms of the virus subsequent to playing the Committee must be informed so that it can warn any players that might be at risk.

Each rink must be booked by one of the Members playing on the rink.

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Each Wednesday from 1:00pm to 3:00pm and starting on 29th July there will be a modified roll-up. If you wish to play in the roll-up please submit your request to Roger Newman, preferably by email but phone if you wish. A maximum of 16 players will be allowed playing as far as possible in pairs, triples, or singles if the numbers are not right. By the Wednesday morning the players will be randomly chosen as to the rinks you will play on so look on the booking calendar on Wednesday morning for your initials and rink allocation. Phone Roger if you do not have internet access.

When you arrive please introduce yourselves, if necessary, and sort out who plays with who on the rink and who plays lead and skip, you can of course change positions during the game if you wish.

As this is intended to help integrate new bowlers into the club they will be selected first in the event of over subscription.