

Ewhurst Return to Play

The following rules and guidelines have been drawn up following advice and guidance from Bowls England and our risk assessments applying the advice to our green and facilities at Ewhurst. They initially cover the period to 17th May when we hope and expect the rules to change again. What is defined below may however change in the light of practical experience and learning from how other clubs have implemented the advice. You will see that some conditions change depending on the dates.

- Spectators are not permitted, except on public land. When on public land, spectators should adhere to gathering limits in groups of six, or two households. In our case public land is the car park. This restriction on spectators doesn't apply for people with disabilities, or adults needed to supervise under-18s in a safeguarding role. Where it's necessary for them to be present, supervising adults shouldn't mix with others from outside their household or support bubble.
- If you have symptoms of Coronavirus do not visit the club.
- If you have visited the club and subsequently test positive it is vital that you contact Jo or Roger Newman and we will have the ability to feed information on you and your contacts when at the club into the NHS Track and Trace system. If you have played away then we will inform the club you visited.
- There is a maximum of 24 players allowed on a 6 rink green at any one time. This will include markers when used for competition rounds. In special circumstances we can have 7 rinks at Ewhurst in which case the limit is 28. We can play in any format provided these limits are not exceeded. You will notice that some matches have reduced rinks when playing triples, both home and away.
- During play the advice is not to wear masks outside but social distancing must be observed.
- We will be allowing the use of the usual equipment associated with playing bowls but it should be sanitised before and after use as much as is practicable. Players should sanitise their hands regularly. Chalking of touchers should only be done with puffers not chalk.
- The clubhouse will be open but masks must be used inside.
- Toilets can be used but only one person at a time. We will have free/engaged signs outside the changing room.
- The changing rooms cannot be used for changing as ours are too small to allow easy social distancing. You may find that some clubs have larger facilities and different access capabilities.
- Players 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.
- When we can and with Members' assistance, we will try to offer tea/coffee and limited biscuits to be consumed outside. We can prepare mugs etc on our movable trolley in the kitchen beforehand and use the urn to fill the teapots to dispense refreshments. See how this goes. This is not proposed for Roll-ups and Members should bring their own refreshments. Some clubs are not offering refreshments.
- We are going to stock the bar. On occasions we will take drink orders from a table and dispense drinks for consumption outside. Members will not be allowed up to the bar. We will see how this will work and if it is too time consuming or impractical we will leave this for post 17th May.
- Only one person or one household should access other parts of the clubhouse at a time. It may be necessary to get bowls, particularly for coaching and other consumables from cupboards.
- There should be no car sharing outside your own household.
- You will see that at least initially we will not be using the web based booking system.

- Dress code will be as usual, i.e., Formal for Club Events, League and Friendly matches and Informal for Roll-ups – except where Roll-ups coincide with other events. See the Guidance for All Members on our web site.

Period 20th to 26th April

There are no matches during this period.

- We will have defined roll up slots every day 10:30 to 12:30, 2:00 to 4:00pm and 5:00 to 7:00pm. There will be no pre-booking but on arrival you must enter your name in a book provided in the clubhouse foyer. A maximum of 24 members can play. As is usual for roll ups you all should sort out amicably who plays with whom and in what format with no changing of teams once started.
- No ad hoc games will be allowed during this period.

Period 27th April to 17th May (Friendly and League Matches Start)

- All fixtures and league matches can be viewed on the club web site.
- Selections for friendly matches will be on the web site and on the notice board in the foyer.
- Roll up sessions will revert to Monday and Friday only 2:00 to 4:00pm and 6:00 to 8:00pm and registration will be the same as above for roll ups. There will be no Wednesday afternoon roll up because we have a number of friendly matches and there is a limit of 24 players on the green. We will review this when larger groups are allowed in Step 3.
- When Competitions have been drawn, matches can be organised but avoid roll up slots and obviously any home matches. Times should be booked using the book in the foyer. The names of players and marker must be entered.
- No ad hoc games, as only organised sport is allowed.