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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.

All sessions must be booked. *Refer to the booking system section.* Dress code is casual. There will be no Roll-ups.

No spectators are to be admitted.

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 time between households.

Groups of more than two players must be from the same household.

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 a bottle of 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 to enable a jack to be placed before moving to the other end of the rink to bowl. Alternatively, you can bowl the jack and leave it where it lays as in 101.

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

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.

The grass length will be longer than normal playing height to start with so short jacks may have to be used.

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

Two-hour play sessions will be available seven days a week and will start at 10.00am, 1.00pm and 4.00pm, except for Fridays when there will only be two sessions starting at 1.00pm and 4.00pm.

When your session has finished spray your jacks and mats and return to the box, change your shoes and leave the club immediately.

You may play with one other person outside your household, but this limits the number of players to two. This introduces additional restrictions:

- Do not shake hands or otherwise touch the other player.

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- Only one player may handle the mat during the session, as directed by the other player as necessary.
- Two jacks (one at each end) should be used and should be set by one player only throughout the session, directed by the other player as necessary.
- Bowls must be sanitised before and after play. Do not touch your opponent's bowls with your hands.
- Avoid measuring for shots.
- Social distancing must be adhered to at all times between households.
- Do not share chalk, although it is unlikely to be required unless the bowler wants to walk up to the head to mark a toucher.
- 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 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.

There will be a copy of these conditions in the box where the mats and jacks are stored.

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.

Members may book a rink to practise by themselves.

Members 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.

Members may book a rink to play with a Member of another household, which will limit the use to a singles game and require compliance with social distancing on the rink.

Initially, bookings will be limited to two per Member per week, on a weekly basis. This will be subject to review to ensure that all Members get fair access to the green.

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