



GUIDELINES FOR RETURN TO INDOOR BOWLING UNDER COVID 19 RULES

The return to indoor bowling will require all members to agree to and uphold the following guidelines.

These rules are taken from both UK Government and EIBA(English Indoor Bowls Association) guidance. They include the very latest rule of six changes.

The club has recruited a number of Stewards from our members who will be briefed fully on how to enjoy your bowls but keep yourself and your fellow bowlers safe.

Stewards : Colin Clarke , Colin Tuxworth ,Mick Gregory, Shirley Cousins, ,Rachel Bonser, Brenda Graham, Richard Long, Adrian Moore, Trevor Watts, Martyn Roper, Alan Hill, Peter Chesley, Phil Dickinson(From 21 Oct) , Phil Retzback, Chris Hines & Graham Newman.

Social Bowls Co-ordinators : Tuesday & Thursday - 9am Barry Hyland, Tues -11.30 Peter Chesley, Thurs -11.30 Martyn Roper.

The club would like to thank all stewards and co-ordinators for their support.

The season will, hopefully (Overall Covid rules allowing) start on MONDAY OCTOBER 12th 2020. We do hope to allow bookings via the website for rollups for week comm 5th October. The leagues are outlined separately. The team captains will inform you of your personal playing times and dates.

The following protocols will allow for the actual game to be played without masks (You may as a personal choice wear one if desired) Entry to the club will have to involve wearing a mask which can only be removed on the rinks. **The protocol which allows us to play without masks relies heavily on members keeping a 2 metre social distance.** If this rule is consistently broken we will have to revert to playing with masks. The stewards will help to understand this rule.

Entry to the Club

Entry should be no more than 15 minutes prior to your game to allow the previous members to exit the club. Entry and exit will be via the front door entry card system and 2 metre distance should be practised in all internal and external places. Entry should be made wearing a face mask and once inside

the club a one way system applies. Entry to Rinks 1, 2 and 3 can be made opposite each marked rink. Tables at the head of each rink are for personal items for your game. Bowls Bags and any shoes should be placed under one of the six chairs at 2 metre distance on each rink.

Entry to the changing room will be allowed on your **FIRST GAME ONLY** to collect any equipment you may need. **Please arrive dressed to play - you should only need to change shoes.** All bowling gear will from that point need to be taken home after each game.

Facilities Access

As stated above the ladies /gents changing rooms will only be available on the first day of bowling in order to access your locker (if needed) Ladies and Mens changing rooms and toilets will be closed following this first access.

The bar will remain closed.

There will be **no** coffee machine available.

The disabled toilet will be the **only** toilet available and is one in one out access.

Access to the toilet is via the one way system.

The club main door will be accessed via the entry card system. The club will initially be closed on Wednesday's, Saturdays & Sundays.(These days will be constantly reviewed and will be changed if player numbers demand more time)

Ventilation of the Bowls Club

A key factor which the club has to adhere to is the correct flow of air relevant to the number of people in the club at any one time. Much work has been done on this and the fans located in each end wall need to be on in a very specific mode i.e. 3 fans extracting and 1 fan bringing fresh air in plus the need to open a number of small windows. This has been worked on a max of 21 people in the club at one time.(18 players +3 helpers/spectators)

These fans MUST NOT BE CHANGED by members.

Hygiene

There is an automatic hand sanitising unit just inside the entry door (10ft inside the door). Just place your hand under the unit and it dispenses.

There is an automatic temperature checker in the same area. Anyone with a fever (above 37.8deg C) when using this should not enter the club and should call 111. Please read the instructions below the unit.

At the end of each bowling rink will be disposable sanitising cloths and hand sanitising bottles.

Stewards will ask for assistance in sanitising table tops, bowls rail, and any other hard surfaces at that end of the rink plus sanitising the scoreboard buttons at the end of each session.

The stewards will also be available to confirm the one-way system and to check social distancing.

Members should NOT touch other bowlers bowls.

Rink Bookings

For the next few months ALL games will be either league, social or competition games which will be pre-planned on specific days and times. This will be reviewed monthly once we have some experience of operating the club under these new protocols.

Your team captain or Social Bowls organiser is your route to information re days/times you will play.

League Cards & Payment of Rink Fees

The teams will be responsible for filling out the cards with all players full names which should be signed by the player nominated to keep the card(using their own pen) and should be left in the container under the notice boards. **(This point is key as it will provide Government with the record of people within the building for Track & Trace).** The cards will also become the mechanism for monthly charges of rink fees which will be left in the appropriate mail boxes just prior to the entry point to the changing rooms. Payment of these monthly invoices can be either be via internet banking(detail will be on the invoice) or by cheque which should be put into an envelope and deposited down the chute at the front of the bar (Marked FAO "The CLUB TREASURER").

Blank cards will be available for each game and should be filled in with legible FULL NAMES & the league name e.g. MONDAY OPEN TRIPLES or TUESDAY VILLAGE LEAGUE & signed by the nominated player.

Non Playing Officials

If we play any singles or pairs competition a marker will be allowed.

Rinks

The playing area has been changed to 3 RINKS, which allows space to walk up and down the rinks, **ON THE LEFT AND IDEALLY IN SINGLE FILE - whilst maintaining 2 metre social distancing.**

The 'T' at the bottom of the rink has been moved up the rink to assist in this 2 metre rule.

The latest changes to regulations 24th Sep 2020 where the rule of 6 people was introduced has been clarified by the EIBA and this rule applies to one rink within the club. Multi rinks can be used but players from one rink **MUST NOT** actively interact with players from other rink.

Stewards.

We are hopeful that we will have enough stewards to be sure of at least one playing in each session. Members will be able to confirm any areas of protocol with the stewards.

The Future

The club management committee will keep all situations and protocols under consideration and will have a review following the Xmas break.

Members Responsibility

The above rules and procedures have taken a great deal of work and thought by the club and its members. Please treat them with respect and we can all have an enjoyable and safe indoor season.