

## Derby West End Bowls Club

Dear Member

### 2020 Back to Bowls

The Government has indicated that bowls is one of the sports that may be able to restart activity provided the facilities can operate safely within the overall Government guidelines.

Our National Governing Bodies have worked hard to provide guidance on how we may meet the challenging task of operating safely. The Government advises that clubs should only reopen or restart activities as soon as they feel able to do so safely. The challenge is for us all to ensure that the Club has done all it can to make the Club safe and to ensure that the members are aware of their part to play in keeping us all safe.

The current aim of the Management Committee is to open the Club on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020, provided the safety guidelines have been met and they are sure that the membership understands their individual responsibilities regarding operating safely.

John Bateman has taken the opportunity of the lockdown to do work on the greens and this work has achieved beneficial results. The green has been cut and the mats are in place ready for play. Currently the University ground staff are on furlough and it is not certain when they will be returning.

**There will necessarily be significant rules and guidance in place to ensure we are operating within the government's guidance and doing all we can to keep everyone safe. If you want to bowl, you must follow these rules, they are aimed at reducing risk.** Please bear with us whilst these rules bed in – it will be easy to criticise, but we are all taking something of a step into the unknown. I am sure, they will develop as time moves on. All bowling will be on a 'booked' basis – there must be no turning up for a roll up on the off chance.

To be a member of the Club for the remaining part of the season the cost will be £20, payable before playing on the Green. Please contact Len Parker to agree mutually convenient payment method (07711 844915 lenparker@aol.com). **A new GDPR form will be issued in due course and this should be completed and returned as indicated on the form.** Should you wish to freeze your membership for the 2020 season this is permissible, and you may start the 2021 season without applying for membership but please inform Len Parker (07711 844915 lenparker@aol.com). We hope you all stay healthy and that we all get through these challenging times by looking to help each other where we can.

Derby West End Management Committee

## Back to Bowls - Guidelines

### Stay alert, control the virus, save lives

After considering the guidelines the following measures will be put in place.

Mats, Jacks, ring Markers, rink numbers will be placed in a box under the overhang of the Pavilion.  
Please return equipment to the box after play.

### Play arrangements

- To play you must book a rink. Slots will be 1 hr or 2 hrs long with a 30-minute break between each slot, between the hours of 10:00 and 20:00 hrs. A slot may be booked by contacting Liz Greenough (07966 132115 [liz.a.greenough@gmail.com](mailto:liz.a.greenough@gmail.com) 0188 956 0132) You must play on the rink allocated and only at the time allocated. Play will always be on alternate rinks.
- 30 minutes between each slot will be allowed to enable players to arrive/depart safely.
- Social distancing requirements should be applied on arrival at the club. You should not arrive and get out of your car until 10 mins. before your start time. You should ensure you are leaving the premises by your end time.
- Maximum of six players on club premises at any one time (assuming average of two people per rink who are not from the same household).
- No visitors/spectators to be admitted to the club, for everyone's safety.
- The number of occasions a player can book a rink each week will be monitored to ensure that the available capacity is distributed fairly.
- Handrails to the green – avoid use where possible if touched should be sanitised immediately by yourself.

### Playing Formats

The following playing formats are in accordance with Government guidelines:

- Individuals playing bowls on their own on a single rink.
- Two individuals from two different households playing on a single rink (no marker).
- Members of the same household on a single rink (no marker unless from same household).

### Clubhouse and Facilities

- Until further notice, the Pavilion, Clubhouse and Ladies Changing Rooms are closed unless a single access arrangement to obtain equipment is arranged with a member of the Committee.
- There will be no access to toilets because the Club is unable to clean satisfactorily.
- Players should bring their own sanitiser for personal use before and after entering/leaving the Club grounds and sanitising bowls equipment.
- No rubbish bins are to be used – players must take any rubbish away with them
- Players must leave a space either side of their car when parking.

### Equipment

To minimise the risk of infection, only essential items (as below) should be utilised during any session:

Club Equipment:       Mat  
                              Jack  
                              Rink Markers and numbers

**All above items must be sanitised before and after use.**

Personal Items provided by the player and taken home:

Bowls – Club bowls will not be available but can be loaned to an individual and taken home  
Gloves  
Scorecards and Pen (these should be retained by one person only if required)  
Bowling arm/lifter (for use by one person only if required)

To minimise the risk of infection, any other equipment is not deemed essential equipment at this time and should not be utilised. This includes:

- Scoreboards
- Bowls pushers
- Ditch markers
- 2m distance sticks
- Chalk
- Measuring devices

## **Players**

All players must follow the guidance below.

### In advance

- Do not go to the club if you are experiencing any Coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or any cold or flu-like symptoms, a cough, or a high temperature. Use the NHS 111 website or helpline and seek advice. For your own protection, follow the advice about self-isolation if you are, or are living with, someone in one of the vulnerable groups.
- Dress appropriately before you get to the club to avoid the need to change clothes – change shoes immediately before and after your game.
- Travel to the green on your own or with members of your own household only – do not offer a lift to, or accept a lift from, anyone outside your household. Do not arrive more than 10 minutes before your allocated booking time.

### Personal care

- Players should sanitise anything they touch.
- Take any food or drink you might need with you and take rubbish home.
- Wash or sanitise your hands and sanitise any equipment (including bowls, jacks, rink markers and mats) you use before and after you play – do not assume that the persons before you have sanitised the equipment thoroughly.
- Sanitise padlocks, keys and door handles before and after use.

### Playing the game

- You should only play with people from your own household or by yourself or, as long as you stay two metres apart, with one other person from outside your household. Groups of more than two people must all be from the same household. You cannot have two or three people from one household plus one person from outside the household playing together.
- Do not shake hands before, during or after a game.
- Do not 'high-five' OR 'hug' other players to celebrate shots or a win.
- Only one player should handle the mat during the session.
- Two jacks (one at each end) should be used and this should be set by one player only throughout the session.
- If scoring: Social distancing rules must always be strictly adhered to. Do not touch your opponents' bowls with your hands do not measure for shot/s.

### When you leave

- When you finish playing, ensure you have sanitised all equipment used and that the club is secure, change your shoes and leave the club immediately.
- If you are satisfied that there is no one in the Club or on the allotments you should put the padlock on the exterior car park gate.

For further detail see the links below.

<https://www.bowlsengland.com/coronavirus-guidance/>

<https://www.fedbowls.co.uk/>