

HBC GREEN USE GUIDANCE - 2021

The club green opens for play on the 12th April and the officers and committee issue the following as guidance only and it is the responsibility of each individual member to make their own assessment of their own personal risk in these circumstances. A risk assessment has been undertaken to facilitate the green being used for play whilst abiding by the current government and Bowls England guidelines. The committee are aware that guidance can change quite quickly and you will be advised when changes affecting HBC apply. As an organised outdoor sport we are exempt from the Rule of 6 but this does not apply for any casual play. The green will be available in 2 hour slots 12-2, 2-4, 4-6, 6-8 every day from 12 April until further notice using alternate rinks whenever possible. Try to start on the hour and vacate the rink in time for the next group to use. There is no booking system but **players must sign the sheets kept in the equipment shed for Track and Trace purposes which we are obliged to keep for 3 weeks.** Take note of the rink colour and direction of play shown on the information sheets on the shed door. The shared equipment must only be collected and handled by 1 designated person for each rink ensuring that this is sanitised before being placed back in the shed. Please bring your own hand sanitisers but the club will provide several of these on site. Social distancing must be maintained at all times.

TRAVEL AND ARRIVAL

Observe the government's guidelines on safer travel. Arrive ready to play, if necessary using your car to change in. The entrance gate is to be opened and sanitised by the first person to arrive on site and must remain open until the last person leaves the site who will then close and sanitise it. Bags are to be left on benches/chairs around the rink at required social distancing.

STRUCTURE OF PLAY

The shed is to be opened and sanitised by the first person to arrive on site and remain open until the last person to leave, locks and sanitises it. We can play singles, pairs and triples.

EQUIPMENT

Only play and touch your own bowls, using your foot if necessary to move any other players bowls or jack. Strict hand hygiene must be maintained and only **spray chalk** is to be used. Shared equipment for each rink to be collected from shed:

- Rink numbers
- 2 mats
- 2 jacks
- Rink markers
- Pushers (if needed)
- Scoreboards (if needed)

Please remember to sanitise equipment before returning it to the shed

PLAY

We are able to play in the conventional way except that:

- one person is designated to be the mat handler at both ends following instruction of the lead player about its placement (for friendly matches and league matches this will be the Home team's lead player)
- one person uses the pusher at both ends (for friendly matches and league matches this will be the Home team's lead player)
- the scoreboard is only to be used by one person (for friendly matches and league matches this will be the Home team's No2)
- each lead player will have their own jack which must be taken with them to the other end
- own measuring tape to be used

CLUBHOUSE

The clubhouse should be opened by the first person to arrive on site and locked by the last person to leave. The clubhouse is **not to be used socially** but toilet facilities can be accessed and the signing -on for matches can take place. The First Aid kit will be available. If there should be an emergency, First Aid instructions are displayed on the cupboard door near the entrance. Should there be an accident please record this yourselves and e-mail the details to the Welfare Officer (j.rix612@btinternet.com) and the information will be transferred into the accident book at a later stage.

The committee look forward to seeing you at the club and hope you'll enjoy your new freedom. It is worth remembering to bring a few extra items e.g.water, hand sanitiser, paper and pencil and of course your own key.

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