

HBC MEMBER GUIDANCE FOR GREEN USE DURING COVID-19

RESPONSIBILITY

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.

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 equipment shed. If possible bring your own sanitisers but the club will provide 2 of these on site. In order to comply with Track and Trace we must keep a record of who, when and where players are on the green and the designated person must complete the weekly form which will be displayed on the shed door.

GREEN AVAILABILITY

The green will be available in 2 hour slots 12-2, 2-4, 4-6, 6-8 every day from 21 June until further notice using alternate rinks. Try to start on the hour and vacate the rink in time for the next group to use. There is no booking system and a maximum of 12 people are to be on rink at any time Social distancing must be maintained at all times.

TRAVEL AND ARRIVAL

Travel to the ground by players from different family units must be carried out observing social distancing rules-separate vehicles. 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

Play at the moment is restricted to pairs or singles format (max of 4 players) using alternate rinks 1,3,5 or 2,4,6 as indicated on the weekly chart displayed in the shed and observing as usual the direction and colour for 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.

EQUIPMENT

Only play and touch your own bowls, using your foot if necessary to move any other players bowls or jack. There will be no measuring or use of chalk. Shared equipment for each rink to be collected from shed:

- Rink numbers
- 2 mats
- 2 jacks NB no rink markers or 25m markers or pushers or scoreboards

PLAY

Mats should be permanently placed at both ends at least 2m from the ditch and both remain there for the whole game. A jack is available at both ends. The jack is placed by the winner of the previous end using the foot and is aligned in the usual way again by using the foot (it is NOT bowled). At present we recommend placing the jack near the virtual 25m line as the green is slow and also the game does not interfere with the mat which has been left in place. When bowls are not in use and whilst waiting for your turn to bowl, use the unoccupied adjacent rinks or space behind the jack. Use your own card/ paper for scoring.

CLUBHOUSE

This will remain locked unless there is a need to use the toilet. Only one person at a time is to enter the restricted area and must not touch the light switches or door handles. The outer door is unlocked by the person requiring to use the facilities and locked again on exiting, again sanitising the handle. If you see that the outer door is open DO NOT GO IN. All doors including the 'privacy doors' are to remain open. Hand gel will be provided by the club thus eliminating the use of any towels or soap. 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.