



South Cliff Bowling Club

(affiliated to the Yorkshire Bowling Association and Bowls England)



Re- Opening of the Green Risk Assessment and Guidelines for members.

The government recently gave permission for various sports to resume their activities and subsequently Bowls England has issued guidelines for bowls clubs that wish to re-open.

However the welfare of its members is the responsibility of individual clubs and each club must make its own decision about the safety of re-opening its facilities.

Your committee has studied the recommendations of both the Government and Bowls England.

The committee has concluded that it is safe to re-open the green provided that members read and more importantly keep to the guidelines outlined below.

Guidelines

It is the responsibility of the committee to ensure that these guidelines are followed by club members. If a member deliberately ignores this advice permission to use the green will be withdrawn.

These should be read in conjunction with the Bowls England Guidelines. Members must confirm that they have read and understand BOTH documents prior to playing. They must send an email stating this to the Chairman (stephensongwfj@live.com).

Suggested wording: 'I (name) confirm that I have read and understand both the Bowls England and SCBC Guidelines and confirm that I will abide by the guidelines.' Finish with your name.

We have taken advice from Bowls England and it is up to individual members to decide if they wish to participate. Club members also have a responsibility to consider their own safety and the safety of other members. If they have the slightest doubt about their health, they should stay at home.

Social Distance

Members will ensure that they keep to the minimum social distance guidelines (currently 2m) at all times unless they are from the same family unit or support bubble.

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Booking a Rink

It is important that members do not just turn up and expect to play. The committee will organise certain competitions or activities as follows.

Singles – Friday 2pm, Saturday 10am.

Aussie Pairs – Monday 2pm and Thursday 2pm.

Triples – Sunday 2pm and Monday 6.30pm

Vets Triples practice – Tuesday 2pm.

Independent League practice – Friday 6.30pm

Social Bowling – Wednesday 2pm and Saturday 2pm.

At all other times (except Tuesday and Friday am when green maintenance takes place), members can book a rink by e-mailing the Match Secretary at stephensongwfj@live.com or phoning him on 01723 361515.

The Match Secretary will update a calendar on the website as often as possible so members can check availability before they contact him.

Playing Arrangements and Formats

As South Cliff is affiliated to Bowls England, the rules regarding what is allowed to happen on a bowling green have changed, provided the activity has been organised by the club officials.

- In club organised activities singles and pairs games can use all six rinks but triples and fours must use alternate rinks. The maximum number of players allowed on the green at a time is 24.
- No spectators are allowed.
- The organisers of each club competition should arrange for the green to be set out. They will also be responsible for ensuring that the equipment is sanitised before and after use. No-one else should set foot in the clubhouse except to use the toilet.
- Players should walk up the green in single file and/or on opposite sides of the green
- The same person should place the mat and deliver the jack for each end, or a jack should be put in position for the following end before visiting the head. A bowls lifter would be useful for this task.
- Only one player should visit the head at a time and you should use your own tape for measuring. When measuring, try to avoid touching the woods.

Social Bowling

- You may use a bowls collector, but ditch markers, measuring sticks and scoreboards should only be used in competition bowling.
- In roll ups and at all other times where bowling has not been officially organised by the committee, there can be a maximum of six players on the green at any time. In this case, players are responsible for setting out the rink markers on their rink.
- You will collect two jacks and two mats and your rink markers from a table just inside the clubhouse door. You must clean these with sanitizer before they are used and then clean them again at the end of the session. Please place the tissues in the bags provided and place them in the green bin outside.

The government have decreed that there should be no visitors or spectators. This is obviously difficult to enforce as the green is situated in a public area. In this case social distancing is even more important. You will not be able to use the kitchen, so bring your own refreshments.

Use of the Clubhouse

- With the increased numbers visiting the green (players and possible spectators), could fit and active members please think about parking away from the club to ensure that social distancing is easier to manage.
- The clubhouse will remain closed to members except for essential access.
- Toilets will remain accessible but we urge members to avoid their use by planning ahead before they leave home. Hand sanitizer, soap and paper towels will be available in each toilet area and by the door. Toilets and handbasins should be wiped down before and after use and the tissues flushed away.
- After each session the last person to leave will ensure that the clubhouse is locked and the door handle is wiped clean.

We realise that these rules sound a little draconian in tone, but in the present climate much of it is common sense and probably what most of us have been doing for some time.

All that remains is to wish everyone well and good luck with the bowling.

The Committee

April 7th 2021