



# 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 and looked at the available scientific evidence regarding transmission of the disease.

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 If a member deliberately ignores this advice permission to use the green will be withdrawn.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 sent to you last week. 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](mailto: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.**

### Clinically vulnerable people (such as people aged 70 and over)

The [advice for clinically vulnerable groups](#) remains the same. If you are in this group you are advised to stay at home as much as possible and, if you do go out, take particular care to minimise contact with others outside your household.

If you are living in a household with a possible COVID-19 infection or if you are classified as extremely vulnerable on health grounds, the [guidance](#) is that you should remain at and exercise at home.

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.

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## Booking a Rink

It is important that members do not just turn up and expect to play. To maintain social distancing rules there can only be six players (three singles matches) on the green at any time. The only exception to this is when all the players on the rink are from the same family group.

- Members can book a rink by e-mailing the Match Secretary at [stephensongwfj@live.com](mailto:stephensongwfj@live.com) or phoning him on 01723 361515.
- Rinks will be available on each day of the week at the following times
- 10am until 12noon (except Tuesdays and Fridays when the green is cut and maintenance takes place) 2pm – 4pm
- Extra slots will be provided if these prove insufficient.
- The Match Secretary will update a calendar on the website as often as possible so members can check availability before they contact him.
- Social members will be initially restricted to the morning slots on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Their £2 rink fees can be dropped into the box on the table.
- Members will be restricted to two sessions a week to ensure everyone gets a chance to play.

## Playing Arrangements and Formats

- We will play on rinks 1, 3 and 5 or 2, 4 and 6. You will be advised of your rink number when booking.
- 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 take them home for disposal.
- 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 measuring should be avoided.
- You will not be permitted to use the pushers, ditch markers, 25m markers, 2m sticks, scoreboards or chalk.
- You will need to provide your own scorecards. The match secretary can provide a template for you to print off your own at home.
- No markers are allowed unless part of a family unit all playing on the same rink.
- Bowls England recommend 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.

The committee strongly recommends that all members use some form of face covering when playing – cloth mask, dust mask, scarf etc. If you chose not to then please accept that some members will refuse to play against you.

## Use of the Clubhouse

- 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. 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.
- Rubbish bins will be removed. Members must take any rubbish away with them.

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. There is certainly evidence to suggest that you are just as likely to get this virus from contact with surfaces as you are to get it in the open air on a bowling green.

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

The Committee

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