

Renfrewshire Leisure has prepared the following document which is designed to allow you to enjoy your Bowls whilst keeping yourself, other players and our staff safe. We are planning to commence play on the greens from 9am on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

Equally, these guidelines may change depending on further updates from the Government. Fundamentally, all social distancing guidelines MUST be adhered to when players are on and around the greens. It is every players responsibility to adhere to the information laid out in this document. If you are unsure about any aspect of it, please seek clarification by contacting us on [enquiries@renfrewshireleisure.com](mailto:enquiries@renfrewshireleisure.com).

If we experience any breaches of these rules, it may result in the player/s involved being restricted from accessing the greens. We are all in this together and need to do our part to make sure the greens stay open.

Please be assured that we have prepared for the re-opening of bowling greens and the golf course in accordance with government guidelines and to the best of our ability, but players participate at this facility at their own risk.

This document is designed to take you through the procedures in place from when you arrive, all the way through playing and right up until you leave the green. Whilst we appreciate that the following procedures are restrictive (reflecting the latest Government and Bowling Scotland guidelines), we truly hope that you enjoy your bowls and being back on the greens. The following is intended to ensure we can keep doing so!

This guidance is split into four sections and will be subject to review once the Scottish Government issues further advice and guidance on 28<sup>th</sup> May:

1. Guidance for Clubs
2. Guidance for Players
3. Guidance for Bowling Activity
4. Additional Information

**1. Guidance for Clubs:**

- Clubs should carry out and document appropriate risk assessments for all relevant areas of their facility
- Club house facilities (including toilets) should remain closed until further notice. However, where the green can only be accessed through the clubhouse the club must ensure that players enter and exit one at a time, ensuring physical distancing guidance is adhered to at all times. Players should not cluster within the club facility
- No club friendlies, internal competitions/club ties or external matches should take place whatsoever.
- Bowling clubs are responsible for ensuring the club and members comply with Scottish Government legislation and follow the guidance outlined within this document

- Club meetings should not be held face to face.
- Clubs should advise their members if and when their bowling green is open and ready for play and what procedures must be followed for those planning to play
- Clubs should check with their landlord that they have permission to re-open
- All other Bowls Scotland policies and procedures must be adhered to
- No spectating should take place
- Clubs should ensure a clear plan is in place for the cleaning of equipment before, during, and after play and provision should be made for this. For example, disinfectant spray must be made available by the club and accessible for those playing. More information is available [here](#)
- Consideration should be made for members who require mobility support
- Clubs should organise a system for booking and allocation of rink times that ensures the safety of Players
- Clubs are not required to open their green/s and should decide on what best suits the club and its members

## **2. Guidance for Players:**

- Players who have COVID-19 symptoms or if anyone in their household that displays symptoms, those players should stay at home and follow NHS guidance. No one who is self-isolating should attend bowling clubs and greens
- If a player/s are deemed at a higher risk and have health issues (those aged over 70 and/or those with chronic medical conditions or compromised immune systems), they should remain at home until Scottish Government guidelines change
- Players who are shielding should not attend the club
- Players should check if the club is open for play. Please be patient and understanding if the club cannot open the green
- Players should go through the clubs booking system (if available) and not just turn up to the green to play
- Players should only play individually, with members of their own household or between members of two households where social distancing can be maintained.
- Players should not attempt to enter the club house as these facilities will remain closed.

## **3. Guidance for Bowling Activity:**

- Players must bring their own hand and equipment sanitiser and use this throughout play
- There must be one rink space (an empty rink) between each rink in use. As an example, a 6-rink green should have rink 1, 3 and 5 in use or 2, 4 and 6.
- The clubhouse and locker room facilities will remain closed. Limited essential access for example to remove bowls and shoes may be allowed by will be coordinated
- It is advised that players do not arrive until 5 minutes before they intend to play and must stay outside the parameters of the club until it is safe to enter, and the previous players have left.

## **During Play**

### **Mats and Jacks:**

- Players should use separate mats and jacks, however if this is not possible, whichever player collects the mats and jack is responsible for all contact with the equipment before, during and after the game.
- Disinfectant spray must be made provided by, and used by, all players. Players must use the disinfectant spray after each game to cleanse all mats and jacks (ensure these are completely dry of disinfectant before use on the green again)
- As a suggestion jacks or mats can be set at short, medium or long by the same player after each end rather than rolling the jack down the rink for position
- A maximum of 4 people (1 Pairs Game) can play together
- The 2m social distancing rule must always be observed on and off the green
- Other bowls equipment cannot be shared between players (e.g. cloths, measures etc).
- Players should always practice safe hygiene
- Players should not:
  - Pick up any other players bowl that doesn't belong to you
  - Share equipment out with your rink- e.g. cloths, measures, etc
  - Moisten their hands with saliva before delivery
  - Shake hands, high-five or have any physical contact with other people on the green
- After Play
- Players must leave the premises immediately after conclusion of play, making sure they have sanitised the mats, jacks and their hands.

Hopefully you will have enjoyed your bowls and have enjoyed being back out on the green!

Please remember to maintain the 2-metre social distance and avoid shaking hands (or elbow bumping etc), no matter how strange it feels to do so! When exiting the green, make your way back to your car or the footpath that enables your quickest exit.

Again, avoid congregating with other members thereby maintaining the social distancing requirement. Bowling equipment should be kept at home in the short term unless alternate arrangements are in place.

Renfrewshire Leisure would like to thank all players for their assistance and support as we finally start to move forward into the season. Further guidelines relating specifically to competitive bowls will be issued shortly as we seek to support bowlers to begin their competitive schedule.

All that remains to say is play well, have fun and, above all, *“Play Safe Stay Safe”*!