



MEMBERS PERIODIC NEWSLETTER

5th July 2020

GETTING BACK TO BOWLING – UPDATE

INTRODUCING TEAM PLAY

REVISION OF NBC POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND RULES

GOOD NEWS - Bowls England has recently reviewed its guidance and now permits Team Play. Norton Bowling Club Committee Members have considered the implications very carefully and with effect from Wednesday 8th July have agreed that Doubles Games may be undertaken safely whilst maintaining the rules and procedures already in place for Singles roll-ups with only some minor adjustments as to the handling and setting of the Jacks and Mats.

As in Singles play, designated players on each rink must be the only persons handling the Jacks and Mats.

In Singles play (as now) - 2 Jacks and 2 Mats per rink must be set and sanitised, pre and post-game by one designated person only. **3 players may now play a singles game together on the same rink or one person may act as a marker.**

In Doubles play – where 2 players are positioned at each end throughout the game –

- Nominate one of the Teams to handle the Jacks and Mats
- Only one Jack may be used which must be set by the Lead player in the Team (the Skip then using a foot to centre the Jack after it is bowled)
- The Mats are marked at one end “LEAD” and the other “SKIP”
- This indicates the end of the Mat which must be handled by each of the designated Team players in the setting and removal of the Mat at the start and close of each end
- The designated Lead player is responsible for the sanitising of this equipment.

Other New Bowls England Guidance:

Social distancing guidelines must be followed between people from different households. This means a distance of 2m between people from different households, or 1m plus mitigations (such as face coverings or avoiding face-to-face contact) where 2m is not possible. We recommend that players maintain social distancing of 2m.

Social distancing rules must be strictly adhered to; you must remain at least two metres apart from other bowlers (who are not part of your own household) at all times.

Shared equipment -Try to avoid using shared equipment whenever possible. If you are sharing equipment, for example jacks/mats, you should wash your hands thoroughly before and after use. Should measuring be necessary, players (or marker if used) must use their own measure.

Clinically vulnerable people (such as people aged 70 and over) - The advice for clinically vulnerable groups has changed. If you are in this group, you could be at higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus. Therefore, although you can meet people outdoors, you should be especially careful and be diligent about social distancing and hand hygiene.

Clinically extremely vulnerable people - If you are classified as clinically extremely vulnerable, you should follow the guidance for those shielding. This has been updated to advise that you can now consider taking safe exercise outdoors and meeting up with one person outside your household, always maintaining social distancing and robust hand and respiratory hygiene.

The remaining Policies, Rules and Procedures are reproduced below:

Clubhouse and Facilities (until further notice, all clubhouses must be closed)

- Essential access to the Pavilion Foyer only will be available to collect jacks and mats and where sanitising materials will be kept.
 - A combination bolt has been fitted to the Unisex/Gents/Disabled Toilet (accessed via an external door) for use in the case of dire need or emergency and for the provision of hand washing facilities. Only one person at a time must use this room and everything used or touched must be thoroughly cleaned by them after use. Cleaning and sanitising products are provided in the room.
- Sanitiser and cloths will be available for cleaning hands and equipment **before and after** playing. Players are advised to bring their own gloves, hand sanitiser, personal hand towel and a disposal bag to take away all rubbish.
- No rubbish bins are permitted – players must take any rubbish away with them, including all sanitising cloths that have been used.
- You must sanitise any equipment (including bowls, jacks and mats) used before and after play – do not assume that the person before has sanitised the equipment thoroughly.
- You must sanitise padlocks, keys and door and gate handles and anything else touched after use.

Bowls England Recommended Actions Regarding Play

Play and Booking Arrangements:

The Club will be notified by the Sports Charity as to what day and time slots are permitted for access each week. These slots will be advertised on our website.

A booking system is in force for rink allocation which will be monitored by the Bookings Manager for fairness of use. Rink bookings can be made via our website www.nortonbowlingclub.com (preferably) or by emailing nortonbowlsclub@gmail.com or, if a member does not have access to the internet by **texting** their requirements to 07534 974 352

- All rink bookings must be used unless there are exceptional circumstances or wet weather conditions prevent play.

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- Rink bookings are to be made no later than by 4pm the day before.
- Up to 2 hourly sessions will be made available. Players are requested to arrive on site no sooner than 5 minutes before their time slot and leave no later than 5 minutes after. This allows for about 5 minutes prep time at the Green, 1 ¾ hours playing time and 10 minutes to tidy away and sanitise the equipment used.
 - Access to the Sports Charity site is through the main CiC@74 car park via the one-way system where a Charity's Superintendent will check off the names of those attending the session.
 - These names will have been notified to the Charity the evening before or no later than 9.30am on the morning of the session. No substitutes will be permitted entry.
- Play will only be allowed on pre-marked alternate rinks 1, 2 and 3 which will be changed on a (approx) weekly basis to allow for some rink rotation.
- No visitors/spectators are permitted.
- Do not shake hands before, during or after a game.
- Do not "high-five" or "hug" other players to celebrate shots or a win.
- Social distancing rules must be strictly adhered to at all times, do not touch your opponents' bowls with your hands, avoid measuring for shot/s.

Equipment

To minimise the risk of infection, only essential items (as below) should be utilised during any session:

- Mat • Bowls • Jack • Rink markers (which will be pre-set and must not be moved or handled).

To minimise the risk of infection, any other equipment is not deemed essential equipment at this time and should not be utilised. This includes:

- Scoreboards and Scorecards • Bowls pushers • Ditch markers • 2m distance sticks • Chalk.

Management and Supervision

These policies and instructions acknowledge not only the Bowls England Guidelines but also the additional requirements of Norton Sports Charity who will have a Superintendent managing access and monitoring use of the whole site.

An Officer of the Club Committee will manage and supervise sessions when deemed necessary to do so (as per Bowls England Guidance FAQ's Para 18 issued 21 May 2020).

The Chairman, Treasurer, or Vice-Chairman will solely have access to the parts of the Pavilion and outbuildings locked off in order to retrieve Member's Personal belongings left pre 23rd March, to access cleaning material stocks and to carry out necessary maintenance and upkeep tasks.

Any infringements of these guidelines must be reported to the club committee immediately. Failure to do so implies complicity in the infringement.

The Club and its members must comply with the requirements of Norton Sports Charity. Failure to do so may have serious consequences for the member and the club. A "Two strikes and you're out policy exists, anyone intentionally or unintentionally flouting any procedures put in place will be banned from site – ignorance is not an excuse.

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In case of an emergency or incident whilst you are on the Green then you must contact the emergency services directly. If the incident involves aggressive people, then for your own safety walk away and seek help when clear to do so. Local contact numbers and details will be supplied on posters and/or booking confirmation sheets.

- The Green and site are covered by CCTV for your and the Charity's protection.
- Attendance at the Club and site is entirely at your own risk.

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