



MEMBERS PERIODIC NEWSLETTER

4th April 2021

RETURN TO BOWLING 2021

NBC Revised Operating Policies, Procedures and Rules

Adhering to Government Lockdown Easing Phases, Bowls England Guidelines and Norton Sports Charity Protocols

Norton Bowling Club is open again for bowling from Monday 12th April 2021

(coinciding with the start of Step 2 of the Government Roadmap to easing lockdown restrictions when Pavilion changing rooms and lockers can become available)

The return of sport on 29th March (Step 1) and opening on 12th April (Step 2) enables NBC to operate under the following conditions with reviews for 17th May (Step 3) and 21st June (Step 4) to follow:

- In the category of **informal sport, which covers roll-ups**, numbers playing is limited to the rule of 6, i.e. – maximum of 6 playing Triples on alternate Rinks (total 18 on the Green);
- In the category **organised sport**, the permitted numbers increase to a maximum of 8 playing Fours on alternate rinks (total 24 on the Green) – Tuesday afternoon sessions will be held on that basis, all our usual Social Competitions have been scheduled and the Leagues are expected to start at some point, even for a shorter than the normal season of fixtures;
- No Spectators are allowed until further notice;
- To help minimise the handling of equipment, Rinks will be pre-set and changed weekly or as required for League matches by designated Club Officers;
- Pre-booking of Rinks is required using the system put in place in 2020 and attendance records kept for NHS Track and Trace. Also, players are asked to scan the NHS QR Code poster on display with their mobile phones;
- **Social Distancing Rules must continue to be observed, also the frequent sanitising of hands, equipment and everything touched, especially that which has to be shared;**
- Toilets will be open as normal but with only one person using them at a time still and with cleaning required after each use;
- Changing rooms/lockers and the Bowls Hut for equipment are accessible with limitations on numbers allowed in at any one time, for how long and **MASKS ARE TO BE WORN INSIDE ALL THE PREMISES**; there is to be no lingering, long chats or meetings held inside.
- Team Leaders/Supervisors are responsible for opening doors and windows to enhance indoor air circulation, also sanitising locks and door handles and security after close of play.
- Please bring your own hand sanitiser, personal hand towel and bag for you to remove waste;
- The Kitchen must remain closed for now, so please bring your own refreshments;
- Access to the Potting Shed is only available to designated Volunteers;
- Members are asked to read and take note of provisions in the current Club Risk Assessment.

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.

Play and Booking Arrangements:

Please see the website www.nortonbowlingclub.com for booking and full instructions -

- All rink bookings must be used unless there are exceptional circumstances or wet weather conditions prevent play.
- Rink bookings are to be made no later than by 4pm the day before. All players being named.
- No substitutes will be permitted entry. Players must arrive promptly for the session to be assured of gaining entry to the site.
- The slots are of a 2 hourly duration for playing bowls. You may arrive 15 minutes before and leave by 10 minutes after - giving time for preparation, cleaning and sanitising equipment and everything touched.
- The Bookings Manager will confirm acceptance or unavailability of all bookings and to maximise use of the limited number of Rinks may join you with others.
- Access to the Norton Sports Charity site and Bowls Club is through the main CiC@74 car park via the one-way system.

Management and Supervision

These policies and instructions acknowledge the Bowls England Guidelines, also the additional protocols of Norton Sports Charity who may have a Superintendent managing access and monitoring use of the whole site.

An Officer of the Club Committee or Coach will manage and supervise sessions when deemed necessary to do so to comply with the Organised Sport definition.

The Chairman, Treasurer, or nominated persons only have access to the parts of the Pavilion and outbuildings that are currently out of bounds to access equipment, cleaning material stocks and to carry out necessary maintenance and upkeep tasks.

Any infringements of the 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.

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.

Please note:

- 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.