

RHP Sports & Social Club
Bowls Section
Coronavirus Update

The RHP Bowls Committee have put in place arrangements to enable outdoor play to commence on Monday 15th June 2020. These arrangements will apply to all bowls members who wish to play outside this season. A great deal of thought and planning has gone into how this can be achieved without breaching UK Government guidelines or the recommendations of our sport's governing body, Bowls England.

The proposed schedule of play is presented in the accompanying document(see Rink calendar). Play is not permitted unless a rink booking has been approved. Unfortunately, for the time being, ad hoc roll-ups are not allowed.

The club is keen to get as many people bowling as possible and will keep the temporary rules of play under constant review as Government guide lines and Bowls England guidance develops.

Members play at their own risk.

Playing Arrangements:

A nominated Session Supervisor will be in attendance during the scheduled playing times to ensure the temporary rules are being strictly observed by members.

To help maintain social distancing, 3 alternate rinks on the Green will be made available for play, games will be limited to singles or pairs per rink. At the present time no other bowling activity apart from pre-booked matches/roll-ups will be permitted.

Roll-ups will be allotted a 1 hour slot, league and competition games will be allotted a 2 hour slot. Play must stop at the end of the allotted time period. Games not completed within the allotted timeframe will be deemed to have finished and the latest score will stand.

Time slots must be adhered to, thereby allowing sufficient time before the start of the next session, so that players can exit the club grounds before the arrival of players for the next session.

Mats will be placed at each end of the rink prior to start of play and must remain in place and are not be handled during the game/roll-up. In addition two Jacks will be used one at each end of the rink and must only be placed by the marker or the pairs skipper, using the sole of their bowling shoe. In the case of roll-ups it might be necessary for the session supervisor to

Players will be allowed to bring in addition to their bowls, refreshments, bowling glove, cloths etc., but players will be responsible for ensuring all their equipment is sanitised.

Spectators will be restricted and can only be accommodate by prior arrangement with the Chairman, they will be expected to comply with all the hygiene and housekeeping rules that are set out here for players. There will be no seats for spectators but they can bring their own seat for the duration of a session.

A set of temporary rules have been produced see accompanying document..

Use of Equipment and Facilities:

The club house will remain closed until further notice, toilet facilities will be available during the scheduled playing times. Any player wishing to use the toilet facilities must personally sanitize the seat, handles and taps etc. immediately afterwards, using the cleaning equipment that will be provided.

Any equipment provided by the Club (e.g. Mats and Jacks) will be sanitised and place on the Green prior to commencement of play. The shed will be locked and therefore scoreboards, pushers and measuring sticks will not be available and on no account must they be used.

Hand sanitizers will be provided and players will be encourage to use these prior to starting play. No rubbish bins will be provided and members are requested to take home any rubbish.

Rink Bookings:

All rink bookings will be dealt with by Ian Drummond.

To book a rink for a roll-up, please call Ian on 07840347901

All rink bookings for league and competition matches will already have been made and you will be advised when you will be expected to play.

Dress code will be as normal(Greys), there will be no changing facilities available therefore all Players are requested to arrive at the club ready to play 10 mins prior to their allotted time slot and to remain in their car until asked to make their way to their allocated rink by the Session Supervisor.

Players are required to leave the club as soon as they have finished their game to allow sufficient time for the Session Supervisor to prepare the rink for the next game.

Personal Responsibility:

Members should not come to the Club if they are feeling unwell.

Only travel to the club on your own or with a member of your own household.

Do not arrive more than 10 minutes before the start of your assigned time.

Rather than change into bowling shoes near the green please do this in the car park.

The 2m social distancing rule must be adhered to at all times.

Do not allow sanitizing products to make contact with the Green, this will damage the grass.

Please take all rubbish home with you.

The Bowls Committee anticipates that all members will realise the importance of adhering to these procedures at all times and also to follow the guidance of the Session Supervisor.

Once the sessions start it may become apparent that changes are needed. Members' views on this can be submitted to the Bowls Committee. Members will be notified of any future changes.

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