

English Bowling Federation Update on Outdoor Bowling.

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport (D.C.M.S) have now released instructions on when Bowling Clubs may re-open. You should only partake in such activities alone, with members of your household, or with one other person from outside your household, while practising social distancing, until this restriction is relaxed. Competitions and competitive bowling will not be allowed at the present time. Clubhouses should remain closed and you should take particular care if you need to use any inside facilities. (e.g. Toilets).

Clubs should take all the necessary steps in order to facilitate their Club re-opening; some players are clearly keen to get back on the greens. It will be for individuals and Clubs to determine when they are ready to start bowling again. Inside facilities such as toilets should be cleaned more frequently, paying close attention to high-contact objects e.g. door handles. Employers should provide hand washing facilities or hand sanitisers at entry and exit points and on the greens.

Equipment must be placed outside for members to use and cleaned with sanitisers and disinfectants. There will be no facilities for changing.

The following instructions should be followed:

1. If you are showing corona virus symptoms, or if you or any of your household are self-isolating, you should stay at home –and not play bowls, this is critical to staying safe and saving lives.
2. At all times, you should continue to observe social distancing guidelines when on Club Premises, including ensuring you are 2 metres away from anyone outside your household.
3. People will only be able to use these facilities, either by themselves, with people from their own household or with one other person who stays in another household.
4. Only singles games can be played unless all persons are from the same household.
5. The advice for those aged 70 and over continues to be that they should take particular care to minimise contact with others outside their household. If bowling they should be careful to maintain distance from others. Unfortunately, we know that as you get older, there is a higher risk of corona virus having a more serious impact with infection. Complications and deaths are more common in the elderly, even those without pre-existing conditions.

Hutton Cranswick Bowls Club

In addition, you are asked to observe the following guidelines applicable to our own Club:

- a. Only singles games (or pairs from the same household) to be played until further notice
- b. Inform the secretary or use the white-board near the main door where possible to provide advance notice of a proposed game to avoid clashes
- c. Not to enter the clubhouse by the main door (unless in an emergency)
- d. Using the previously held keys enter through the door at the end of the awning (the bolt will not be on)
- e. Restrict entry to the clubhouse to collect bowls on the first visit (thereafter take them home with you) or, if absolutely necessary, to access the toilets, though normally not going beyond the sliding door
- f. It is suggested that you use your own bowling gloves or disposable gloves to handle woods and jacks or other equipment
- g. Use only those mats and jacks put to one side by the storage shed especially for current use
- h. Use rinks 1,3, or 5 to enable social distancing
- i. At the end of play, all items should be sanitised using the materials provided.

For any further information contact me by email on hcbowls@gmail.com

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