

# *Dunblane Bowling Club*



## Guidance for returning to play April 2021

8 April 2021 - Level 4

### **Introduction:**

Dunblane Bowling Club are following the guidelines and support issued by Bowls Scotland relating to COVID-19, including ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all members when visiting the green. The Committee in complying with the guidelines given by Bowls Scotland have decided to open the green for a 1-hour period of practice and exercise to all members as from Monday 12 April 2021

A document appropriate risk assessment for all relevant areas of the club has been carried out in line with the guidelines given by Bowls Scotland and the following guidance has been prepared.

The guidance has been split into four sections and will be subject to review once the Scottish Government and Bowls Scotland issues further advice and guidance:

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

### **1. Guidance for Members:**

- The Club house facilities (excluding the disabled toilet and locker rooms) will remain closed until further notice. However, where entry is necessary (i.e. in emergency) members must 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.
- Access to the locker room facilities is allowed for limited essential access for example to remove and return bowls and shoes. (See separate guidance notes for toilets and locker room.) Only one person allowed in a locker room at any one time. Please use the occupied/free sliding sign at the front door when entering a locker room
- The green will be open from 12noon each day, (weather permitting) to allow for green cutting, setting out and green repair work as necessary. This will also allow overnight and early morning dampness to dissipate. There may be occasions when the green will be closed after spraying and feeding as required.
- The green will be open for practice and exercise and members' friendlies only
- The consumption of alcohol at the club during and after play will not be allowed and we encourage all members not to smoke/vape/electronic cigarettes at the green.
- No spectators unless they are attending under special circumstances, (eg if they are a carer or accompanying under 16's).
- A booking system will be in place as detailed later in the guidelines.
- Club meetings should be avoided and the 2metre social distancing rule must always be observed on and off the green.
- Members who require mobility support should contact a member of the Committee prior to making a booking.

## **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 the club.
- Players who are at a higher risk, have an underlying health condition, or are in the shielding category, should follow the Scottish Government guidelines.
- Players should check if the club is open for play. Please be patient and understanding if the club cannot or choose not to open the green.
- Players should go through the club's booking system and not just turn up to the green to play.
- Players should follow the 'Guidance for Bowling Activity' section set out below.

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

### **3a. Rink Booking:-**

- A rink booking system has been introduced for booking and allocation of rink times that ensures the safety of players, All rinks should be booked at least 24hours in advance.
- Only singles or pairs are permitted at present, with a maximum of 15 people – a 'bubble' - on the green at any one time.
- A player may only be in one bubble per day
- All rinks can be booked by using the link to the booking form which has been emailed to all members. Further information on using the booking form is included in the latest newsletter sent to members.
- A 30-minute gap will be in place between bookings to allow members to prepare clean equipment and vacate the club before the next group arrives.
- Players must access and leave the green one way as designated.

### **3b. Before & during Play and after play:-**

- It is advised that players do not arrive until 5 minutes before play and must observe the Social Distancing 2-metre rule and stay outside the parameters of the club until it is safe to enter and the previous players have left.
- Players should always practice safe hygiene and preferably bring their own hand sanitiser for use throughout play. There will be a limited amount of hand sanitiser available at the hut for use before and at the end of play.
- On arrival players should go to the bowls hut where a mats, jacks and disinfectant will be available.
- Players must use the disinfectant spray before each game to cleanse the mats and jacks and also disinfect again after use when returning the items after play.
- The disinfectant spray provided is safe on the green.
- If you are playing with another member, one player should only handle the mat and take it with them for use at each end, the other player should only handle the jacks. These items should not be shared.
- The green edges have been raised last year and the grass has knitted together well. However, players should stay at least 2 metres from the ditches at all times and set the mat at least 3 metres from ditch. Jacks should also be set to a distance of at least 3 metres from the ditch. 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.

- The 2-metre social distancing rule must always be observed on and off the green.
- Other bowls equipment cannot be shared between players. (e.g. cloths, measure etc.)
- Players should not pick up any other players' bowls.
- Players should not moisten their hands with saliva before delivery.
- Players must not shake hands, high-five or have any physical contact with other people on the green (outwith their household).
- Play ends when your hour is complete and bowling should not continue into the time set aside for disinfecting equipment.
- After play, there is a 30 minutes time slot between bookings to minimise the number of players arriving and leaving at any one time. Players must make sure they have disinfected the mats and jacks and sanitised their hands immediately after conclusion of play.

#### **4. Additional Information**

- All equipment has been removed e.g. 2m sticks, score boards, chalk, pushers etc. and should not be used. Benches, ashtrays, and bins will be removed, covered or sign-posted in such a way that members do not touch or use them.
- The Scottish Government is encouraging people to stay local to exercise within their own local authority area. Club members should take a commonsense approach and use good judgement. This is an individual decision which the Club will not be expected to monitor or police.
- The above guidance has been produced to allow a phased return to the outdoor lawn bowling greens of Scotland where practice individually or pairs within the same bubble. All players and clubs have a responsibility to take care of themselves and their members.
- We would stress that members must make a judgement based on their own individual circumstances. If you feel that you are not able to comply with any elements of the Government's guidelines or feel uncomfortable or have concerns about the Club reopening, then we would recommend that you should not visit at this time.