



# BROMSGROVE

and District Indoor Bowls Club



## RETURNING TO BOWLING

The directors and management committee are delighted to let you know that the club will re-open for bowling on {Tuesday 1 September?? - TBC} and that the 2020/1 winter leagues will begin on Monday 19 October 2020

In the interests of players' and spectators' safety a number of changes have had to be made, guided by government and EIBA advice.

***If you have any of the symptoms relating to coronavirus, or have tested positive for the virus, or are in a position where you must self-isolate – PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE CLUB PREMISES.***

### Premises

**Entrance and exit** – Entrance to the building will be through the main entrance and exit will be via the door in the restaurant area. When in the building please follow the direction indicators.

**Access to rinks** – Players should enter and exit rinks by the access closest to their rink.

**Changing rooms and lockers** – Changing rooms will be closed except for entry to the toilets. Please arrive ready to bowl apart from bowling shoes, these should be put on at the end of your rink. We will relax our dress code during this period. You will be able to access your locker on your first visit but you will be expected to take your kit home from then onwards.

**Toilets** – Toilets will be open but only one person allowed in any toilet at any one time.

**Bar and restaurant** – The café and bar will be open. Orders will be taken at your rink and delivered there. No food or drink is to be consumed on or near to the green.

**Hygiene** – A deep clean will be undertaken prior to the club re-opening. There will be hand sanitising stations at entry and exit points, inside toilets and 4 at the scoreboard end of the rinks. Please ensure no sanitiser gets onto the green. Please follow government advice re regular hand washing. Duty stewards will work to a rigorous checklist to ensure everything remains as clean as possible.

**Face coverings** – Face coverings are required to be worn except in exceptional circumstances. The following will apply.

- i. Face coverings can comprise face masks, face shields, scarves etc provided both your nose and mouth are covered.
- ii. If you have a medical condition that means you cannot wear any type of face covering then you need to provide the chairman of the board with written evidence. To avoid conflict we will issue you with a blue wristband.
- iii. Face coverings should be worn from entry to the building until exit. The exception to this is when you are eating or drinking, but please put the covering back on when you are not eating or drinking.
- iv. Staff will be wearing face coverings.
- v. No face covering or blue wristband = no play



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**Ventilation** – A new ventilation system has been installed so that volumes of fresh air into the building meet the enhanced EIBA/Government guidance. ***Initially a maximum of 30 people will be allowed in the bowling hall area at any one time.***

## Operations

**Rink bookings** – Rink bookings will be as usual ie a manual system by phone, email or whilst you are at the club. You must pre-book a rink. No turning up to play without a booking – you will be turned away. Opportunity to book a rink will commence by phone or email one week prior to opening.

Spectators will also be required to book a place. We cannot allow people to turn up without first booking in as we have, currently, a 30 person capacity. Priority will be given to playing and social members.

There will be a 30 minute break between sessions. This will enable exit by one session before the next sessions bowlers arrive. It will also allow time for the stewards to undertake their regular cleaning activity. This will mean sessions will be 1hour 45 minutes rather than 2 hours.

The entrance door will remain locked until 10 minutes before your scheduled start time. Please do not turn up for your session any earlier than 10 minutes before you are due to play and leave the premises promptly once you have finished. This applies to all sessions apart from the 19:00 session where players can stay for a drink if they wish given there is no session following.

The new session times for 2020/21 are 9:45 – 11:30, 12:00 – 13:45, 14:15 – 16:00, 16:30 – 18:15 and 19:00 onwards.

Initially the club will be open each day and evening Monday – Friday and at weekends when there is a specific event and for the Sunday evening bowls drive. We will review opening times from time to time.

**Payments** – The club will have a contactless payment system in place. We strongly urge all members to use this card system for all payments to avoid manual handling of cash wherever possible.

**Communication** - We recognise that external guidance and advice will change from time to time and this may necessitate changes to the way we operate. Equally we encourage your feedback on modifications. We will keep everyone up to date with any necessary changes to arrangements.

## Playing bowls

### **Equipment:**

**Mats** - You should nominate one lead to place the mats throughout the game. To provide a little more space for social distancing, the furthest back that the mat can be placed is the back of the mat on the 'T'.

**Jacks** - There will be a jack at each end of each rink. The skip of the team winning the previous end will place the jack with his/her feet at the preferred spot.

**Other** - Scoreboards can be used but make sure you allocate one player to operate the scoreboard and use the hand sanitiser stations. Chalking woods and measuring is allowed but do not touch woods when doing so. Nominate one person to measure at the start of play.



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**Formats** – We will operate on 4 rinks only and will use rinks 1, 3, 4 and 6. This means there will be a free rink on one side of every used rink to allow for social distancing to be more easily maintained.

We will restrict formats to a maximum of triples play. If we have to play a rinks game (for example the conclusion of last season’s club competitions), we will ensure the rinks on either side of the rink being used are free.

## Other

**Keeping records of attendance** – Please be aware that we are required to maintain records of everyone attending the club during each session and that those records must be kept for a minimum of 21 days. We understand that in some circumstances members need to bring a family member with them, but the number of players and spectators must be within our limit of 30.

**In the case of an outbreak** – The club reserves the right to close at any time in the event of incidence of the virus. In those circumstances the club will not re-open until a further deep clean has taken place.

**Agreeing to the measures** – Members and visitors wishing to use the facility will be required to sign the statement at the bottom of this page agreeing to the measures the club has put in place.

**Bowls Collection and checking out the club** – You can book an appointment to collect your bowls through September. We are also planning to organise some short sessions when members can book in to attend the club, empty lockers if they wish, have a look at the changes we have made and ask any questions they might have. These sessions will be advertised in due course.

**REMEMBER SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES AT ALL TIMES, WASH YOUR HANDS REGULARLY AND USE THE HAND SANITISER PROVIDED**

### AGREEMENT FROM MEMBERS/VISITORS

Name.....

Membership No. ....

Email address.....

I confirm that I have read the document entitled ‘Returning to Bowling’ setting out the measures Bromsgrove & District Bowls Club Ltd. (“the club”) have introduced to ensure a safe bowling environment for its members, I understand the responsibilities of members whether they are spectating or bowling.

I agree to abide by the rules and guidance set out in the document, and any subsequent changes to those rules and guidance that ‘the club’ may introduce from time to time.

Signed.....