

Ashtead Bowls Club

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PLAY FROM 17th MAY 2021

**IF YOU OR ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS SHOWING SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19
YOU SHOULD STAY AT HOME AND NOT PLAY**

13 May 2021

OBJECTIVES:

- Create an ongoing safe environment for players to enjoy bowling whilst observing social distancing.
- Provide clear guidelines for members to follow.
- To establish a phased return to bowling that remains compliant with Government and Local Regulations and embraces any directive from Bowls England.

GENERAL:

Please remember to keep to the two metre rule both inside and outside the clubhouse and **wear a mask while inside** – in the clubhouse, in the changing rooms or other enclosed space where more than one other person can gather.

There is now access to the main area of the Clubhouse, toilets, changing rooms, mats and jacks equipment shed.

Please use the toilets one at a time. Clean the toilet, the flush handles, door knobs and taps after use. Only toilet paper should be put down the pan. No paper towels or wipes.

The bar is closed. The kitchen bar will be open during matches and events. Cashless payments only.

You may leave your bowls and personal equipment in the relevant changing room. Lockers may be used but please continue to come dressed appropriately and change your shoes outdoors.

A table inside the clubhouse near the main entrance door will have disposable gloves and sanitiser. The equipment shed will have sanitiser and cleaning paraphernalia.

RINK BOOKING:

Rinks must be booked via the website www.ashtead.bowlr.co.uk

All players names should be entered when booking.

The green will be open for three sessions each day – 1.00pm, 3.30pm & 6.00pm. This will change in June with the addition of a 10.30am session every day. Sessions are for 2 hours 15 minutes. Please leave promptly.

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DRESS CODE:

Casual play - It is not necessary to wear bowls clothing but correct footwear is essential.

Formal play - Competition matches and club events (including ladies/mens/club evenings) Greys should be worn with correct footwear.

Before bowling

On arriving at the Club please first change your shoes, either using the benches under the awning or seats around the green or in your rink's allocated area. Remember to sit two metres apart.

After entering the clubhouse wash your hands immediately, in line with government recommendations.

Complete 'track & trace' form with your own pen/pencil or scan NHS QR code.

Preparing for play

Scoreboards and 2 metre poles should only be used for matches. Scoreboards should be taken from and returned to the shed by number 2 of the home team only.

Loan equipment is not permitted. Players must only use their own equipment.

Players should not share equipment, but if it is necessary to do so, then disposable gloves should be worn.

Only spray chalk is allowed to identify touchers.

Physical contact (handshakes/hugs) is not permitted

Gathering after play around the green is permitted under social distancing guidelines.

Spectators are allowed up to a maximum of thirty people at a time keeping to social distancing rules.

If you wish to use two different coloured jacks and mats during plays you should only bowl your own jack and position your own mat.

Please ensure that all bowlers in your session understand and adhere to the instructions.

During play

All players should make a conscious effort to wash their hands and use the hand sanitiser on regular occasions when they believe there may have been a potential cross contamination event such as picking up someone else's bowl or touching equipment.

Players must stand and walk either side of the centre line for 2 metre social distancing.

Players must keep measuring to a minimum to avoid breaching social distancing. Judgement by eye should be the norm unless it is a close call and cannot be agreed.

Only use your own spray chalk

If you wish to keep a scorecard only one person must complete this using their own pen/pencil

Pushers – should be used by one person only at each end of the rink. In triples the team No 2s should use the pushers and they agree to take one end each to collect for the duration of the game. e.g. Team A second player uses their pusher for 1st, 3rd, 5th ... ends. Team B second player uses their pusher for 2nd, 4th, 6th Ends.

After play

Clean and replace all the equipment used to the mats and jacks shed. Scoreboards should be thoroughly sanitised by the user (number 2) before returning to the shed. One person at a time to enter the shed only.

All players are advised to wash their hands in line with government recommendations or use sanitiser.

Change your shoes, pack your bag and remove all personal equipment from the bowls green area.

When you are ready to leave please take a couple of wipes and clean everything you have touched – wc door handles, door handles to lobby and main doors, door hook, keypad, gates latch and railings. Take the used wipes home

Covid -19 Protocol - Bowlers Do's and Don'ts for resuming play

DO

- Come dressed in appropriate clothing. It will only be permissible to change your shoes in the bowling area
- Avoid touching unnecessary equipment leaving that task to nominated individuals
- Remember to clean and stow all the equipment after play
- Stay 2 metres away from other players on your rink and at all times
- Use hand sanitiser when you have any doubts about cross contamination

DO NOT

- Set up or re-stow equipment without cleaning it first
- Touch other players equipment including measuring equipment.
- Ignore safe distancing at 2 metres during play.
- Make physical contact with any other club member (hand shake / hug)

PLEASE ADHERE TO THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL OUR MEMBERS.

THANK YOU.