

GUIDELINES FOR WIBC – PLAYING BOWLS UNDER SOCIAL DISTANCING

Please use the following information so that you may safely play bowls at Worthing Indoor Bowls Club

Playing Bowls – Use of Equipment

Mats

They are to be disinfected with antibacterial wipes at the beginning and end of each session by the green steward or a club official. Mats will always be played from the 4 metre 'T' One and one only nominated person per rink will set the mat each end regardless of who is to bowl first.

Jacks

They are to be disinfected with antibacterial wipes at the beginning and end of each session, by the one and only nominated person (in multi-player games, this will be one of the skips) who will set the length. Jacks will not be cast. The team who win the end will nominate where the jack is to be placed.

Scoring

Scorecards are the safest method of scoring. If the electronic scoreboards are used one and only one nominated player will be allowed to touch the scorepad and the pad must be disinfected before and after the session. Do not forget the on/off switch.

Measuring should be by eye – close measures will be a tie.

Playing Bowls - Format

This will be dictated by Government Policy on how many people can participate in the activity outside of the immediate household and maintaining social distancing. In order for the club to be financially viable in terms of light, aircon and power usage we would need a minimum of 3 rinks operational with pairs or triples games. Or 5 rinks with singles matches on each.

Singles

This is the safest format and social distance is easily managed across all rinks. In roll ups markers would not be required. Special instructions will be supplied to allow for competition play.

Pairs

It should be possible to play pairs allowing social distance on all rinks providing the 4-metre 'T' rule is in place.

Triples

To allow triples to be played safely on 5 rinks then the 4 metre 'T' rule is in place but play must be from alternate ends e.g. Rinks 1,3 and 5 play first end East- West. Rinks 2 and 3 play West-East. Ends should remain synchronised.

Initially we will use only 3 rinks which will then minimise social distancing problems.

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Playing Bowls -Walking up and down the rinks

Players should maintain social distance and always walk up the left side of the rink as they are facing away from the 'T'

HANDSHAKES & OTHER PHYSICAL SOCIAL GREETING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED

COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS

- These plans will be available in the club and published on the website, they will be emailed to all members who have agreed to use this system.
- All members must agree to follow these club regulations – failure to observe them will result in a temporary ban and the whole session will be curtailed.
- All members will be temperature checked on arrival.
- Members who know they have symptoms must not attend the club under any circumstances

MONITORING and REVIEW

- These plans will be under continuous review
- Feedback will be noted and concerns from staff, volunteers and members will always be addressed personally by telephone or email