

# **PEWSEY VALE BC GUIDANCE NOTES BASED ON THE GUIDANCE ISSUED BY BOWLS ENGLAND, APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, MEDIA & SPORT (DCMS)**

**With regard to PVBC, implementation by 23 May 2020**

## **BASIC OBJECTIVE**

At this time, it is pretty clear that the Government wants people to exercise rather than play competitively and we should compromise in some areas that address the competitive nature of bowls.

The following guidelines try to address the basic objective while still allowing us to enjoy a return to the sport we love.

## **ESSENTIAL CONDITIONS**

**These conditions are mandatory in order to follow the BE guidelines, which your Committee has elected to comply with.**

- We may only play singles with either 1 household member or 1 non-household member. There will be no marker and no spectators are allowed.
- We will arrive at the clubhouse dressed ready to play with only our shoes to change into.
- Games have to be booked in advance and played during defined time slots. See further information given at the section **The Booking System**
- Each booking slot allows ample time to play a 4 wood, 21 end game but you may choose another format.
- Only three matches, at any one time, are allowed with a maximum of 6 members on the green. The rinks used will be nos. 1,3 & 5 and the direction will change each week (away from and parallel to the Clubhouse)
- All equipment used must be cleaned and sanitised before and after the game, see section **Equipment to be Used**
- The equipment that we are allowed to use will be stored on the wheel barrow, kept in the clubhouse passageway.
- The clubhouse can only be accessed through the back door and only the passageway and toilets can be accessed. The changing rooms, clubroom, bar, kitchen and equipment sheds are out of bounds. There are some exceptions which are given at the section **Access to the Clubhouse**
- All players must observe the social distancing rules and hygiene requirements, at all times. If playing with and/or near a non-household member keep 2m apart.

## Health and Hygiene

Obviously, we must follow the Government guidelines on these matters and when applied to bowls then:

- Maintain the 2 metre distance when non-householders are involved on a rink and/or on an adjacent rink.
- Ensure that all equipment that we use is sanitised before and after the game – do not assume the previous user did the job properly.
- Ensure that all door handles, wheel barrow handles etc. are also properly sanitised.
- Wash your hands after the game for 20 seconds.
- If you use the toilet facilities you will have to properly sanitise them.
- The Club will supply sanitisers to accompany the equipment and in the toilets and we advise members to carry their own for use on the green.
- Do not offer lifts to non-household members
- Do not shake hands or touch anybody on the green
- Bring your own food and drink as the kitchen is out of bounds.
- After your game is over and the equipment put away, you should change your shoes, and leave immediately, by way of the tennis courts. We are not allowed to socialise at The Club.

## The Booking System

- **Each game must be booked, in advance, initially.** Experience may show that we have empty slots that can be filled by chance visits to the Club.
- The reservations will be available one week at a time from Saturday through to Friday. A new week will be made available each Friday
- The reservations book will be kept on the table at the front entrance to the Club. Each new week will be made available by the Secretary or nominated deputy.
- During a day, 5 slots are allowed and the following start times for a game must be strictly adhered to:
  - 10.30am
  - 12.30pm
  - 2.30pm
  - 4.30pm
  - 6.30pm

Experience may tell us that we can modify these times.

- We believe that the 2 hour slot will be sufficient time to set up and tear down the rink, play the game, sanitise the equipment and depart from the Club before the next slot is reached.
- Initially, in order to be fair to all members of the Club, two sessions per person per week is the maximum we can allow. Experience may allow this to be modified.
- Arrivals and departures should be recorded on the booking slot.

## Equipment to be Used

- All equipment will be held in the wheelbarrow.
- The equipment will consist of, for each rink, rink markers, two mats, two jacks and the sanitisers that **must be used** on the rink equipment before and after the game.
- First to arrive will move the wheel barrow to a spot adjacent to the green. Then each rink will take the equipment for a rink and set up the rink.
- After the game, the equipment must be returned to the wheel barrow which is then returned to the passageway.

## The Game

- Avoid arriving too early and please use the gate entrance to the Club
- Because there is no marker to set the jack, two jacks are used with one at each end and each of the players will handle the jack at each end. The appropriate player calls for the distance for the jack to be set and the appropriate player will set the jack with the other player calling to middle the jack.
- Because there is no marker, no information is available unless the player/s visit the head. This is time consuming and should be avoided.
- Because there is no marker, measuring should be avoided. If the players agree that it is necessary then the tape measures and woods will need to be sanitised.
- Players should only handle their own woods: never touch your opponent's woods.
- As with the jacks just one player should be responsible for each mat. It might be easier, therefore, for the players to alternate putting up the jack instead of the winner of the previous end.

## Access to the Clubhouse

Essentially, we are told not to use the clubhouse, but we need to be practical. You can access the Clubhouse in the following instances only:

- The first player of the day should, on arrival, open the front door, sign in and take the key for the rear door around the clubhouse (not through the clubhouse) to open the rear door. The reverse procedure is to be used for the last player of the day.
- Use of the toilets but on a one at a time basis, via the rear door.
- To book your game slot and then to record your arrival and departure. The booking form is held just inside the front door. Please use the front door
- One time only access to the changing room, to remove your woods and other equipment you may have left in your locker – **you cannot return the same to your locker after your game which then remains out of bounds.**
- To take wheel barrow of equipment outside
- To return the wheel barrow with all equipment, properly sanitised
- To replace damaged equipment from equipment shed – Committee member only

Please remember that you should only come to the Club if you are well and are not exhibiting any of the symptoms of Covid 19, nor have you been in contact with anyone else who may have been exhibiting symptoms, including the additional symptoms published this week.

We recognise that this might seem a bit draconian but it is done in order to keep our members safe. We hope we can get back to normal as soon as possible but in the meantime try to think kindly of us and enjoy your game. If you have any queries, please contact us.

Best wishes      Richard and Andrew