

## UPDATE FROM BOWLS ENGLAND ON COVID 19 – PLAYING THE GAME

The Government has allowed BE to revise the “rules of engagement” for playing bowls. Put simply, and with immediate effect, **the maximum number of people on a rink is now 6 and spectators are allowed. All other restrictions and conditions remain in place** i.e. three alternate rinks, sanitise all equipment, social distancing, no access to kitchen and bar, booking system, etc.

Your **Executive Committee** has taken the changes into account and in the best interests of safe bowling we have decided to:

- Allow **pairs to be played using 3 woods up to 18 ends** – to prevent overruns on the 2 hour time slot and we ask that the rink is cleared 10 minutes before the time slot ends. This facility will be available from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June. The **singles and individual roll-ups** arrangements will continue as now.
- At this time, we will not allow triples as we believe this would overcrowd the rather limited shoe changing area and perhaps cause social distancing issues on the rinks.
- Remind all players that they must sanitise all the equipment they use during a game and leaving the green and the surrounds as they found them.
- Remind all players that access to the clubhouse is, still, only permitted to visit the toilet, to move the wheelbarrow, to book timeslots and sign in and out.
- Install benches, as soon as possible, in front of the clubhouse to allow spectators some comfort but they must follow the social distancing rules of 2 metres. All benches must be sanitised after use.

We will continue to monitor the way we are using the green and make any appropriate changes to “our set of rules” to help you enjoy your bowling.