

Dear Member,

As you are aware, we are bound by the Guidance issued by EIBA in what we can and cannot do. In particular in maintaining social distancing on and off the green. In EIBA's Guidance in relation to the Jack it says "Implement re-spotting if jack is displaced towards the ditch / side rinks". We asked for an interpretation of displacement and were told that any movement on the jack required it's placement back to the spot which is the Rule we have been currently working to. Recently however, EIBA gave a slightly different interpretation of displacement in that the jack could be moved in play provided the position it ends up in did not impinge on the social distancing rule of two metres,

The Committee has therefore conducted a review of the Rules in relation to displacement of the jack whilst continuing to observe social distancing which is paramount to your and everyone's safety and the following new Rules will be introduced with effect from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May

### **Rules for Members – effective 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

The club is now fully open with social bowls running Monday/Wednesday/Friday mornings 9.30-11.30am. At the present time there is no "turn up and play" option, you must pre-book.

In order to ensure the safety of everyone who visits the Club and to comply with latest Government guidance there are some new rules:

1. All play must be pre-booked by the booking system on the website by 6pm on the date prior to play. If unable to book on line then by calling the nominated telephone number; Andy Wilson 07798 517083 or, for social bowls Monday/Wednesday/Friday, Eric Farrelly 01980 611979.
  2. Please do not visit the club if you or a household member are feeling unwell and/or displaying any Covid 19 symptoms.
  3. On arrival please ensure that you are wearing a face mask and that you sanitise your hands. Face masks are not required on the green.
  4. There is a government QR code for Track and Trace, one above the rink booking stand and one on the opposite side near the bar. Those of you with smart phones should log in. All Non-bowlers should log in manually using the A4 book on the rink booking stand.
  5. Please maintain social distancing etiquette of 2m at all times and sanitise your hands on entering/leaving the club and the changing rooms as a minimum.
  6. Please arrive ready to play as you are only permitted to change shoes within the club – dress codes are relaxed for the foreseeable future
  7. The Club is now taking contactless payments and would prefer all members to pay this way, although cash will still be accepted. Members should be prepared to pay cash if contactless is not available. (No change will be available).
  8. If you are able to do so please change your shoes in the lounge area to reduce the demand for the changing rooms and proceed directly to the green after placing your outdoor shoes on the shelves under the Ladies notice board.
  9. Only three people will be permitted in the gents changing rooms/toilets at any point in time (four in the ladies). As gents leave the changing rooms please head via the steps straight on to the green to maintain social distancing.
  10. Please only touch your own locker to remove bowls/shoes.
  11. The jack will be placed at the nominated length, no casting.
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- 1) In respect of Triples, the "T's" are set at 4 metres. The jack may be placed on or in front of the "T" but no shorter than 23 metres. If the jack is displaced, play may

- continue until such time as the jack moves out of the rink or behind any point level with the three metre spot across the rink whereupon it is placed on the 4 metre "T". This may allow for some movement of the jack but still ensures social distancing.
- 2) In respect of pairs, the "T" shall be the 2 metre "T". The jack may be placed on or in front of the "T" but no shorter than 23 metres. If the jack is displaced, play may continue until such time as the jack moves out of the rink or behind the "T" (set at 2 metres) whereupon it is placed on the nearest re-spot. For these purposes, the "T" is considered a re-spot.
  - 3) In respect of singles, the "T" shall be the 2 metre "T". The jack may be placed on or in front of the "T" but no shorter than 23 metres. If the jack is displaced, play may continue until such time as the jack moves into the rear ditch or out of the rink whereupon it is placed on the nearest re-spot. For these purposes, the "T" is considered a re-spot.
13. Please be mindful of other bowlers when moving up/down the rink.
  14. There can be no rink play at the present time – only singles/pairs/triples.
  15. All pens and chalk are removed and the scoreboard only must be used for social bowls. One player to be nominated to use the scoreboard. A skip to keep the scorecard for league games and must provide own pen.
  16. Ensure the touching of equipment is kept to a minimum, each item (mats jacks, pushers, scoreboard) should be allocated to one player. Mats and jacks may require moving or removing by a second player. It is an individual's responsibility to use the sanitising equipment provided
  17. When completing your game there will inevitably be some delay as members return their bowls/shoes to lockers. It would be helpful if all members could minimise the time they spend within the changing room area.

Everyone is responsible for ensuring the Club remains a safe place.

Guidance is evolving all the time and it will be necessary to update these rules from time to time.

The Committee hopes that these amendments to the Rules will be a considerable improvement and bring play closer to what we are more used to.

Yours

Andy Wilson  
Chairman