



WCGBA CROWN GREEN BOWLS GUIDELINES 13 July 2020

Recommendations to consider before opening your green

KEEP WALES SAFE

- Green Opening, Exercise, Practice and Competitive (Full Social distancing must be maintained - 2 metres distance)
- 4 groups permitted on the green at a time with no more than 30 people attending the green at any one time
- Bowlers should only partake while practising social distancing unless with members of their household.
- Club Schedule of Attendance (**names, dates & times must be recorded**) produced to ensure limited attendance should be maintained (record of green availability should be maintained)
- Club to appoint a central contact (To enable track and trace records should this be required)
- Only WCGBA or BCGBA affiliated Club members allowed on a Green
- Ensure that your Insurance cover is up to date.
- Each Club will have to make and maintain their own risk assessment of the safety in managing your green
- Arrangements should be made to manage the social distancing and all other hygiene procedures
- You will need to ensure you have your landlord's permission to open the green if this applies
- Maintenance schedule will need to be reviewed to ensure green is available for play prior to opening
- Club Buildings to remain closed apart from Toilets.

Be aware that this guidance could change at any point and could be withdrawn if the risk level increases

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Crown Green Bowls - The Opening of Greens

GUIDANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS:

- Only use your equipment brought from home or provided sterilised by your host Club (jacks, mats, bowls etc.)
- Sterilize equipment before and after use
- Keep strict social distancing measures in place - you must remain at a safe distance (2 metres) from people outside of your household
- Follow strong hygiene practices at every opportunity - wash your hands when you get home
- You must have permission from your club to use the green
- Your club will have an agreed process for you to agree a time for you to access the green
- Once you have completed your session, please depart as soon as you safely can to enable others to access the green.
- You may only play on a WCGBA affiliated green if you are a member of a WCGBA or BCGBA affiliated club

DO NOT:

- Do not enter clubhouse, or any facility which is part of the club (except toilets where the Club has agreed procedures to open)
- Do not use club equipment unless provided sterilised by the Club
- Do not turn up at the green without prior agreement from your club

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

- Being careful about touching solid surfaces e.g. gates, seating, doors, etc.
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home, avoid touching your face and take hand sanitiser with you to use while out if possible

NOTE FOR CLUBS:

- Your Club must have written authority from the landlords of the green that you can gain access to the green under the strict guidelines laid out in this document and then follow all guidelines
- It is the clubs' responsibility to decide if your facility is open.
- Please check that your insurance is valid
- You must have a clear process for knowing who is playing at the green, make this as clear as you can for your club members to understand and abide by.
- Please place a sign in clear view of all visitors of the guidelines set out above.
- Do not use a clubhouse connected with the Club, ensuring there is clear signage to state this. Use of toilet facilities is at Club's discretion subject to WAG guidelines outlined here - <https://gov.wales/providing-safer-toilets-public-use-coronavirus-html>. A printed copy of this can be provided on request.
- Do not use club equipment unless sterilised for arranged competitions or on loan for one individual's use.

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Crown Green Bowls - Competitions and League/Cup Bowling

Competitions

- Clubs may use their Greens for Club or Open Competition subject to a maximum of 30 people being at the Green and its surroundings at any one time.
- There must be a designated organiser of the competition who has responsibility for adherence to rules and guidelines. A Deputy may be appointed case of need.
- All Open Competitions should be registered with the WCGBA as normal and a certificate obtained. In the light of these difficult times, the deadline for applications will be reduced to 14 from 28 days.
- A full risk assessment should be completed and supplied to the Secretary of the WCGBA at least 7 days prior to commencement of the competition. The pro forma risk assessment already supplied may be used.
- All competitors in open competitions should be a fully paid up member of either a WCGBA or BCGBA club. It is the responsibility of competitors to ensure that this is complied with. Disciplinary action may be taken in the event of non compliance.
- Competitors should use a personal stamped jack and mat with the jack to be used when leading. Nobody else should touch the jack or an individuals' bowls. These jacks should be either supplied by the organising club and sterilised after use in each match or brought by the competitor from their own club being sterilised prior to return.
- A full record by time and date of all attendees, competitors and otherwise, should be maintained by the organiser.
- Social Distancing rules should be observed at all times.
- No refreshments should be provided. If competitors wish to bring their own then all litter should be taken home with them.

Measuring and Rules

- Where possible all measurements should be carried out by one designated person who should be the only one to handle the measuring equipment.
- Where longer measures are required then 2 designated measurers should carry them out with the measuring equipment being sterilised thereafter.
- Players should maintain a minimum of 2 metres distance whilst measuring is undertaken.
- A repeat measure is not allowed in any circumstances unless decided upon by the Measurers.
- To assist social distancing, Organisers may wish to consider stipulating that the leader should announce to his opponents the bias of the jack in addition to showing it as stipulated in the rules. NB It is acknowledged that this is the norm anyway.

League and Cup Bowling

- Due to the lateness of the year, it is not recommended that League Bowling recommence.
- Where the commencement of limited Cup Competitions or inter club friendly matches are considered the rules and guidelines above should be adhered to.

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