

# Leinster Bowling Club

## Return to Bowling: To come into effect on 8 June 2020

### 1. Introduction

**Leinster Bowling Club cannot accept liability for the safety of members as they return to play under the current arrangements. Active members are reminded of their obligations to comply with current legislation and Government and HSE guidelines regarding travel, interacting with others, social distancing, hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette, and any other matters relevant to their safety and the safety of others in the Club environment.**

In particular members are asked to note that:

- Members can travel up to 20 kilometres (approx. 12 miles) from their home for exercise.
- The cocooning population may leave their houses for exercise but they should avoid contact with other people, even on a socially distanced basis. This advice does not recommend over 70's playing sport, however, it is not mandatory it is advisory: so individuals can make their own decisions. (Department Transport, Tourism and Sport)

While Leinster Bowling Club has put in place protocols for optimising safety during the COVID-19 period members must take responsibility for their own decision as to whether to participate in the activities of the Club at this time and whether they take personal protection measures (e.g. the wearing of face coverings) beyond those provided in the measures below.

The Leinster Bowling Committee has agreed these protocols for play during this period. Revised protocols will be agreed and issued as the season develops.

### **Player health (issued by BLI and LBLI)**

All players who have tested positive/in isolation for Covid-19 or are living with a Covid-19 positive person will not be permitted on the premises of Leinster Bowling Club and will be ineligible to do so until specific criteria are met:

- i) If you have tested positive you may not return to bowling for a minimum of 14 days and at least 5 days without fever or any other symptom, as per HSE guidelines;
- ii) If you are in self isolation you may not return to bowling for 14 days or until you have returned a negative test and are symptom free, whichever is less, as per HSE guidelines; and
- iii) If you are living with a Covid-19 positive person, you must also follow (ii), as per HSE guidelines.

Players who have symptoms should notify the secretary of the Bowling Club, if they were due to play, and start self-isolation for 14 days or until a negative test is returned and they are symptom free, whichever is the least amount of time.

***Failure to adhere to these requirements could result in the immediate suspension of membership of the Bowling Section.***

# LEINSTER BOWLING CLUB PROTOCOLS FOR PLAY

## 1. Scope

- a) Only social games of bowls are to be played until further notice. Club competitions will be considered at a later stage
- b) There will be no formal coaching or recruitment activities during this start-up phase

## 2. To access the bowling green a player must:

- a) Be a paid-up member of Leinster Bowling Club
- b) Not have been out of the country in the last 14 days
- c) Not be in self-isolation or living with a person who is self-isolating
- d) Not be displaying any COVID-19 symptoms
- e) Have a pre-booked rink time

## 3. Booking a Rink

- a) **Only those players who are pre-booked may play**
- b) Three rinks will be in use at any one time
- c) A new electronic booking system is in operation where you can book rinks up to a week in advance
- d) The booking system is accessed from the Bowling Club website
- e) Members who need assistance or do not have access to the website may **phone or text Anne FitzGerald (087 9182215) between 9.00 and 10.00am each day** and she will assist in making your booking
- f) The daily booking times available are as follows:
  - 11.00 to 12.50
  - 13.00 to 14.50
  - 15.00 to 16.50
  - 17.00 to 18.50
  - 19.00 to 20.50 (Monday – Friday only)
- g) We will have a turnaround time of 10 minutes. We would ask all players to leave on time and those arriving at the green are not more than 10 minutes prior to playing time so as to avoid large gatherings
- h) The maximum number of players on any one rink will be 4 people
- i) Leinster Bowling club will retain copies of each day's bookings so as to facilitate any contact tracing that the HSE may have to carry out, for this reason players are asked to adhere to their allotted time and rink once a booking is made
- j) Players are asked to leave their rink at the allotted time even if the rink is not booked for the subsequent session. This is to ensure that the correct attendance on the rinks is recorded for possible future contact tracing.

## 4. Arrival

- a) At home prior to coming to the Bowling Green bowlers should clean and disinfect their bowls, towels, regulation bowling shoes and any other equipment they will take on the green. Only bring what is necessary for your game to the green
- b) Ample car parking spaces are available to ensure social distancing.
- c) Change into bowling shoes at the car
- d) Arrive at the green not more than 10 mins prior to reserved rink time
- e) On arrival at the green turn right and follow the pathway to the right hand side down by the side of the club house so as to avoid the players exiting the green by the pathway adjacent to the tennis courts. Ensure that social distancing is observed at all times
- f) Please use the sanitizer that is attached to the end wall of the pavilion to sanitise your hands prior to entering the green.
- g) Wait until all previous players have exited the area before proceeding onto the green to play
- h) Members who have been given permission to store their bowls in the Ladies Locker Room in the Bowlers' Pavilion should enter the Pavilion one at a time to collect their equipment. This equipment must then be sanitised outside beside the shed prior to play

## 5. Equipment

- a) Members are asked to play with **two bowls** at all times
- b) Members playing on their own should only use their own bowls and not take any from the equipment room
- c) Members without their own bowls who wish to play may use two Club bowls taken from the equipment room. These bowls must be sanitised before play and sanitised and returned to the correct basket in the equipment room after play
- d) Take your bowls, towel and personal sanitiser to the green and place at your starting end
- e) Do not touch any other players' bowls with your hands
- f) Do not touch the jack at any time with your hands
- g) Do not move the mat at any time from the 3 meter mark

## 6. On the Green

- a) Only **4** players to be on each rink at any one time; 3 or 4 bowlers at **same end** are not permitted
- b) There will be 2 jacks and 2 mats per rink
- c) Sanitised mats are set down 3 meters from ditch on each rink at the start of each day and they will remain there all day
- d) Jacks are sanitised at the start of the day and remain on the rink all day
- e) Jacks are to be placed/centred by foot at a distance requested by the first bowler/winner of the previous end
- f) When changing ends players must ensure social distancing. Players should always walk to their left thus avoiding other players coming the other way
- g) No measuring allowed
- h) Players will not be permitted to walk from the mat to look at the head
- i) Use only your feet to move bowls after an end has been completed

- j) Bowls or jack in ditch to be removed using a towel or plastic gloves
- k) Use of scoreboards or scorecards in not permitted

## **7. At the end of allotted playing time**

- a) Players are requested to finish on time regardless of the score. Leave mats on 3 meter mark and jacks on the rinks for next players
- b) Take home **all** belongings including water bottles, plastic gloves, empty cups etc. leaving nothing behind on the green
- c) Please ensure that you wash and sanitise your bowls, hands, shoes and towels after playing
- d) Exit the green by using the pathway adjacent to the tennis courts maintaining social distancing and all players should exit the Club at the end of their game.
- e) Use the sanitizer that is provided on the wall adjacent to the tennis courts to sanitise hands on leaving the green

## **8. Miscellaneous Issues**

- a) Toilet facilities are the only facilities available in the Bowlers' Pavilion; there are no facilities for making tea/coffee
- b) Members are requested to bring their personal sanitiser for use on their equipment and during play on the green. Hand sanitiser and disinfectant will also be provided at the Bowlers' Pavilion
- c) No sharing of bowls or equipment is permitted
- d) No spectators or visiting players allowed
- e) The Greens Manager (Paul Smyth) will change settings and direction of play. No other player is permitted to touch these settings

It is the aim of the Bowling Committee to keep members safe so please observe the guidelines. It will require the co-operation of all players. Guidelines may have to be changed on an on- going basis. We will endeavour to keep you informed. Keep washing, sanitising and social distancing at all times.

If you have any queries in relation to any of these guidelines please contact Anne Fitzgerald, Secretary, ([anneandronnie61@gmail.com](mailto:anneandronnie61@gmail.com) or 087 9182215)

Stay safe and enjoy your bowling!

Bowling Section Committee  
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