

**AS OF MONDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 THE STADIUM WILL INITIALLY BE OPEN FOR CASUAL BOWLING ON WEEKDAYS FROM 10AM – 6PM**

*(subject to demand)*

**\*\*\*TO EXISTING MEMBERS ONLY WHO BOOK IN ADVANCE\*\*\***

**By booking, players are deemed to have agreed to adhere to the measures outlined herein in order to minimise the spread of Covid-19 and safeguard the health and safety of all users. If you are uncomfortable with any of these measures, please, DO NOT ATTEND**

- Only existing club Members will be allowed to use the facility until further notice – and only then, for the express purpose of playing bowls. We regret that non-bowlers/spectators (with the exception of those assisting players) will not be admitted into the Stadium. Individuals wishing to collect personal items from their lockers must ring in advance to make arrangements

**ANYONE ATTENDING UNANNOUNCED WILL BE TURNED AWAY**

- Members must book rinks in advance by telephone only (01792 771728). The telephone will not be manned outside of the advertised opening times shown above and you cannot book by email. However, to facilitate telephone bookings for the week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> September, staff will also be available between 10am – 4pm on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> September. Please note, you should not attend in person prior to the official opening date (14<sup>th</sup> September)
- In the current circumstances, the individual hourly charge to play will be £2 per person. However, there will also be a minimum flat rate of £8 per rink. For example, this means that if only two people play on the rink, they will each pay £4 per hour (regardless of whether adult or junior). You must confirm numbers at the time of booking. Failure to provide a minimum of 24 hours' notice of cancellation will result in a 100% charge being levied
- Sessions will be reduced to 50 rather than 60 minutes (two hour sessions will run for 1 hour and 50 minutes e.g. 10am – 11.50am). This is to allow for a ten minute window for players to vacate the rinks before the arrival of the next players, who will be allowed to access the green on the hour (i.e. 12noon in this example) and no earlier
- Bowlers must play on the rink allocated to them on booking and may not move rinks. They must also refrain from sharing bowls equipment with other bowlers. During play, all bowlers must continue to observe social distancing, not only with those sharing their rink, but those on corresponding rinks

- At the time of going to print, we have yet to be advised of the maximum number of - players allowed on a rink at any one time. We will confirm numbers when telephone bookings open (see over)

### **ALL USERS MUST WEAR A FACE MASK**

- Face masks are mandatory and must be worn at all times. Scarves or snoods are not an option

### **PREVAILING SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES WILL APPLY AT ALL TIMES**

- For this reason, the narrow path which runs along the embankment side of the building will be cordoned off until further notice. Barriers will be placed at each end and should not be breached or removed

### **PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE ANY EARLIER THAN 10 MINUTES PRIOR TO YOUR BOOKED SESSION – AND ENSURE THAT YOU LEAVE AS SOON AS YOUR SESSION HAS CONCLUDED**

- Arrive ready to play (with the exception of changing into your bowls shoes)

### **WITHOUT EXCEPTION, EACH MEMBER MUST TAKE IT IN TURNS TO USE THEIR CONTACTLESS MEMBERSHIP CARD TO ACCESS THE FACILITY. THIS WILL ENABLE US TO COMPLY WITH TRACK AND TRACE PROCEDURES AND ENSURE THAT WE DO NOT EXCEED THE RECOMMENDED CAPACITY. MEMBERS ARRIVING WITHOUT THEIR ACCESS CARD WILL, UNFORTUNATELY, BE TURNED AWAY**

*Lost/Stolen cards must be reported immediately. Replacements can be issued at a cost of £5 payable by credit/debit card prior to attending the Stadium*

- Individuals must not, under any circumstances, allow other members to enter the facility using their card. Similarly, on entry, only one person at a time should be between the two automatic doors; please wait to enter this area if already occupied
- A hand sanitizer is available between the two automatic doors and we would strongly encourage you to use it before entering the Stadium. You will find further hand sanitizers throughout the building, but not in the main playing area where usage is not permitted
- Observing social distancing once inside, please make your way to reception to pay. We would ask that the person responsible for booking the rink take responsibility for paying the FULL rink fee – ideally by credit or debit card. Cash payments will be accepted but are discouraged as it will lead to delays with staff having to sanitize their hands after handling the cash

- Sanitised mats, jacks and scorecards (the scoreboards will be out of commission until further notice) should be collected from reception on arrival. The person responsible for booking the rink will then be responsible for ensuring that the mats and jack relating to their rink are placed in the labelled container on the way out
- Some of the internal doors will be wedged open in order to limit contact. Please do not attempt to close them
- Both the Men's and Ladies changing rooms will have their doors wedged open. A maximum of 4 people will be permitted in these areas at any one time and having the doors open permanently will allow members to gauge usage. Again, please do not attempt to close these doors. Once in the changing rooms, players should ensure that they only use the coat pegs available and keep belongings away from others'
- The Men's and Ladies lockers have been moved to the left hand side of the main green. This is to free up room in the changing rooms and provide more space between lockers. Please bear in mind that you must remember to bring your locker key with you. To minimise the risk to staff, **the master key will NOT be made available**. If you have lost your key, you must provide us with at least 48 hours' notice and pay £10 in advance to cover the cost of replacing the lock. The chairs between the lockers are there to provide you with somewhere to change into your bowls shoes. Please do not remain seated for any period of time
- On conclusion of your booked session, make sure that your personal items are returned to your locker or removed from the premises. **Do not linger.**

### **ALL PLAYERS MUST DEPART THE STADIUM VIA THE DOOR AT THE TOP END OF THE FUNCTION ROOM**

- You should refrain from returning to the reception area wherever possible. If you have a query or wish to rebook, please telephone
- Chairs bearing an X should not be used. Please do not remove - or sit - on the signage or move a chair from its set position
- If you must use the toilets, check the Free/Engaged slider on the main door. If Engaged – then please wait. If Free, move the slider to Engaged before entering - and then back to Free as you leave. Only one person at a time should use the toilet facilities; therefore the disabled toilet will be available for all members to use but only if the other toilets are occupied. Disinfecting wipes have been left on top of the cisterns in the toilets and you are responsible for sanitising all used surfaces. Please ensure you put wipes in the large bin (not the small bins) and are not flushed down the toilets. Wash your hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds on your way out
- We regret that any items left behind at the end of the day will be disposed of – so please make sure you check that you have removed all personal belongings on departure. **There will be NO LOST PROPERTY held at the Stadium**

- Please take all rubbish home with you. Bins have been removed from the green area
- The cafeteria / bar will remain closed for the immediate future. Whilst you are welcome to bring bottles of water in with you, no food (including sweets and/or fruit) may be brought into the Stadium. Chewing gum remains banned from all areas of the Stadium
- Whilst members will still be able to hire bowls if required, we regret that in the current climate, we have suspended the availability of bowls shoes. In keeping with our normal rules, members will only be permitted on the greens in regulation footwear. If you do not have the appropriate shoes, you will be unable to play

*We've done our best to try to cover all eventualities, but things are changing on a daily basis. We may have to introduce other measures or amend existing ones as we come to terms with our changed circumstances – and whilst we hope that in time some of the more restrictive measure may be relaxed, until then, we regret that any member not adhering to the new rules - and thereby putting other players and staff at risk - will be asked to leave the building immediately. The future of the Bowls Stadium relies on your co-operation and understanding.*

## **CAR PARK**

During lockdown, the card reader on the barrier for the car park next to the outdoor green stopped working. As a result, a new unit had to be purchased and installed. Unfortunately, this has resulted in us having to re-programme the whole system and means that your **current pass will not work in respect of this particular barrier.**

In the circumstances, we would ask that when you next have a booking at the stadium, you use the Coach Car Park and present your old car park pass at reception on entry. We will then swap it for a new card which will operate both barriers.

If you are unable to present your old card (i.e. in the event of it being lost or stolen) a new card will be issued at a cost of £30.

In the meantime, users are asked to park away from other vehicles where possible.

## **WINTER LEAGUES (PROVISIONAL START DATE 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020)**

We appreciate that for some bowlers, returning to the Stadium under the current circumstances may not be an option and that this, in turn, may mean that some will be unable to field a league team. In order for us to be able to gauge interest and organise the leagues accordingly, **we would ask that each Team Contact get in touch with either Phill Abbott (Mixed Leagues) 07740 739 314 / phill.abbott@btinternet.com or Lynda James (Ladies Leagues) as soon as possible to advise whether or not they will be able to commit to the leagues prior to the anticipated start date of 5<sup>th</sup> October. We would ask that you respond by Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> August at the very latest please. (For the Ladies not in possession of Lynda's contact details, please email [sibc@live.co.uk](mailto:sibc@live.co.uk))**