

# INFORMATION FOR OUR SOCIAL BOWLERS.

This information has been formulated by the Men's and Women's Bowling Committees to help manage the risk of COVID 19 when playing social bowls.

Please ensure you are familiar with all this information prior to playing.

With COVID-19, restrictions and situations change regularly so the information contained in this document is subject to change.

## SOCIAL BOWLS DAYS

### ELIGIBILITY

***Social bowls at Windang Bowling Club shall be for full bowling members only!***

Normal Social Bowls Days will be

1. WEDNESDAY am
2. THURSDAY am
3. FRIDAY am
4. SATURDAY pm

Tuesday is still set aside for Women's Club Championships and may be utilised for Social Bowls in the near future. This is yet to be determined.

### CONTROLLING BODIES.

Control of Social Bowls hasn't changed.

The Men's Club will control Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

The Women's Club will control Thursdays.

Any queries should be directed to the respective controlling bodies. Contact details will be listed below.

### GREEN LIMITS DURING COVID 19

Currently, a maximum of 20 people are permitted per green with 4 players permitted per rink.

### GREEN SETUP

All 3 greens are currently available for play.

Greens will be set up for 7 rinks.

A full rink space will be required between each playing rink to manage social distancing.

Rinks will have to be rotated to assist with the management of green wear and tear.

Here is an example of a typical green setup.

### **Green 1**

- Rinks 1,3,5,7 - playing rinks.
- Rinks 2,4,6 - space rinks.

### **Green 2**

Rinks 8,10,12,14 - playing rinks.

Rinks 9,11,13 - space rinks.

### **Green 3**

Rinks 16,18,20 - playing rinks

Rinks 11,17,19,21 - space rinks.

The 3 rink green will be rotated on a daily basis.

E.g. On Wednesday, green 3 shall have 3 playing rinks. On Thursday, green 2 shall have 3 playing rinks, and so forth. The direction of the green will be changed daily as well. east-west or north-south.

The outcome of this means that we shall have 11 playing rinks available at any one time and as there are only 4 players permitted per rink, the maximum number of players shall be 44.

**All events shall be capped at 44 players.**

### **GAME FORMATS**

**All games shall be 3 bowl pairs** - This to minimise crossovers during the game.

**All games shall have a 2.5hour duration.**

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday games commence at 9:30am and shall be completed at 12:00pm.

Saturday game shall commence at 1:00pm and shall be completed at 3:30pm

### **GREEN FEES**

Green fees remain at **\$7**

### **PRIZEMONEY**

For Wednesday, Friday & Saturday all prizes will be awarded **"Out of the hat"**

Prize money allocation shall be:

**Winners - \$25 dollars per player.**

**Runners Up - \$10 per player.**

**Luck Loser - \$5 per player.**

Prize draws will be conducted using the Club's "draw tablet".

The draw will be conducted by the match committee at approx 11:30am. The results shall remain confidential up until the completion of the game.

The prizewinners will be notified when the cards are returned.

A list of the prize winners will be forwarded to Administration.

Any Prize Money will be added to a players membership card as soon as practicable.

**Green Fees and Prize Money for Thursdays will be determined by The Women's Club.**

## **SOCIAL BOWLS ENTRY**

Entry for Social Bowls Days shall be as follows:

### **THURSDAY**

**Phone entries only**

**For entry and cancellations**

**PRIMARY - Contact Wendy Stevens on mobile 0403698673 - Phone or leave a message.**

The preferred hours are between 8:00am and 8:00pm on the Wednesday prior to the event.

### **WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY**

**PRIMARY - Online booking Form**

**SECONDARY - Contact Dave Tyrrell on mobile 0408868161 - Phone or leave a message.**

Wednesday and Friday Online and Phone entries open a week before the event at 10:00am and close at 1:00pm on the previous day of the event.

Saturday Online and Phone entries open a week before the event at 1:00pm and close at 1:00pm on the Friday prior to the event.

Entries will not be taken outside of these dates and times. As there are limited spots available, we cannot guarantee that you get your preferred date, and another day may be available.

**DO NOT RING THE CLUB FOR ENTRY - Club staff will not be taking any bookings for Social bowls.**

This was done to ensure that all bowling members get an opportunity to play and for organisers to have everything in place prior to the event taking place.

Information on how to book online is covered in the tutorials on the bowls website.

## **CANCELLATIONS**

Cancelling at short notice deprives a player of a spot.

Sometimes, unforeseeable things happen, we understand that.

Ensure you do cancel with sufficient notice.

**For all Wed, Fri, Sat Cancellations Contact Dave Tyrrell on mobile 0408868161.**

## **PENALTY FOR NOT SHOWING UP.**

Failure to show up for an event without sufficient notice (for an unacceptable reason) may incur a penalty. This could be in the form of a green fee fine (\$7) or suspension from any bowls event at Windang. The Match Committee will determine the penalty based on the circumstances.

## **REGISTRATION ON THE DAY**

By law, we are required to keep a register of every participant playing on the day.

Player registration will commence from 9:00am on a weekday or 12:00pm on the Saturday.

***IMPORTANT - DO NOT TURN UP PRIOR TO THESE TIMES AND DO NOT ATTEMPT TO ENTER THE CLUB PREMISES AT THE MAIN ENTRY!***

Bowlers are to enter the gate at the south east corner of Green 3 and proceed to the registration desk located at the south west corner of green 2.

## **REGISTRATION.**

Our registrar will check your name first and you will pay your green fee. At this stage, green fees shall be cash or "bowlo bucks". To speed up the process, have the correct amount (\$7) ready for payment or we will have change available if required. If you prefer to use cashless payment, we'll have to organise that after 11:00am, when the club opens.

You then proceed to the rink allocation desk.

## **RINK ALLOCATION**

Playing partners & opposition, rink allocations will be determined on the day prior to the event. You may have requested to play with or against a particular person. You can do this when booking your entry. That's Ok and acceptable. Nominated teams will be acceptable in the near future, based on restrictions. We'll see how we go.

***IMPORTANT - APART FROM UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT***

You will be designated your rink number and if you are the first skip on that rink you will be given the score card. You are responsible for the scorecard and keeping the correct score throughout the game. This will be noted on the registration sheet.

You will then proceed to your designated rink and get ready for play.

You may have to access the locker rooms to obtain your bowls. How this is done is mentioned below.

## **ACCESS TO LOCKER ROOMS**

***You will only be permitted to obtain your bowls after you have registered and received your rink number.***

After this you will proceed to the respective locker room.

Only 2 people are permitted in the locker room at any one time.

There will be a locker room attendant at the entrance to help manage entry to the locker room and social distancing.

If the locker room is occupied, you will be asked to wait.

To avoid unnecessary delays you are not to loiter in the locker rooms.

Turning up to play in correct bowls attire will help minimise delays.

After you have obtained your bowls, proceed straight to your rink.

Shoes and socks may be put on at your designated rink.

***Access to the locker rooms will not be permitted outside of the designated play times so make sure you have everything you need to enjoy your game.***

***IMPORTANT - UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL YOU BE PERMITTED TO ACCESS ANY OTHER AREAS OF THE CLUB.***

## **COMMENCING PLAY**

All Mats & Jacks will be cleaned/sanitised and ready for use prior to each session.

There will be 2 x mats and 1 x jack per rink.

A skip at your rink has already been designated a score card. There will only be one scorecard per rink. That player is to ensure the score is correct and only that player shall handle the scorecard.

***Scoreboards will not be used during social play.***

Leads are to toss for control of the mat. The person who has the mat will roll the jack.

***That player will be the only person to roll the jack during the entire game.***

After the jack has been rolled, the skip will position the jack on the centre line with their foot or with a bowls lifter.

A team that has won the previous end can determine where the Mat and Jack should be positioned. That skip can ask the lead (jack roller) to position the mat and jack to a desired position. The player in charge of the jack must comply. The skip can move the jack to that desired position if the jack roll is unacceptable.

***UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES IS ALCOHOL TO BE CONSUMED OUTSIDE...ANYWHERE, ANY TIME.***

This may change as restrictions are lifted. If you require water during the game, you must bring your own water bottle with sufficient water to last the game.

## **DURING PLAY**

*Practice Social Distancing.* There are many ways to practice social distancing during a game.

Some examples below:

- Position yourself at least 1.5m behind a player on the mat.
- Players should position themselves on either side of the green at each end.
- Keep 1.5m between yourself and opposition when determining the result of an end.
- Keep to the left and 1.5m away from the opposition on crossovers.

**PLAYERS MUST REMAIN ON THE DESIGNATED RINK DURING THE ENTIRE GAME.**

*Players are permitted to utilise the outdoor toilet facilities during the game but are to avoid loitering at another rink.*

*Avoid Physical Contact.* Avoid physical contact whenever possible.

Some examples below:

- Do not share any of your equipment. This includes chalk, spray chalk, measures, lifters, pens, etc.
- For jack or bowl out of bounds, use your bowls lifter. If you haven't got one, it's Ok to pick them up, just ensure that you **wash or sanitise your hands immediately after that game.**
- Avoid touching another player's bowls during marking where possible. The use of spray chalk or chalk marker pen is recommended.
- Use a lifter to pick up the mat at completion of an end. Again, if you have to pick a mat up ensure that you **wash or sanitise your hands immediately after that game.**

*Practice good cough and sneeze hygiene during the game. Cover that cough or sneeze!*

*Used the COVIDSafe App.*

We encourage you to use the COVIDSafe App at all times and players will be permitted to have their phones with them during play. Place them in silent mode during play. Sometimes it may be impractical to have your phone with you during play, as some phones are quite large. It's your choice if you choose not to have them with you when you bowl.

## **COMPLETION OF PLAY**

The game will finish precisely on the completion time. This shall be 12:00pm for a morning game or 3:30pm for the afternoon game.

By all means congratulate your opposition but avoid physical contact.

***Bring the mats and jack with you when you exit your rink and place them in the cleaning containers provided near the mat box. The volunteers and/or greenkeepers will have a cleaning schedule for sanitising of equipment. This will be carried out as soon as practicable after the game.***

Proceed to the locker room if required. Again, there will be a locker room attendant to manage entry, and only 2 people at a time permitted in the locker room.

Scorecards are to be left at the registration desk in the card box. As a confidential draw was conducted just prior to completion, winners shall be notified as the cards are returned.

After the game has been completed, players have the option of going home or entering the Club through the Main Entrance, however, normal COVID 19 entry conditions apply.

### **LEAVING THE GREEN**

If any player finds it necessary to abandon the game and leave the green and club premises early, they must inform the registrar so the departure time can be entered on the daily COVID Registration Sheet.

***FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN A SUSPENSION FROM FURTHER BOWLS ACTIVITIES.***

The safety and wellbeing of our bowlers is paramount