



# Flintshire Midweek Bowling League



## Covid 19 – Return to Play Guidelines for Fixtures between

### FMBL Affiliated Clubs

In preparation for the start of fixtures between affiliated clubs, below are some reminders and recommendations that we're asking our members to observe to keep us safe and our greens open.

#### **1. Track and Trace**

Each club must appoint a Covid 19 officer – we recommend taking the Covid Officer Course which can be found on <https://bowlswales.com/covid-19/>

The Club Covid 19 officer must be advised if you:

- are displaying symptoms of Covid 19
  - you cannot play unless you receive a negative test
- are contacted by track and trace and told to isolate
  - you cannot play until advised your isolation period is over and you have a negative test – contact your club Covid Officer.
- have tested positive after playing in a fixture.
  - The Covid officer must contact their opponents Covid officer – both must then contact track and trace with all their players contact details.
  - The FMBL Fixture Secretary must also be contacted by both Covid Officers

Covid officers / clubs must ensure they have their players up to date contact details

Details of each game must be held by clubs for 21 days. Results should be input on line as usual.

Check and update your 2020 club risk assessment document.

#### **2. Prepare to Play – Administration**

We recommend that you:

- prepare your play list prior to each game to include players contact details
- bring your own pen
- elect one individual to update scoreboards – sanitise at end of match
- match cards should be retained by one person only
- visiting captains do not have to sign match cards. Results should be agreed by both captains as being true

#### **3. Format of Play**

<b>For Organised League Matches</b>
Singles – 4 jacks permitted (8 people) Only Match Players permitted on green

#### **4. General Hygiene**

- host clubs should provide hand sanitiser in multiple locations around the green
- it is recommended that individuals also carry their own hand sanitiser whilst on the green
- clubs must regularly sanitise all communal surfaces, seats, benches, gates etc

## **5. Equipment**

- it is inevitable that shared use of jacks / mats cannot be avoided. Please practise strict hand hygiene (do not touch your face) Sanitise your hands frequently during and after the game
- teams should allocate measurers. Measurers should not touch / push the bowls away.

## **6. Signage**

- social distancing signage / reminders should be displayed around the green.

## **7. Travel**

- car sharing is not permitted with someone from outside your household or support bubble.

## **8. Toilets / Clubhouse Facilities - Refreshments**

- toilets can be opened – clubs must provide the necessary sanitising products
- individuals are responsible for sanitising the toilets/ basins after use.
- paper towels should be supplied for hand washing and waste towels must be disposed of safely in the receptacles provided
- clubhouses must remain closed.

## **9. Refreshments**

- refreshments cannot be supplied – bring your own
- take your litter home

## **10. Spectators.**

- spectators are not permitted.
- FMBL will follow the guidance on outdoor legal gathering limits set by the Welsh Government. Currently only 15 people in total are allowed on or around the greens at any one time – this likely to increase to 30 around the 26<sup>th</sup> April

## **11. Wearing of Face Coverings.**

- you're not required to wear face coverings while taking part in outdoor bowls, it is down to personal choice
- social distancing must be observed at all times

## **12. Vaccinations**

- there is currently no requirement from government for participants to have been vaccinated. It is down to personal choice as to whether you wish to participate in the league.

## **13. The Weather**

- be prepared, bring umbrellas – remember shelter facilities are closed at the moment and social distancing must be observed at all times

**Changes are happening on a daily basis – keep in touch with information / updates on the website.**

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