

Braid Bowling Club

Message to all Members (Issued 30th May 2020)

It has been decided by the Committee that Braid Bowling Club should not re-open during Phase 1 of the easing of lockdown (28 May to 18 June).

Careful consideration has been given to Scottish Government and Bowls Scotland guidelines. A thorough risk assessment has been carried out. Committee members have exchanged their views on the many issues to be addressed, including the required hygiene and distancing requirements, the implications of no access to toilets and hand-washing facilities, and the setting up of an online booking system. All of this has been done to prepare the way for any play in subsequent phases of lockdown-loosening restrictions.

The current guidelines include the following stipulations:

- Social distancing must be observed at all times
- There must be one rink space between each rink in use, which means that no more than 3 rink spaces may be in use at any one time (e.g. 1/3/5 or 2/4/6)
- Play may be between individuals or pairs, with a maximum of two different households on any one rink
- All equipment has to be sanitised (mats and jacks) before and after play
- Clubhouse facilities, including toilets, should remain closed [Players would need to bring their shoes and bowls with them on each visit to the green]
- A booking system should be in place: players should not just turn up to play
- Benches should not be touched or used
- No spectators are allowed

(The full version of Bowls Scotland's "COVID-19 Guidance for Getting Back on the Green" may be accessed by the following link: <https://www.bowlscotland.com/clubs/club-support-covid-19>)

The Committee is aware that members have already missed six weeks of bowling, but would seek your continuing understanding and patience. In all this, the Committee wishes to ensure the safety of all our members.

The Committee will continue to review the situation as and when Scottish Government and Bowls Scotland issue revised guidelines in anticipation of entering Phase 2. It may be that as Phase 1 progresses there will be an opportunity to develop further the proposed operating procedures to enhance the safety of our members and conduct trials to identify any problems not already anticipated.

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