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With the welcome news from the Scottish Government and Bowls Scotland that greens can reopen here are a few tips to ensure your playing surface is in the best possible condition for commencement of play.

Cutting the greens...

- Your mower should be set at around 4mm for commencement of play.
- Many greenkeepers have kept the height of cut higher than normal however this should now be reduced to ensure reasonable pace of green
- If your machine is set higher than 5mm ensure you reduce the height of cut in 1mm increments for each cut to reduce turf stress.
- Avoid reducing the height from 7mm to 4mm in one cut as this will cause turf stress.
- Cutting cylinder to sole plate adjustments should be checked before each cut to ensure optimum cutting efficiency.

Please remember to wash down all equipment to reduce the spread of the virus

Mowing your Green...

- Mowing should now be carried out at least **three times per week**. Many Clubs mow on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and this should suffice, however, more frequent mowing will result in finer surfaces.
- If your machine has a groomer reel fitted ensure it is not set too deep as this can damage your green and it is advisable to only use it on every alternate cut.
- If you are unsure what height your mower is set at please call one of our advisors.

Please ensure your mower is washed down after use and follow any manufacturers instruction on maintenance.

Verti Cutting...

This operation should be carried out regularly at this time, ideally fortnightly, to encourage vertical grass growth and eliminate seed heads from Annual Meadow Grass (*Poa annua*)

Irrigation...

Ensure irrigation is carried out to reduce drought stress. Applications of wetting agent will reduce irrigational requirements.



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