



COVID-19 - Green Maintenance for Phase 1 – Restricted Play on Outdoor Lawn Facilities (Update – 18 May 2020)

Bowls Scotland acknowledge there will be a change to procedures for clubs with the restricted return to the bowling green for practice and exercise only, individually or with members from your own household. As always any work that club volunteers and contractors are carrying out should be done in line with the most up to date government information <https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Information for individuals on health implications and at-risk groups can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

A reminder that there is absolutely no urgency or pressure to return to the green, the health and wellbeing of volunteers and players should be the top priority. However, if clubs feel they can strictly follow guidance, bowling activity can resume but should **ONLY** include practice individually or games with members of their own household.

Social Distancing & Green Maintenance Considerations:

- Work to facilitate a good playing surface may take a few weeks for clubs only carrying out essential maintenance in the past. Clubs need to be aware of the potential damage of trying to short cut this process – see guidance from Sports Turf Services on how to safely bring your green back up to playing standard via our website - <https://www.bowlscotland.com/clubs/club-support-covid-19>
- Greenkeepers/Volunteers carrying out this work should not be part of any at-risk group and should not be forced to carry out this work
- Only a maximum of two people should be in attendance and should comply with social distancing, a two-metre distance should be observed. This should include when working and at any breaks
- Clubs may only have one designated greenkeeper, but consideration should be given to another member to be in attendance in a purely health and safety capacity
- Avoid the sharing of machinery and use appropriate safety equipment
- All machinery to be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected as required
- Enforce heightened personal hygiene measures whilst at the club
- If only one volunteer is carrying out this work, ensure that another club member is aware of the time that they have arrived at the club and the expected finishing time
- Explore the possibility of a phone call for the checking in and out to ensure the person has completed the work and returned home safely
- If clubs are utilising a rota for the greenkeeping or accompanying member, ensure that committee members are aware of the rota and have relevant phone numbers logged. (If a rota is in place, equipment must be cleaned after every use. Consider door handles and any surfaces that have been touched)
- Greenkeeper should keep in touch with the rink booking person to ensure green is fit for play and adapt procedures accordingly
- Clubs should communicate with Council owned facilities directly for an update on the green



Green Maintenance

For any clubs looking for green maintenance assistance, Sports Turf Services are offering free consultations and information to all Bowls Scotland's members clubs – even if your green is not currently served by STS.

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