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Newsletter of Aberfeldie Bowls Club Inc – Established 1910

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COVID-19 – October - and we are still in lockdown – but with a limited opportunity to bowl

The very limited re-opening for community sport has given some of our members a very restricted opportunity to bowl in accordance with prevailing State Government, BowlsVic and Club Board directions.

Those arrangements are set out below pending any further easing of our current COVID-19 lockdown and updated directions.

Members can practice and roll up on the Green on a **Saturday** in accordance with the following:

Paramount is the safety of our members.

1. To be eligible to play bowls at Aberfeldie Bowls Club, all members must be double vaccinated.
2. All members wishing to play at the Club must provide proof that they have been double vaccinated (electronic or paper based).
3. Any member wishing to play at the Club must use the online booking system by sending an email to aberfeldiebowls@gmail.com requesting a booking time. The available Saturday times are as follows -
 - 11:45am to 12:45pm (followed by 15 minutes of cleaning)
 - 1:00pm to 2:00pm (followed by 15 minutes of cleaning)
 - 2:15pm to 3:15pm (followed by 15 minutes of cleaning)

The updated arrangements permit up to 5 players and a coach on every second Rink, provided that they come from no more than two households. From a practical perspective, this allows us to have 2 players/coach on every second Rink ie a total of 8 bowlers on the Green at any one time (unless we have any of our couples bowling).

The Clubrooms are not to be used, but you may use the Club toilets where necessary - but please ensure that they are kept clean.

Subject to all of the above, you must also:

- Use the government prescribed "check in" system;
- Reside within a 15Km radius of the club;
- Ensure that you make "contactless entry" to the club;
- Maintain social distancing requirements;
- Wear masks at all times;
- Refrain from consuming food or drink onsite;
- access your own locker only; and
- after each training group, ensure that all "surfaces" are wiped down

At this stage, the Club is only allowing double vaccinated members use of the greens on a Saturday. (At this time no other days will be permitted.) This may change as the regulations become clearer, as we know this is a fluid situation.

To ensure fairness to all double vaccinated members, **we will open the bookings each Thursday at midday** and we request when booking via the above email address, please give a number of time options in case we are fully booked for your first preference. An email will be sent to confirm your booking and please ensure timely arrival and departure on your confirmed time on Saturday.

Remember also, all of the COVID arrangements that we are familiar with:

- No shaking hands & no Hi Fives.
- Only one player to handle the mat - and one the jack.
- Use a lifter to remove jack/bowls from ditch.
- Don't handle another player's bowls.
- Sanitise, sanitise & sanitise.

Most importantly, if you do not feel well, don't come to the Club - stay home and get tested.

Pennant Season Update

With a prospective end to our current lockdown in sight, BowlsVic has moved to Plan B for the forthcoming Pennant Season. The plan is based on the current State Government roadmaps which anticipate that from 26th October all clubs currently in lockdown areas will be able to commence pennant practice in-house, with increased density limits and further restrictions easing for community sport.

Plan B sees Weekend Pennant commencing on Saturday 13 November, and Mid-week Pennant on Tuesday 16 November for our teams – and will see two full Rounds played (with a shorter Christmas/January break and no missed weeks because the Victorian Open has been cancelled).

Full details are on the BowlsVic website, including updated and revised draws (a few changes from the last release) – but please be aware that everything hinges on us coming out of lockdown on, or around 26 October. Should that not happen BowlsVic has Plans C, D & E up its sleeve. Let's all hope!!!



Pennant Conditions of Play

The coming Season will proceed with a number of changes to Conditions of Play (available on the BowlsVic website). The most significant of these is the provision that permits visiting teams to practice on the Green, including the Rinks a game is to be played on. Practice will be permitted from 90 minutes before scheduled game time until 30 minutes before scheduled game time. This arrangement will apply to both Weekend and Mid-week Pennant.

Annual General Meeting Rescheduled

In anticipation of the end of lockdown and easing of COVID-19 restrictions, the Club's Board has (with great hope) rescheduled the AGM to 1pm on Saturday 30 October with "Opening Day" to immediately follow on at the conclusion of the AGM. Of course, this is all dependent on the Government roadmap being met and confirmed. Let's all hope!!

Vaccination Certificates

BowlsVic has yet to make/advise any decision regarding Pennant and a requirement to be vaccinated. Based on indications from the State Government on the general matter of limiting the working and life arrangements of those not double vaxxed, a "vaxxed" pre-requisite for Pennant cannot be ruled out at this time.

You can easily incorporate your "double vaxxed" certificate into your Services Victoria App. Irrespective of bowls, doing this will give you a "double vaxxed" clearance wherever/whenever you QR code into any facility – and make your life so much simpler (assuming the system works!).

Start by updating your Services Victoria App and then follow the instructions on the App to download your certificate directly through your Medicare App, or via your MyGov and Medicare registrations.

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"head, shoulders,
knees and toes" is
"wallet, glasses,
keys and phone."**



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