

PLAYING BOWLS AT PURLEY BOWLS CLUB 2021

This document summarises the various ways that members can play on our Green and is an update to the document issued on 15th April 2021.

Booking a rink for a competition or a “roll-up” with friends

For the time being we are continuing to operate a telephone (and email) booking system. Booking should be made through Linda Gallagher and, except for competitions, may only be booked up to 7 days in advance.

To book for a competition game or a roll-up session please telephone or e-mail Linda Gallagher:

Telephone (**between 3pm–5pm only**): 07702 958 901

Email: lindag1@sky.com

Ad-hoc roll up on the day

A system is being introduced to enable members to play on a vacant rink without having pre-booked. A member finding a vacant rink can play on the rink under the following conditions.

- i) The member should enter the date and his/her name (and the names of other co-players, if any) in the “Roll-up-and Play” book located outside the Bowls Clubroom;
- ii) If subsequently a member with a firm booking arrives to play on the rink, then the Roll-up-and Play member should vacate the rink and, assuming one is available, move to another rink.

Application to play in an inter-club match

Application to play in an inter-club match should be made by entering your name in one of the Availability Books placed on tables outside the Men’s and Ladies’ changing rooms. Please enter your name for the matches in which you are interested. You will be informed at least one week in advance if you have been selected to play. As the format of matches may change during the year, please check the Fixtures & Results section of our website for the most up to date information.

Booking to play in the Monday, Friday or Sunday Ballot

With the easing of the Covid restrictions, we have reintroduced our usual Monday, Friday & Sunday Ballot Sessions. To play in a Ballot Session you must enter your name on the day on the Ballot Sheet located outside the Bowls Clubhouse before the booking deadline (see table below).

Day	Booking deadline	Start time	Finish Time
Monday	1:40pm	2:00pm	4:15pm
Friday	1:40pm	2:00pm	4:15pm
Sunday	10:15am	10:30am	12:30pm

A Ballot organiser will be allocated to each of the Monday and Friday ballots. As we tend to have fewer participants on a Sunday, for the time being, the Sunday Ballot session should be organised by the attendees.

It would be appreciated if players playing club competitions stay clear of the ballot hours. Please see Addendum below regarding the priorities for rink bookings.

Please contact either of us if you have any queries regarding the above.

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ADDENDUM

Booking a rink for a competition - Priorities

Introduction

This document is an addendum to the document entitled “Playing Bowls at Purley Bowls Club 2021” distributed to members on 27th May 2021 and defines the priorities for “Booking a rink for a competition or “roll-up with friends”. This has been deemed necessary because of recent congestion in rink bookings, particularly on Ballot days.

To summarise the current situation:-

- 1) We have a comprehensive fixtures schedule which includes league and friendly matches with other clubs and the club has also entered several knockout competitions;
- 2) We have reintroduced Ballots on Monday & Friday afternoons and Sunday mornings.
- 3) We have many competitors in our internal competitions; and
- 4) An increased number of members have entered Surrey & National competitions this year – some of these competitions have “play by” dates and others have “play on” dates.

The above demands on rinks means that we need to ensure that that we utilise our rinks efficiently so that we do not disenfranchise any members.

Booking slots

We are currently operating 2-hour booking slots as follows:

- (a) 10:30am – 12:30am;
- (b) 12:45pm – 2:45pm;
- (c) 3:00pm – 5:00pm;
Half hour gap in case an afternoon inter-club fixture overruns
- (d) 5:30pm – 7:30pm.

On days where there are no inter-club matches the above booking slots should be adhered to so that we can maximise the green utilisation to 24 bookable slots. On days when there is an afternoon inter-club match or a Ballot, booking slots (b) & (c) (on the rinks allocated to the inter-club match/Ballot session) will be unavailable for internal and external bookings. [However, the rinks allocated for an inter-club match can be used up to 1:30pm and the rinks allocated for Ballots can be used from

4:30pm, giving some flexibility on the start times for booking slots (a) and (d).]

Priorities

The priorities for rink bookings are as follows:-

1. The interclub match rink requirements.
2. The Ballot requirements (4 rinks on Monday and Friday afternoons; and 2 Rinks on Sunday mornings). However, see * below).
3. Surrey and National play-on dates
4. Internal competition play-on dates
5. Other Surrey & National matches
6. Other Internal competition matches
7. Roll-up bookings.

* Ballots

The Ballots are popular with newer members and members who prefer not to play in inter-club matches and so we need to continue to provide the planned 4 rinks for Ballot sessions (2 rinks on a Sunday morning) whenever possible. Occasions may arise when, if there is no alternative (e.g. heavy demand for rinks on a Surrey/National play-on date), it may be necessary to curtail or cancel the Ballots on a particular day.

However, even on Ballot days there are still 12 bookable slots (6 in the morning and 6 in the evening) so only in exceptional circumstances should we be forced to curtail the Ballots. As regards booking slots (b) & (c), on Mondays there is one rink available for booking and on Fridays there are at most two rinks available for booking. These booking slots should only be used for Surrey and National Play-on dates but only as a last resort; Internal competitions should not utilise booking slots (b) and (c) on Mondays and Fridays as they may be needed for Surrey and National matches.

If a member has a compelling reason why he/she needs to book a slot that has been denied him/her then he/she should contact the Captain who has the authority to override the above guidelines.