



North Midlands Crown Green Bowling Association

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Message from the NMCGBA Management Committee

Dear Member Clubs,

You will have all no doubt seen the address to the nation on the 23rd March 2020 from the Prime Minister Boris Johnson and the restrictions that have been placed on our lives at present. Despite bowls paling into insignificance with the current pandemic the North Midlands Crown Green Bowling Association would like to provide you an update on how the current situation affects the world of Crown Green Bowls.

Due to the current restrictions by the UK Government the North Midlands Crown Green Bowling Association has suspended all affiliated competitive leagues and strongly recommends against social bowling and that all clubs are closed until further notice.

BCGBA Club Fees

Club Secretaries have received a copy of a letter from the BCGBA headed Corona-19 Fees and Payments (See Appendix 1) The letter is self-explanatory and is simplistically asking Clubs via their own Counties to continue to pay the BCGBA Club fee of £35 for the 2020 season. As a Management Committee we have discussed the content of this letter and our recommendations are as follows:

- The committee believes that despite the unusual circumstances we find ourselves in we do not consider that the full 2020 Club fee should be sent to the BCGBA. The Committee has no objection to making any payment to the BCGBA for fixed costs such as handbooks etc. which have already been printed and ordered; however, we do not feel we should pay for any salaries of officers whilst bowls is suspended.

How does this affect your Club? As a member of the BCGBA through your affiliation to NMCGBA we will only be charging you £20 club fees this year. Of this £10 will be sent to the BCGBA as a contribution to the annual Club fee. The remaining £10 will be retained by NMCGBA. At this present



moment in time this will be the only fee payable to the County for both your Club and individual players. The Treasurer David Hyde will be invoicing you in the near future.

Club Insurance

The Committee strongly advises all Clubs to renew their insurance policies for the 2020 bowls season at the earliest opportunity. Despite the limited opportunity to play bowls competitively in 2020, at present, clubs may have the ability to have limited opening in the latter summer months. Those clubs that renew through Endsleigh are reminded of the 30th April 2020 deadline. It is highly likely that a part year premium will not be much less than the current £45 yearly fee. Insurance policy details should be shared with the Registrar Martin Dobson through the CR1/CR2 form and returned no later than the 31st May 2020.

New Registrations

Any new registrations that have been or are to be submitted for 2020 will continue to be processed and submitted to the BCGBA with charges levied to clubs accordingly.

Safeguarding

All clubs are required to have a Safeguarding Officer in place for 2020. A safeguarding course will be arranged by the Management Committee once restrictions have been lifted. If clubs do not have a Safeguarding Officer in place, whilst awaiting a training course, it is appropriate to share a safeguarding officer with another club as an interim. Again, this information is to be communicated to the Registrar through the CR1/CR2 form.

Development Fund

Despite their being no bowls at present the Development Officer Scott Crowther will be contacting clubs with details regarding the development fund for 2020.

We are in un-chartered territory with the state of the Countries health changing daily, the Management Committee hopes that you and your members staff safe over the coming months and we hope to see you by a bowling green soon.

With best wishes,

Mr Phil Brown, President & the NMCGBA Management Committee