Reigate Priory Bowling Club opening instructions should be read in conjunction with the attached updated supplementary guidance from Bowls England dated 02/06/2020

RPBC – Covid 19, Return to Bowling (Phase 2)

On Tuesday 2nd June the bowls club opened for play only. Due to the virus and current Government restrictions the playing format has had to be changed so the following will apply.

Booking a rink

ALL play must be pre booked - do not go to the club without first booking a rink.

Play is to be booked by contacting Colin Oakford by phone on 01737 246203 or by email to eoakford70@gmail.com

Colin will book a session and allocate a rink.

Confirmation must be received from Colin before going to the club.

A rink can be booked up to 6 days before the day of play and up to 6pm the night before play.

Bookings will be monitored to ensure all players have equal opportunities of playing.

Booking conditions may vary in light of experience or changes in Government advice.

Please note:

Dress will be casual.

Bring your own disposable gloves and masks if you use them.

There will be 3 rinks available per session.

There will be extra space between each of the rinks to comply with social distancing.

A maximum of 4 players can play on each of the available rinks. This allows for singles or pairs to be played.

Play will be in 1½ hourly (90 minutes) sessions.

There will be 30 minutes between each session to allow time for sanitising all equipment before and after play. Do not assume that the person before you has sanitised the equipment thoroughly.

The mats and jacks for use will be kept in the men's changing room.

Before play sanitise all equipment that will be used.

On Mondays play will start from 2pm. Sessions will run from 2pm, 4pm and 6pm.

From Tuesdays to Sundays inclusive play will start from 10am. Sessions will run from 10am, 12pm, 2pm, 4pm and 6pm.

Players to arrive at the club no more than 10 minutes before play.

Dress appropriately before you get to the club to avoid the need to change clothes.

Change shoes immediately before and after play.

A maximum of 12 players on club premises at any one time.

No visitors or spectators can be admitted to the club.

At the end of the session clean all equipment used (including bowls, jacks and mats), lock up all the buildings and leave as soon as possible.

All bowls to be taken away after playing.

Cleaning equipment

The washing station will be in front of the tool shed.

Players from the first session of the day will fill the plastic washing bath with water from the outside tap and add washing up liquid stored in the gents changing room.

Sanitised wipes and sprays are located by the entrances to the ladies and gentlemen's facilities

Wash bowls, mats and jacks. Mats can be left on the clothes rail in the gents changing room and drip dry over the plastic sheeting.

Players on the last session of the day will wash their used equipment and empty the washing bath.

Clubhouse and facilities

The clubhouse and equipment shed remain closed until further notice.

The changing rooms are closed for use.

The defibrillator and first aid kit will be kept in the gents changing room along with the accident book. Please let the committee know if any of these are used.

If the veranda is used ensure that any handles, doors, chairs etc touched are sanitised.

Sanitise padlocks, keys and door handles before and after use.

Only 1 person is allowed in the ladies and gents facilities at any one time.

Take any food or drink you might need with you.

Players must take all their rubbish away with them and small plastic bags are kept in the gents changing room for this purpose.

There will be limited essential access (for example to use the toilets and hand washing facilities) and anything touched must be cleaned after use.

Social distancing rules must be strictly adhered to at all times. You must remain more than 2 metres apart from other bowlers (who are not part of your household) at all times.

The committee have a duty of care and all members are expected to enter into the spirit of reopening as well as the directives from Bowls England by which we are bound.