

BURY CROQUET CLUB COVID 19 PRECAUTIONS FOR PLAYING CROQUET

Issued by Bury Croquet Club Committee

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In line with Government and Croquet Association Guidelines and to minimise the risk of infection by Covid-19, members should follow the rules below:

Do not go to the club if you are experiencing any symptoms of a cold or flu in particular a cough or high temperature. Use the NHS helpline and seek advice.

For your own protection, follow the advice about self-isolation if you are, or are living with, someone in one of the vulnerable groups.

1. **Coronation Park only to be used:** You will be able to play from Thursday, 21st May on full lawns only (two available). The clubhouse will be open to the extent required to access equipment and for toilet and hand washing facilities. Only the ladies/disabled toilet to be used. The changing room and the gents toilet will be closed. The kitchen will also remain closed.

2. **Cleaning Products:** Sanitizing spray, wipes, antibacterial handwash, gloves, plastic bags and paper towels will be available to maintain a clean environment and enable players to wash equipment, clean toilets, and any other surfaces they have touched. The plastic bags to be used to take home your own used towels, wipes, tissues, food and drink rubbish etc. The bins have been sealed and will not be available.

3. **Who can play:** Only pre-arranged games or individual practice will be permitted, no roll-up or public sessions. Players must be members of Bury Croquet Club. No guests/ visitors/ spectators will be permitted. You should only play with people from your own household or by yourself or, as long as you stay 2 metres apart, with one other person from outside your household. Groups of more than two people must all be from the same household. This means you cannot have two or three people from the same household plus one person from outside the household playing together. Any activity should be in line with the Government's social distancing measures at all times, including when going out to and leaving a lawn. Consequently, do not shake hands before or after a game. In case of rain or bad weather members should not congregate in the clubhouse. Members will need to bring keys to lock the gate whilst their session is in progress. Whilst the games are in progress the doors to the clubhouse should be closed. No personal equipment to be left in the clubhouse.

4. **Lawn booking system – please note restrictions on mowing days:** To prearrange games you will need to book on the club calendar adding the names of all those playing so that this can act as a 'visitors book'. Each session should be for 90 minutes and for the time being, until we assess the demand for places, you will be restricted to one session per week bookable up to two weeks in advance. The 90 minutes includes cleaning down time before and after the session. If sessions run consecutively the players arriving should wait in their cars until the previous players have left. To be fair to everyone you are asked to **leave promptly**. If no one is waiting to go on the lawn after you, you must clean down and put the equipment away. If anyone cannot book onto the calendar, they can contact the Secretary, Margaret Eccles on 01204 573510 or 07906 730606 for assistance.

5. **Cleaning and use of equipment:** Wash your hands and clean any equipment you use or touch, such as trollies, hoops, balls and club mallets outside the clubhouse before and after you play. When setting out and taking in equipment only one person per lawn should collect and handle any particular trolley, hammer, lifter, hoop or the peg and unless from the same household **only one person to be in the clubhouse at any one time.**

Clean anything you handle i.e. padlocks, keys and door handles, light switches etc. before and after use. Avoid using toilets wherever possible and clean after use. Have your own wipes or sanitizer to clean padlock, etc after locking up. If you do not have your own mallet you may borrow one from CP until the end of restrictions. Please enter your name on the sheet provided and clean and take the mallet home with you. Your own pen would be helpful in this regard.

6. **Food and Drink:** Bring any food or drink you might need, eat outside the clubhouse and take your rubbish home.

7. **Ancillary Equipment:** Do not use clips, ball markers, corner pegs/offside markers or flags. Players should agree the score at the end of each scoring turn. For Association play you would need to bring your own clips. Personal counters should be used to keep count of bisques/extra turns. Use your feet, rather than hands, to position balls where you can do so with sufficient precision. Do not use movable chairs as far as possible, otherwise clean them before and after use. It would be better to bring your own.

8. **Referees:** Players should be their own Referees and acknowledge faults and errors if they occur.

9. **Barrier:** The roadside barrier should be kept locked at all times. **Open it, drive through it and lock it.** This is a council stipulation and must be adhered to. At no time should it be left open.

10. **After Play:** If you start to feel unwell with a cough and/or temperature or if you have a positive covid-19 test at any time after playing at the club please let the club secretary, Margaret Eccles, know immediately for contact tracing purposes.

Whitehead Park is not ready for croquet activity at present. Further updates on WP progress will be made shortly.

In the days/weeks ahead the committee will review and issue updates or changes depending on Government guidelines and changes to lockdown rules.

Our success in opening the club (and keeping it open) will depend entirely on you and other users observing the National guidelines on social distancing, washing hands, disposing of tissues, etc., and the rules, procedures and advice above.

We hope you all stay healthy and that we all get through these challenging times by looking to help each other where we can. Meanwhile, keep safe, take care, look after yourself and, if possible, enjoy your croquet.

Remember: Maximum on one lawn if not from same household 2

Maximum if from the same household 4