

COVID 19 THINGS YOU NEED TO CONSIDER WHEN RISK ASSESSING THE FEASIBILITY OF MEMBERS SPECTATING A ROLL-UP SESSION

It may be possible that your members could just sit and watch a roll-up session, but there are several things you need to consider for the safety of both players and spectators.

Remember Covid 19 is still with us and will continue to be. It is probable that physical (social) distancing will be in force for a long while too, so how can we get folk down to the green to watch and maybe have a chat with other folk as well as maintaining the two metres apart?

It should be easy with a bit of discipline and a lot of common sense, which is the basis of all risk assessment. **Yes**, you do need to carry out a risk assessment, but you can amend the one for playing to include spectating or do a separate one using the same template. I've attached an amended self-declaration form that includes a paragraph to cover spectating. I must once again give my grateful thanks to Angela Cumine, Dawn Slaughter, Laurence Gatfield and Cambridge Park in the production of the risk assessment and associated guidance and forms. Angela has given permission for you to adapt the templates to suit your club.

May I remind you that although most of the time your members will be outside, no-one knows for certain how Covid 19 spreads or if you or the person they are playing against or sitting near to, has or carries the virus. Currently it is still best to assume everyone can spread it and for everyone to take the necessary precautions fitting for their own circumstances. If this means folk feel more comfortable wearing face masks or shields, and gloves, just **remember** that such items are meant to be worn once, so when removed they need to be thrown away/or washed, not folded or rolled up, put on a table or chair to put back on to go home.

Putting a disposable or re-usable face mask round the neck, the head, in a pocket or on a hard surface is the same as taking it off as it has been contaminated by whatever has come in contact with the neck, head, pocket or hard surface!

Frequent hand washing, use of hand sanitiser and not touching their face must still be part of everyone's everyday routine so reminders around the green would not go amiss. Once home everything that can be, should be washed or disinfected before being placed on soft furnishing or amongst other clothing.

Can you reasonably accommodate spectators safely?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you control movement 2. Are spectators able to enter by a separate gate and sit on benches/seats on three sides of the green. 3. Can benches be places at least 2metres apart and two metres from the nearest point to the edge of a rink 	Spectators should not be allowed in the player area at any time. The clubhouse remains closed, under current guidelines. No food or drink is available
You don't want spectators to turn up "willy-nilly" and find there are more spectators than available space or seats!	So you should think of a way for members to book a spectator slot.	Booking should be in advance, not on the day a member wants to watch.
How long should a spectator session be	Initially: spectator sessions should be timed so that they arrive once the players are on the green and leave immediately after the players. There is no reason why a spectator cannot book two adjacent sessions.	i.e. 10am playing session starts: First spectator session starts 10.15 with the spectator leaving immediately after the players (before 11.15) 11:30 2 nd playing session starts: Second spectator session starts at 11.45 with spectator leaving immediately after the players (before 12.45) Spectators to arrive no earlier that 5 minutes before their session.

Next is how to get folk in and out of the club.	If there is only one entrance/exit	If no-one is on the path someone can walk in or out, path already occupied then folk need to wait at either end until the path is clear. Hatching at each end to indicate a “keep clear” area could be adopted and a notice at each end would be a good idea. (i.e. Do not enter if path is occupied). Same goes for enclosed or partially enclosed gateways.
EACH CLUB WILL HAVE THEIR OWN PINCH POINT OR PROBLEM AREAS AS FAR AS PERSONAL DISTANCING IS CONCERNED SO YOU MAY NEED TO LOOK AT THESE AS WELL AS THE ABOVE. (I.E. ACCESS TO THE GREEN IS VIA THE CLUB HOUSE, ACCESS TO THE TOILETS IS THROUGH THE CHANGING ROOM OR BAR/TEA ROOM).		
UNFORTUNATELY, WITH PERSONAL DISTANCING LIKELY TO STILL BE IN PLACE, FOLK WILL HAVE TO GO HOME WITHOUT THE USUAL DRINK OR CUPPA AFTERWARDS ALTHOUGH THEY CAN TAKE THEIR OWN WATER FOR USE DURING THE ROLL-UP SESSION. THEY MUST ENSURE THEY LEAVE THE CLUB 2 METRE BEHIND EACH OTHER, UNLESS THEY LIVE TOGETHER.		
Changing Rooms	Must remain closed.	Remember door handles need to be disinfected along with other hard surfaces in the room once folk have removed their kit.
Toilets	I suspect there will always be at least one person needing to use the toilets so a “one in, one waiting outside” policy should be used.	Once they have washed their hands the person using the toilet should use disinfecting wipes to clean the flushing handle, door locks and handles and sink taps before leaving. A dedicated waste bin both inside a cubicle and out should help preventing such wipes going down the pan! Again, all toilet furniture should be disinfected at the end of the roll-up and spectator sessions.
Safe spectating areas.	Check out areas where folk can sit without being in the areas players have stored their bags or at the ends of the rinks.	Spectating areas should be parallel to the direction of play and two metres away from the end rinks. If you have benches, you’ll need to make sure only one person sits on them and benches and chairs are placed 2 metres apart. Spectators also need to disinfect the seats, benches and any tables they use before and after use.
Refreshments	Club houses are still out of bounds to members.	Spectators should bring their own refreshments for the time they are alongside the green.