**Royal Wootton Bassett Pétanque Club**

**Pétanque during Covid 19. Updated 13th December 2021**

If anyone wishes to play pétanque at the club it will be possible provided that certain guidelines are followed.

We believe that playing pétanque does minimise that contact and is in the open air but we recommend that players in risk categories should not play until restrictions are eased further.

We need to ensure that safety is our number one priority, our advice to our members that choose to play from Monday 13th December 2021 is to follow the good practice guidance set out below.

**GENERAL**

Please ensure that you are fully vaccinated. Those without a booster jab may be refused to play.

To avoid overcrowding by maintaining a 2m distance between persons from different households is imperative, therefore the maximum numbers allowed at any one time will be 24 players.

Lanes are to be double sized for up to 6 players or normal size for 4 players.

Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before leaving home and on return (and use an alcohol gel if possible);

It is the individual choice if you wish to use the RWBSA facilities.

No spectators should be present.

Players may wish to consider wearing a face covering. The evidence suggests that wearing a face covering does not protect you but it may protect others if you are infected but have not developed symptoms.

The access to the club hut will be limited to one person at a time.

Do not play if you are self-isolating.

**TRAVELLING TO AND FROM THE VENUE**

The car park is open for access and other facilities are open, but RWBSA rules must be followed. This includes reduced washroom facilities, one way system, hand sanitiser and social distancing.

Avoid using public transport;

Avoid touching gates, fences, benches, etc. if you can;

Do not congregate after playing. No extra-curricular or social activity should take place.

**DURING PLAY**

The terrain will be set up with one person raking and one person setting out the strings. Note this may be the same person.

Matches will be doubles or triples and only within the bubble allocated.

Each player should touch their own boules and equipment only.

Each player should have their own jack to throw when it is their turn. If a jack is invalidly thrown, the other player should place his/her own jack, not pick up the jack that has been invalidly thrown;

Plastic circles should not be used; instead players should mark circles with their feet or a marker which should be only used by them;

Maintaining social distancing of 2m between players should be observed at all times. If possible you should stand side on, even at 2m distance, and avoid standing face to face;

Clean your equipment before and after use;

No static or club provided scoreboards should be used, pocket scorers should be used by one player.

There should be no hand shaking or physical contact between players.

There can be no spectators.

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