



Ashcombe Park Bowling Club - Public Access Policy

Purpose:

To allow members of the public to experience lawn bowling at Ashcombe Park Bowling Club, under controlled conditions that ensure safety and minimise disruption to club activities.

Policy:

1. **Eligibility:** This policy applies to members of the public who wish to use the club's bowling greens for a limited introductory session.
2. **Advance Notice:** All requests for public access must be made at least 24 hours in advance. This allows the club to schedule the visit and ensure a member is available to provide supervision & that rinks are available
3. **Booking Procedure:** Requests should be made to the Club Secretary at secretary@ashcombeparkbowlingclub.co.uk
4. The request must include:
 - The desired date and time for the session.
 - The number of visitors.
 - Contact information for the person making the request.
 - Secretary will advise a supervisor of the booking confirming all the details.
 - The secretary must advise the supervisor of all the details required & should try to 'sell' the benefits of the coaching offered.
5. **Supervision:** All visitors MUST be escorted and supervised by a designated club member at all times while on the bowling green and surrounding areas.
The escorting member is responsible for:
 - Ensuring visitors understand and adhere to all health and safety guidelines.
 - Providing basic instruction on lawn bowling techniques and etiquette, if necessary
 - Overseeing the use of equipment.
6. **Allocated Rinks:** Public access will be limited to specifically allocated rinks, as determined by the club. This is to minimize disruption to regular club play and matches.
7. **Health & Safety:** Visitors must adhere to all health and safety advice provided by the club member. This includes:
 - Staying within designated areas.

- Avoiding any behaviour that could damage the green or equipment.
 - Following instructions regarding the safe use of bowls and other equipment, & use steps to gain entrance to the rink.
8. **Footwear:** Visitors MUST wear flat-soled shoes to protect the bowling green surface. The club will refuse access to anyone not wearing appropriate footwear.
 9. **Equipment:** The club will provide all necessary equipment, including bowls and mats.
 10. **Fees:** A fee of £5.00 per person will be charged for each session. This fee helps cover the cost of equipment maintenance and supervision. Payment should be made in cash & put in an envelope in the treasurer's box with the names & times of the session, prior to the start of the session.
 11. **Conduct:** The Club reserves the right to ask visitors to leave the premises if their conduct is deemed inappropriate or disruptive.
 12. **Disclaimer:** Ashcombe Park Bowling Club is not liable for any injury or loss sustained by visitors while using the bowling green, except in cases of negligence on the part of the club.