

Proposed protocol for AWBA Winter League 2020-21

1. Only one match will be played on each green at any one time.
2. To allow for social distancing, an empty rink will be left between playing rinks, i.e. matches will be on rinks 1,3,5 or 2,4,6.
3. To ensure contact tracing **when teams submit their lists a contact telephone number must be included for each member of the team.** This information will not be displayed on the website, but will be available via the Hon. Secretary or competition Secretary if required. Where a club requires a hard copy of a contact tracing document before the start of the match all captains of away teams will either hand a sheet to the home captain with names and contact phone of their team members or complete a sheet provided by the home captain. Failure to comply with this will result in immediate concession of the match and a walkover to the home team.
4. The €5 per player green fee will be collected by the away team, placed in an envelope and handed to the home team captain. It will be taken on trust that the amount in the envelope is correct with no disputes afterwards.
5. If the home club allows use of scoreboards, it must be the duty of a specified member of the home team rink to operate the scoreboard. If the club is not allowing the use of scoreboards, it will be the duty of the skips to ensure their rink is advised of the score after each end.
6. There will be no refreshments served before or after matches.
7. It is not envisaged that there will be access to changing facilities in any club. However, if any club decides to make these available, they will be responsible for ensuring proper sanitisation of the facilities. The toilets must include appropriate items for sanitisation.
8. There will be 5 sections. Southside has two 5 team sections; Northside has a 4 and a 5 team sections and one Sunday section with 5 teams.
9. Please avoid Handshakes, Fist and Elbow Pumps and High Fives. Use verbal greetings – Enjoy the Game, Nice Shot, thanks for the Game, and so on.

There will be no quarter final playoffs. The two northside section winners will playoff for a semi final place along with the winners of the other three sections.

With increasing focus on the number of people allowed to congregate in a 'space' it is possible that by the time the league starts on the 10th October, allowing 24 people on the green might be difficult, even if we all ensure proper 2m social distancing. If it is deemed necessary to reduce the numbers from the feedback received the league would be played as 2 bowl triples. These changes will have no impact on the fixture lists already compiled.

If we are unfortunate enough to have a situation where a player tests positive for Corvid 19 and the contact tracing then requires all participants in the match concerned to self isolate for 2 weeks, then the League would immediately be discontinued. It wouldn't be possible to rearrange so many matches in such a tight schedule and we believe that most teams would be reluctant to play further matches against any team involved. To this end, it is essential that all team captains ensure that their team members strictly observe social distancing rules. If the

Committee receive reports of any team failing to observe this requirement, we may have to eject that team from the competition.