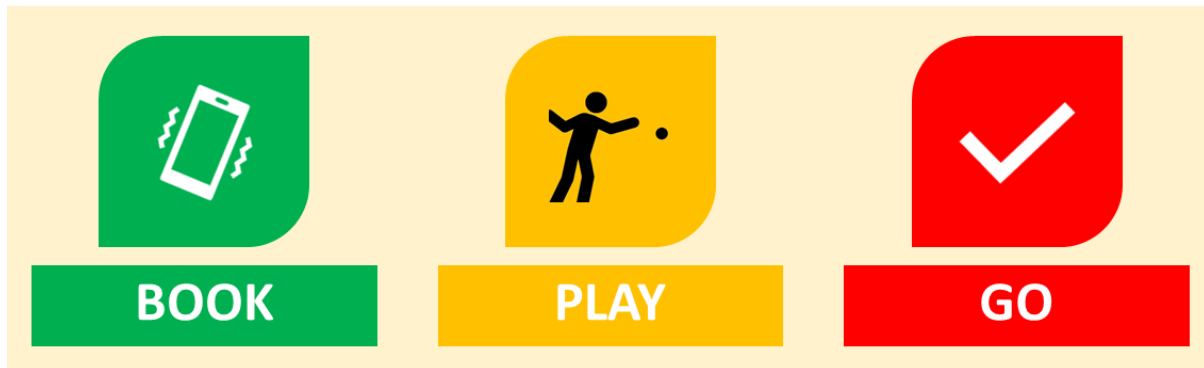


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General:

- Clubs are not required to open their playing area and should decide on what best suits the Club and its members.
- Clubs should check with their landlord, e.g. sports club, that they have permission to reopen the playing area.
- All Clubs **MUST** undertake a risk assessment and share it with their members before allowing players to return. NOTE: This is a Statutory Requirement. The WPA's Risk Assessment Form can be found on the WPA website.
- Clubs should also check if any additional requirements, as set out in the [COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings](#), need to be applied.
- Clubs are responsible for ensuring the Club and members comply with Welsh Government legislation and follow the guidance outlined in this document.

Facilities:

- Clubs should ensure which benches, seating and picnic tables within their facility are designated for use and clearly marked. The requirements, as set out in the [COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings](#), need to be applied.
- Clubs should ensure that all waste bins or ashtrays are either removed or marked out of use.
- Clubs must **NOT** provide any playing equipment, such as scoreboards, plastic circles, boules or any practice aid, without the explicit approval of the WPA.
- Clubs should provide clear signage around their facility.
- Clubs organising any form of competition internally or with other clubs must appoint a nominated non-playing responsible person.
- **[UPDATE]** The nominated responsible person must ensure that the contact details for **EVERY** person present are recorded. This information should be retained for **AT LEAST** 21-days. They must ensure that **NO MORE** than 30 players are present. Note that this number now **EXCLUDES** themselves and any other officials (Umpire, Marker, etc) that are present. They must continue to ensure that all social-distancing measures are adhered to at all times.
- **[UPDATE]** Clubs are recommended to download and print a UK-Government QR code and to encourage their members to download the NHS COVID-19 track and trace app to their mobile phones and to use the app to scan the QR code to register their location while playing. The QR Code can be downloaded from here: <https://www.gov.uk/create-coronavirus-qr-poster>
- Clubs should inform their members if their facility will open, the date when it will open and procedures for arranging to use the playing area.
- Clubs should make arrangements for players to book lanes for games and

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practice, start times should be staggered.

- Clubs should make arrangements for players to safely collect any personal equipment stored at their club for one time only.
- Clubs need to advise players on how to enter and exit the playing area and how to access lanes to ensure social distancing rules are maintained at all times.
- Clubs must make it clear which lanes are in use for play and which ones are not to be used.
- Clubs should mark the playing area into lanes with a minimum width of 3m. Unless there is room to create “safe havens” at the ends and sides of the playing terrain, alternate lanes should only be used for playing e.g. lanes 1, 3, 5 or 2, 4, 6.
- **ONLY** where “safe havens” can be created, Clubs may utilise all their lanes for play. In this instance, the non-playing teams must move to the nearest “safe haven” while their opponents are playing. (See separate document).
- Spectators should be discouraged but are allowed provided they do not exceed the maximum number of 30 and **MUST** adhere to the 2m social-distancing requirement. Spectators must remain a **MINIMUM** of 2m from the playing area at all times.
- Club meetings should be held virtually, or should adhere to the social-distancing regulations if meeting “face-to-face”.
- All other WPA policies and procedures must be adhered to.

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