

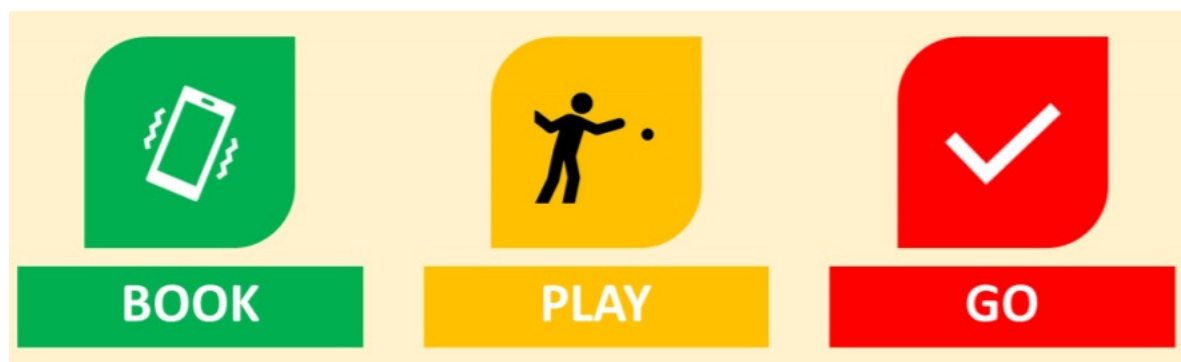
# MONKSTONE PÉTANQUE CLUB

## SAFE PÉTANQUE GUIDELINES



*The following guidelines are based on and incorporate the requirements of the revised guidelines issued by the Welsh Pétanque Association on 6 July 2020 and updated following the Welsh Government guidelines issued on 31 July 2020 regarding groups of up to 30 people meeting outdoors **whilst maintaining social distancing**.*

### GUIDANCE FOR PLAYERS



#### General:

- Attendance is a decision for each individual member to make and remains their own responsibility. Each person must consider, carefully, the merits of playing Pétanque in relation to the health issues associated with the COVID-19 virus.
- Players who have COVID-19 symptoms, or belong to a household where someone has symptoms, should stay at home and follow NHS Wales guidance .
- Players who are self-isolating should not attend the club.
- Players who are shielding should not attend the club.
- Players who are in a high-risk group should not attend the club.
- Players should follow Welsh Government guidelines when travelling to the club.
- For the post lockdown – **AMBER**: Meeting or socialising outside with groups of up to 30 people **whilst maintaining social distancing**.
- Players **MUST** follow the advice for COVID-19 hygiene at all times.
- Additional information can be found on the Welsh Government Frequently Asked Questions webpage.
- The Monkstone Clubhouse will remain closed.
- The provision of toilet facilities in the Penylan Club is outside the control of Monkstone Pétanque Club and players using them **MUST** follow any guidelines set out by the Penylan Club. Monkstone Pétanque Club cannot guarantee that the toilet facilities will be available at all times.
- Players may use only benches or seating and picnic tables designated for use by the Club.
- Players must **NOT** use waste bins or ashtrays
- Everyone should use their common sense to ensure the health and well-being of all members are a priority.



- Failure to follow these guidelines is putting yourself and others at risk. Monkstone Pétanque Club is at no time and under no circumstances responsible for any failure to follow these guidelines.

## Booking a Piste:

- An on-line booking system has been provided on the Club website to enable members to reserve a piste.
- Members **MUST NOT** “turn-up” and play without a booking nor come to the Club to spectate.
- Only Pistes 2, 5, 8, 11, 13 & 16 will be available for use to enable social distancing. If you want to use the Shooting Mat you must book Piste 16.
- For Singles play the names of both players must be entered on the booking form. To book a solo practice session, enter “Practice” as the second name.
- For Doubles play the names of all four players must be entered on the booking form. Players should be aware of the increased problems in **maintaining social distancing** with 4 players from up to 4 different households. Players should follow the Social Distancing Protocols for Doubles Play set out in these guidelines.
- A session will be 1 hour 50 minutes and sessions will start every 2 hours starting at 9am on some pistes and 10am on the others. This will allow a 10-minute space between each session. At the end of your session you **MUST** vacate the piste and the premises.
- Members must book a piste before arriving at the Club. Please do not turn-up without booking in advance.

## Play:

- Players should check if the club is open and available for play.
- Players should only use the playing area and no other club facilities.
- Players must **NOT** use any shared facilities, such as scoreboards, rings, and measuring equipment.
- Singles and Doubles Play, Shooting Practice & Personal Coaching are allowed.
- Players are only allowed to practise or participate in informal games.
- Players must book pistes in advance for games and practice and use only the piste they have booked.
- Players must use only their own boules and jack. For doubles play players from separate households on the same team must use their own jack.
- Players must use only their own tape measures.
- Players must not share any equipment e.g. tape measures, with others
- If an invalid jack is thrown, then the placed jack should be the one belonging to the opposing player or team.
- Players must **NOT** moisten their hands with saliva, e.g. blowing or licking, before taking a shot.



## Social Distancing Protocols for Doubles Play:

- **Players shall maintain social distancing between all four players at all times.**
- The vacant pistes adjacent to the “playing” piste shall be used by each team when the other team is playing. The teams shall decide before play which vacant piste each team will use. For play on Pistes 13 & 16, the centre pathway and the shooting mat shall be deemed to be a vacant piste.
- Team A is the team that won the toss. Team B shall “retire” to its chosen vacant piste maintaining social distancing between each other. Team A can occupy the playing piste and its own vacant piste again maintain social distancing. Play commences in the normal manner.
- At the completion of the first end, each player from Team A should, in turn, retrieve their boules and jack before “retiring” to Team A’s vacant piste. Each player from Team B should then, in turn retrieve their boules, and, if it is still Team A to play, “retire to its vacant piste. If Team B is to play, then Team A should remain on its vacant piste.
- This pattern is repeated for each end with the team to whom the jack belongs being the first to retrieve their boules.
- In no circumstances should players from both teams be on the playing piste at the same time. This includes when measuring, or “viewing” to establish the position of the boules, is taking place.

## Player Welfare:

- Players should ensure social distancing (2 metres) requirements are adhered to at all times.
- Players should **NOT** shake hands or greet other players in a way that would require physical contact or be within 2 metres of each other.
- Players **MUST** bring their own hand sanitiser and use this before, after and throughout the match.
- Players’ personal belongings should be kept separate from others.
- Players should **NOT** consume any food or drink in the playing area.
- All waste/rubbish must be taken home and not left at the Club.
- Players may wear face coverings/and or gloves if they wish but players are reminded that gloves are not a substitute for regular hand washing/sanitising
- Players should leave the premises immediately after the end of their booked session and not compromise the 10-minute space between sessions.
- Players should ensure they wash their hands and ensure all equipment is cleaned and disinfected after returning home

