

## **Sussex Men's County Competitions 2021**

### **UPDATE 11 APRIL**

Bowls England have confirmed the Step 2 guidelines which will be applicable for a few early "play by date" competitions. These guidelines should allow these games to be played as scheduled, but competitors attention is drawn to the regulations, in particular the limit of 24 players on a green at one time, also the restrictions on car sharing when travelling to matches. Most competitions are scheduled after 17 May when we hope the further relaxation of Step 3 will be in place. If any Competitor has difficulty in playing due to Covid regulations please contact the Competitions team.

One piece of good news, following a final appeal several Division 3 bowlers offered assistance to fill the Div 3 competition Secretary role. Thank you to all those who offered help: I'm pleased to confirm that **Allan Porthouse** of Popes Mead BC has been appointed to the role. His contact details are shown in the normal "Officers and Appointments" section of this website.

### **PREVIOUS NOTE, STILL BROADLY APPLICABLE**

The draw, and in particular the dates set for playing each round, have been chosen on the assumption that the season can start at the usual time, and that we will have no overriding restrictions on play. We have decided to issue the draw (and current schedules) to assist competitors to plan their lives despite the unknowns.

We all know these are not normal times. Between now (end February) and May we all hope for relaxations to be announced by the Government and by our ruling bodies, to allow our sport to return to normal, but when and how is only conjecture.

I can assure all competitors that Sussex CB will not ask anyone to play in a way that is unsafe, or contrary to official advice, so please be aware that we will continually monitor the situation and make changes to the Competitions as and when change is needed. We hope all Competitions will take place as planned, in normal style and format, but we will issue postponements, modifications (or even cancellations), should that prove to be necessary.

Watch this space (and your inbox)

Please keep safe and well

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