Nelson Bay Croquet Club Guidelines

Due to COVID-19, the Club has been closed to all forms of play since 20th March, only resuming play on Monday 18th May 2020, with permission from Port Stephens Council, but only under very strict guidelines and on a carefully managed level.

With further relaxations of the restrictions, the Club is now able to revise the guidelines and allow doubles play, but still only under very strict guidelines and on a carefully managed level.

Please be aware that these restrictions and guidelines will be continually reviewed and may change regularly.

The revised guidelines will commence on Wednesday 1st July 2020.

The hours of operation at the club will be as follows until further notice, with the guidelines set out below:

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Games

Golf Croquet
Doubles or singles to play three games of 45 minutes in each session, allowing at least 15 minutes before the next session of play.

Ricochet Croquet
Doubles or singles to play two game of 90 minutes in each session.

Association Croquet
Play two games of 90 minutes in each session.

Cost: $6 per player per day, payment in advance by direct transfer to the Club’s account (details below), please pay $30 for 5 games in advance.
**Guidelines for Social Distancing**

1. Clubhouse and kitchen remain closed with only one designated Committee Member to access the Clubhouse for equipment only.
2. The courts are to be used for doubles or singles croquet only, two double-banked games per court (maximum eight players **ONLY** to be permitted on a court, maximum 24 players in total) - this is not negotiable so please do not ask for more players on a court.
3. Play will only be the sessions shown on the previous page with at least a 15-minute gap for the next booking players to play on that same court.
4. Play will be for pre-bookings **ONLY** (no-one can just turn up and play) - you must book through David Wilson via mobile 0476 158 555 or via e-mail David_Wilson@internode.on.net
5. Anyone who has pre-booked and is exhibiting flu-like symptoms (cough, running nose, fever etc) should cancel immediately by phoning David Wilson on 0476 158 555.
6. The normal playing fee of $6 per person per day will apply - payment in advance by direct transfer to the Club’s account (details below), please pay $30 for 5 games in advance.
7. Players who arrive early should remain in (or next to) their cars until close to their starting time or the courts are cleared by the previous players.
8. Maintain social distancing at all times in the Club precinct by keeping a 1.5 metre gap between other players and members.
9. The Day Captain will wear gloves (disposable gloves provided) to set-up balls and hoops at the start and end of each day’s play.
10. During play, do not touch the hoops or balls – if necessary, move or position balls using your mallet.
11. If the ball crosses the court boundary and enters another court, do not retrieve the ball if that court is occupied – wait for the players on the other court to return the ball using their mallet.
12. Bring own drinks etc - no access to club facilities.
13. The toilets will be open, but members should maintain social distancing when using the toilets - ensure toilets are cleaned before and after each use.
14. Chairs and tables will not be set-up in the Clubhouse, but single chairs will be placed around the courts for comfort when waiting to play while maintaining social distancing.
15. Players should leave the courts immediately after the end of their session.
16. Hand sanitiser is provided at the club, please use it and apply when you enter the club and also when you leave.
17. Mask and gloves may be worn as a precaution but are not compulsory.
18. The Club will keep a register of contact details for those who play.

**Guidelines for Administration**

1. Bookings can only be made by members of the Club and only members of the Club may play.
2. Recurrent bookings for a particular day of the week can be made, but there will be a maximum of 16 players per session.
3. If the recurrent bookings mean a session is over-subscribed, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.
All bookings are to be made through David Wilson via mobile 0476 158 555 or via e-mail David_Wilson@internode.on.net

The Club’s bank details are:

BSB: 650 000
Account Number: 954989200
Account Name: Nelson Bay Croquet Club Inc

Newcastle Permanent Building Soc
307 King Street, Newcastle, NSW 2300

THIS IS A PRIVILEGE NOT MANY OTHER FACILITIES HAVE AT PRESENT SO PLEASE HELP US IN WHAT ARE DIFFICULT TIMES TO ENSURE EVERYONE IS SAFE BUT STILL ABLE TO ENJOY SOME FORM OF PLAYING CROQUET

David Wilson
President