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**LAWN BOWLS SCHEDULE UNVEILED FOR BIRMINGHAM 2022**

The daily schedule for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games has been released today, with the organisers confirming the summer of 2022 is set for a spectacular home Games.

The lawn bowls action will run for nine consecutive days, commencing at Victoria Park, Royal Leamington Spa, on Friday 29th July through until Saturday 6th August.

The Games, the largest sports event to be held in UK since the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, will feature 19 sports, with eight para sports integrated into the programme, creating the biggest para sports offering in Commonwealth Games history.

John Mc Guinness, Bowls England High Performance Director, has welcomed the announcement: "Our preparations for the 2022 Commonwealth Games are well underway and confirmation of these dates are paramount as our planning for the Games accelerates. The High Performance Squad spent an invaluable weekend at Loughborough University recently, taking advantage of the world-class facilities and expertise that they have to offer in order to launch our sports science programme. The home Commonwealth Games provides us with a once-in-a-generation opportunity to showcase our sport and it's vital that we prepare as best as we possibly can."

Birmingham 2022 will be the Games for everyone, bringing people together from across Birmingham and the region, to provide a warm welcome to millions of visitors during the summer of 2022.

Nigel Huddleston, Minister for Sport, Tourism and Heritage said: "The unveiling of the daily schedule marks another important milestone as we look towards the Games in 2022. It's great to see that for the first time ever at a Commonwealth Games, there will be two full weekends of sport offering more opportunities for everyone to experience Birmingham 2022."

Following a slight change to dates earlier in the year, with the Games moving by a day to help accommodate amendments to the international sporting calendar, brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic, Birmingham 2022 will now begin with a spectacular opening ceremony on Thursday 28th July. The closing ceremony for the Games will now take place on Monday 8th August.

The Commonwealth Games Federation's CEO, David Grevenberg, said: "My message to Commonwealth Sport fans around the globe is simple: Get Excited! This innovative and exciting sports schedule highlights exceptional partnership working from so many stakeholders to ensure the UK stages a fantastic, celebratory summer of sport in 2022. For athletes and spectators, Birmingham 2022 will be a once in a lifetime opportunity to be part of something truly special for the city, the region, the country and the entire Commonwealth. I hope all of you out there embrace this opportunity to be part of a Games for everyone."

As part of the governing body's strategy development, it is exploring how Birmingham 2022 will be a catalyst to generate greater visibility for the sport, inspire people of all ages and abilities to try bowls and be a spring board for more people spectating at the top matches.

A more detailed version of the schedule, to include a session by session breakdown, will be unveiled in the coming months.

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