



## COVID-19: Bowls Scotland Children & Young People Guidance

**Applicable to all Bowls Scotland member clubs from Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020**

Following further communication with **sportscotland** and the Scottish Government, we are delighted to release our Phase Three bowls-specific Guidance Document for children and young people.

All Bowls Scotland member clubs must adhere to these guidelines to ensure the safety of their younger members. This will allow them to have an enjoyable experience when returning to bowls.

The main aspects of the guidance for young people are:

- Children aged 0-11 do not need to maintain physical distancing and there is no limit to the number of households that this age group can meet in one day
- Young people aged 12-17 can only meet up to 15 people from up to four other households at a time, same as adults, but there is no limit to the number of households that they can meet in one day
- For the purpose of bowling activity on the green, under 17s are not required to physically distance. This is known as a 'sporting bubble'
- Coaches working with children should familiarise themselves with the additional considerations developed by Children 1<sup>st</sup>
- It is the responsibility of each club and coach to ensure documented risk assessments are completed prior to any activity taking place
- For youth bowling activity, clubs should nominate a designated person responsible for completing documented risk assessments and ensuring all appropriate mitigations are put in place by the bowling club before any youth coaching session can resume

Our Guidance Document for children and young people is available to view on our website here - <https://www.bowlsscotland.com/clubs/club-support-covid-19>

If you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact your relevant National Development Officer:

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We continue to liaise with the Scottish Government and hope to see further restrictions eased in the coming weeks that apply to our great sport.