



COVID-19: Bowls Scotland Statement for Phase Three Guidance

Applicable to all Bowls Scotland member clubs from 10th July 2020

The Scottish First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, has announced that Scotland will move into Phase Three in the easing of lockdown restrictions set out in the Scottish Government's route map. Some of the restrictions eased apply to sporting activity including lawn bowls.

Bowls Scotland have continued to liaise with our District Secretaries, **sportscotland** and the Scottish Government to create our Phase Three Guidance Document that will allow even more bowlers to get back on the green safely. We are pleased to inform you that our bowls-specific Phase Three Guidance Document has been approved by the Scottish Government.

Our message remains clear that public health and wellbeing is the most important priority and we all have a responsibility to do what we can to continue to reduce the spread of the virus.

Key changes in restrictions for bowling and bowling clubs include:

- Bowling Activity for Phase Three **from Friday 10th July**
 - Practice individually
 - Games/competitions with members of your own household
 - Practice / Games / Competitions between 5 households per day where physical distancing can be maintained and up to 8 people on a rink. (For example, a players' household and 4 other households)
 - All rinks can now be used for Singles & Pairs in line with bowling activity guidance, physical distancing, and good hygiene
- Internal Club Competitions can resume in line with bowling activity guidance, physical distancing, and good hygiene measures from **Friday 10th July**
- Indoor bar/food service can resume on a 'limited basis' and subject to several conditions outlined by the Scottish Government such as physical distancing and a booking system to comply with test and protect from **Wednesday 15th July**

Please click on the link here to view our full Phase Three Guidance Document – <https://www.bowlsscotland.com/clubs/club-support-covid-19>

Bowls Scotland CEO, Alan McMillan, said: "I'm delighted that our great sport is able to move into Phase Three in the easing of lockdown restrictions within Scotland.

"So far over 300 of our clubs that have re-opened and we hope that these further changes will allow even more bowlers to get back on the green.

"I must re-iterate to all our clubs and members that this is currently not our sport as we knew it before. We must continue to follow the regulations set out in the Phase Three Guidance Document to keep everyone as safe as possible. This will allow a smooth and quicker transition into the next phases which will see more restrictions eased by the Scottish Government.

"We have updated our FAQ's in relation to Phase Three so please read this information and contact your relevant National Development Officer if your club has any queries or would like extra support implementing the guidelines.

"Thank you again to all our members and clubs for their continued patience and support at this challenging time, I hope you all continue to stay safe and are enjoying being back out on the green."

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