



Bowls Scotland

COVID-19 Getting Back on the

Green Phase Three:

Competitions Guidance

Effective from: 25th August 2020



INTRODUCTION

After consultation with the Scottish Government and **sportscotland**, further restrictions have been eased regarding outdoor competitions. This document has been developed with guidance from Scottish Government and **sportscotland** to support clubs deliver open competitions during phase 3 and should be considered in conjunction with current Bowls Scotland COVID-19 Getting Back on the Green Phase Three and Scottish Government guidance.

People who are symptomatic should self-isolate for 10 days: household members for 14 days as per info on NHS guidance. No one who is self-isolating should attend a bowling club or play in competitions.

Internal Club Competitions

Internal competitions **MUST** fall in line with bowling activity guidance, physical distancing, and good hygiene

- On the green, a 'bowling bubble' of up to 30 players can be created during play, in effect suspending Scottish Government household number guidelines for the duration of the activity. Where possible, physical distancing should still be maintained (good hygiene)
- Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours can now resume as normal in line with the above 'bowling bubble'
- Normal household guidelines **MUST** be adhered to before and after on the green activity
- The **MAXIMUM** number of players permitted in a one-day competition is 30
- All rinks can be used
- Access to locker rooms/changing rooms and storage areas is permitted for the dropping off and collection of bowling equipment from the **31st of August**
- Please refer to the current Bowls Scotland COVID-19 Getting Back on the Green Phase Three and Scottish Government guidance - <https://www.bowlsscotland.com/clubs/club-support-covid-19>

Friendlies

Friendlies **MUST** fall in line with bowling activity guidance, physical distancing, and good hygiene:

- The maximum number of players participating in a friendly is 30.
- Players should only travel to/from friendlies with their own household, and not mix households i.e. car sharing, minibus hire

This will be reviewed in line with the return to the green guidance and any further Scottish Government and **sportscotland** guidance.

Open Competitions

Open Competitions **MUST** fall in line with bowling activity guidance, physical distancing, and good hygiene:

- The **MAXIMUM** number of players permitted to compete is 30 players per day (this is irrespective if a club has one or more greens)
- On the green, a 'bowling bubble' can be created whilst play is taking place, in effect suspending Scottish Government household number guidelines for the duration of



the activity. Where possible, physical distancing should still be maintained (good hygiene).

- Access to locker rooms/changing rooms and storage areas is permitted for the dropping off and collection of bowling equipment from **31st August**
- Clubs must risk assess to determine whether they could host an open competition in line with all guidance
- Clubs **must** maintain a register/booking system for everyone attending the club to comply with Test and Protect
- Players should only travel to/from competition with their own household, and not mix households i.e. car sharing, minibus hire
- Competition organisers may consider where appropriate different formats of competition or staggered starts
- Good hygiene measures should be followed and where possible, physical distancing should still be maintained
- Spectating should be in line with Phase 3 guidance
- Formal presentations should only take place outside but only if social distancing and hygiene measures can be adhered to
- All open competitions must be licensed by Bowls Scotland prior to the competition taking place

Junior Open Competitions

- While children and young people 17 and under are exempt from household and physical distancing rules during sporting activity, competition organisers should still seek to reduce risk by minimising the numbers of children taking part in competition where possible
- Junior (Under 17) Singles, Pairs, Triples or Fours Open competitions can now take place providing all other guidance is followed
- Clubs must risk assess to determine whether they could host an open Junior competition in line with all guidance
- Clubs **must** maintain a register/booking system for everyone attending the club to comply with Test and Protect
- Players should only travel to/from competition with their own household, and not mix households i.e. car sharing, minibus hire
- Competition organisers may consider where appropriate different formats of competition or staggered starts
- Players, coaches, officials, and others involved in the competitions should always follow physical distancing and good hygiene
- Spectating should be in line with Phase 3 guidance
- Formal presentations should only take place outside but only if hygiene measures can be adhered to

Tournament License

All open/invitation tournaments held in Scotland **must** be licensed by Bowls Scotland. An open tournament is any tournament open to members out with your club. Notices advertising open events should clearly indicate that the event is “licensed by Bowls Scotland”.



All open competitions must have a Tournament License approved prior to the competition taking place. To complete a Tournament License Application, please visit our website here - <https://www.bowlsscotland.com/clubs/club-support-covid-19>.

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