

Good afternoon,

We would like to provide an update on the COVID-19 Return to the Green Guidance. We are waiting on the outcome of **sportscotland**'s discussions with the Scottish Government on sporting activities and what this means for bowls. While we wait for the green light for our full guidance, we wanted to give clubs some interim information to allow clubs to plan for opening their greens from now until 27th April (Protection Level 4).

All clubs must have a COVID Officer

- An online e-learning module for COVID Officers is available:
https://rise.articulate.com/share/gnk3qPoxD30r_1rmijUPJipuOksCwGs9#/
- Clubs must follow Test & Protect guidelines: <https://www.nhsinform.scot/campaigns/test-and-protect>
- Clubs can open their greens and facilities if documented risk assessments are undertaken, which should include mitigating actions to reduce the risk of virus transmission such as individual access, booking slots and cleaning/hygiene protocols
- Please also refer to additional guidance produced by **sportscotland** on Getting Your Facilities Fit for Sport. <https://sportscotland.org.uk/covid-19/getting-your-facilities-fit-for-sport/>
- An outdoor 'Bowling Bubble' can consist of up to 15 people, including coaches, at any one time. Physical distancing should always be maintained
- No additional bowling bubble permitted for multiple green clubs
- Players must only play in one bowling bubble per day
- Only singles and pairs should take place at this time, following bowling bubble restrictions
- Only essential equipment should be used and players should avoid sharing equipment
- No formal opening days or internal competitions are permitted at this time
- Spectating is not permitted at this time
- Clubs should organise a booking system for play
- Under 18 coaching is permitted, ratio 1:8 coaches to players max 15 players
- Adult coaching in 'bowling bubble' can consist of a maximum of 15 people including players, coaches, and any other support staff at one time
- Club houses should remain closed apart for toilet access and one-off access to storage areas and locker rooms to retrieve personal equipment which is essential. Personal equipment should not be returned to these areas
- Where equipment cannot reasonably be taken home and is stored on site, access to retrieve and return such equipment to storage areas is allowed if appropriate risk assessments are undertaken
- Masks should be worn at all times if inside club facilities
- Players should only travel within their local authority area under current restrictions

We understand clubs want to get planning underway for the full season and we will work as quickly as we can to get our full guidance out to clubs.

If you require any additional information, please get in touch with your National Development Officer:

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Regards

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