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# COVID-19 Bowls SA Guidelines



These Guidelines are for the Boards of Administration of Bowls SA Member Clubs and is current as of 19 August 2020 Version 9.

Making an assessment of whether a safe exercise environment can be provided depends on a range of factors, which will apply differently at each Lawn Bowls venue. To determine whether a venue is to remain closed or restrictively allow green access is the responsibility of each Club's Board of Administration based on their local environment.

In determining the suitability of your Club reopening, these Guidelines should be considered in conjunction with:

1. [Bowls Australia Guidelines](#)
2. Local Government Association Council Guidelines
3. South Australian Government

### *The following considerations will assist in the viability of a Club reopening*

- Has your Club's Board of Administration decided to allow access to the greens?
- Does the Club's Local Government Association recommendations permit access to the greens?
- What is the maximum duration that Member bowlers will be permitted to be on the Bowls premises and how and by whom will this be monitored?
- Who will be responsible for ensuring a clean environment is maintained?
- How and where will Club Guidelines be communicated to members or participants?

### *COVID-Safe Plan*

Businesses that were required to close as part of COVID-19 restrictions must create a COVID-Safe Plan before they can reopen. This form must be printed and made available at your venue. If you have already completed this Plan, a revised Plan should be sent to you from SA Government.

[Click here to access the Plan](#)

### *COVID Marshal*

From 21 August 2020, bowling clubs are required to have a [COVID Marshal](#) on duty.

If less than 200 people are reasonably expected to participate, a nominated COVID Marshal is required and may perform this role in addition to their usual duties.

If more than 200 people are reasonably expected to participate, a dedicated COVID Marshal is required and must perform this role exclusively during the club's activities.

COVID Marshals must:

- Complete COVID Marshal online training – [Click here for training](#)
- Be visibly and immediately identifiable
- Present and on duty
- Take all reasonable action to ensure compliance

### *Before you play*

Members should take precaution if they:

- Have flu-like symptoms
- Have a temperature
- Are in a [high risk health category](#).



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## Venues

- Capacity calculations will be reduced from 4m<sup>2</sup> to 2m<sup>2</sup> per area;
- Food and beverages (including alcohol) must be consumed by patrons while seated at tables that are physically separate from any bar/ where orders are taken and within the group that are attending the facility;
- Alcoholic beverages may be consumed by spectators if they remain seated;
- Any shared equipment and frequently touched surfaces at a recreational facility must be cleaned between use by different individuals or groups
- Meals cannot include salad bars or buffets;
- You can serve shared platters/boards to a table if it is to be shared amongst people who are part of the same group;
- In addition, a function that involves the service of any food or beverages or provision of a liquid or edible items must ensure that no shared cups or utensils are used for that purpose.
- Indoor fitness classes may resume providing 2m<sup>2</sup> per area is in place;
- Indoor recreational activities may resume providing 2m<sup>2</sup> area is in place;

## Use of Green

- *Capacity calculations will be reduced from 4m<sup>2</sup> to 2m<sup>2</sup> per area;*
- *Maintain at least 1.5m between players on green*

## Lawn Bowls equipment

There is no specific evidence that bowls can spread COVID-19. We do know that on hard surfaces contamination by respiratory droplets from an infected person can potentially survive up to three days. Therefore:

- Refrain from touching your face after touching equipment;
- Restrict bowls to a particular person, rink or day of the week. E.g. One idea is to label them with a permanent marker;
- Clean all Lawn Bowls equipment with alcohol-based disinfectant including mat, jack and coaching gear;
- Use only necessary equipment.

## Social distancing

- Lawn Bowls holds a unique advantage as a sport which requires no direct contact between players. Social distancing principles must be adhered to and require a person to maintain a space of at least 1.5m between individuals;
- The density requirement of the venue must not exceed one person per 2 square metres;
- Instead of acknowledging others with a hug, kiss or hand shake; smile and wave instead;
- Do not use or pick up each other bowls, bowling arms or bags.

## Behaviours

To protect against infection, you should observe good hygiene practices:

- Wash/ sterilise your hands regularly, including before and after you play;
- Avoid touching your face while playing;
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, dispose of any used tissue immediately;
- Provide soap, hand-sanitiser or wipes at all main contact points;
- Do not share water bottles and bring your own full bottle;
- Keep your distance from people who are obviously sick;
- Be aware of what surfaces you touch and if you touch equipment such as mat, jack, towel, you must clean these before you leave.



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## ***Clean environment***

Providing a clean environment to play Lawn Bowls in is essential. Ensure you:

- Provide soap, hand-sanitiser or wipes at all main contact points;
- Clean all surfaces, frequently touched surfaces, doorknobs, light switches, gates and tables;
- Regularly remind and encourage everyone of the need to wash hands regularly;
- Display signage about handwashing and hygiene techniques at strategic points;
- Minimise touch points wherever possible.

## ***Penalties/fines***

Penalties are in place for any individual or Club that breaches this direction.

- Individuals may be issued with a \$1,000 on-the-spot fine;
- Club may be issued with a \$5,000 on-the-spot fine.

## ***Resources – Posters/flyers***

You may wish to use the following resources to assist you in developing and communicating your Club's own Guidelines:

- [Bowls SA website add link COVID-19 Club Guidelines – A Template](#)
- [Facility Closed Poster](#)
- [Facility Open Poster](#)