



Bowls Queensland



Outdoor Sport Industry COVID Safe Plan

Following the Queensland State Government announcing stage 2 “Easing of Restrictions” regarding COVID-19, Bowls Queensland are part of an Industry COVID Safe Plan which covers affiliated Bowls Clubs in Queensland. Please note this plan only relates to the playing of bowls and not operations within the Club.

Bowls Queensland form part of an Industry COVID Safe Plan created by the QSport Outdoor Sport Group and the QLD Sport & Rec Department, this plan has been approved by the QLD Chief Health Officer. Clubs QLD along with the QLD Hotels Association and the RSL & Services Clubs Association have developed an Industry COVID Safe Plan for the inside operations of clubs which has also been approved by the CHO. The relevant plans relate to their relevant area, please refer to page 2 of the Outdoor Sport Industry COVID Safe Plan for more information.

Separate entry and exit points should be used for the greens and the club house.

All Bowls Clubs should be aware of and abide by the provisions in the Outdoor Sports Industry COVID Safe Plan and the QLD Chief Health Officer’s public health directions which apply to our industry. The QLD Health website provides these directions. This plan will be updated when any directions from the QLD Chief Health Officer change and will be emailed to clubs. The Industry Plans will form part of the venues overall COVID-Safe Operating Plan and Procedures.

This document is designed specifically for Bowls Clubs to be able to develop an individual COVID-19 Management Plan specific to their needs. Not all controls will be practicable in all venues and the guidance contained within should provide the framework for each venue to adopt to its individual operational needs and differences.

Bowls QLD strongly urge people to abide by the rules set out by each club or risk penalty from relevant authorities.

Stage 2: 5 June – 9 July 2020

- Up to 4 people can bowl on a rink.
- There must be a minimum of a 2-metre space between each rink in use.
- A maximum of 5 rinks to be used on each green.
- No more than 20 people are permitted to bowl on each green at any one time.
- Refer to diagram in Appendix A for example of configuration.

Guidelines & Recommendations

- The responsibility lies with individual clubs to ensure that they are fully aware of and compliant with the QLD State Government advice and all guidelines are adhered to. Strict safety and health protocols must be in place. Clubs must engage any staffing/volunteers required as necessary to fulfil the guidelines including any marshalling to achieve social distancing.
- A maximum of four people can bowl together on a rink, there should be a maximum of two people at each end using alternate sides of the rink while changing ends, the 1.5m social distancing rule is to be observed at all times.
- Clubs will need to implement a booking system (preferably online or via phone) to facilitate rink bookings including a start and finish time, to conform with guidelines. A register of attendees will be kept.
- Individuals must not congregate on the premises, arrive within 5 minutes of scheduled starting time and leave the premises immediately after the conclusion and cleaning of equipment.

- A changeover period must be implemented between groups to ensure gatherings are avoided and allow cleaning and sanitising of communal and shared facilities.
- Disinfectant spray must be made available, all mats and jacks must be thoroughly cleaned by players, volunteers or staff between each session.
- Bowls equipment cannot be shared between players (e.g. bowls, cloths etc), players should not touch other people's bowls.
- Hand sanitiser is to be made available at the entrance to the club and beside each green in use.
- Players should practice safe hygiene at all times, including washing hands for at least 20 seconds before and after bowls.
- Outdoor-accessible toilets to be open and hand washing facilities should be available.
- Clubs must display signage throughout the venue regarding COVID Safe practices.
- Clubs must have in place, and follow the Outdoor Sport Industry COVID Safe Plan checklist.

Review and Risk Management

- Clubs need to regularly review the effectiveness of the steps put in place to measure success or evaluate risks.
- Review systems to make sure they are consistent with current directions from QLD Health.

Current as of 5 June 2020

APPENDIX A

Bowling Green Stage 2, 5 rinks, max 4 per rink with 2 at each end, indicated by black boxes

