



Bowls Scotland COVID Guidance – Off Season (Additional Information)

Scottish Government has introduced a new strategic framework document for managing COVID-19 became effective from 2 November 2020. This provides a 0-4 Level approach to restrictions with each local authority area (or sub-area) placed in a relevant protection Level depending upon its COVID-19 status which will be reviewed weekly. Clubs and participants should be aware of their local area protection level and associated restrictions which may be in place and should consider this as part of risk assessment planning. Broad guidance for sporting activity which should be followed within each Level is set out in the table below. When taking part in sport, exercise or recreation participants should at all times follow Scottish Government 'stay at home' guidance.

Bowls Scotland continues to fully support and follow the Scottish Government guidelines relating to COVID-19, ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all members of Bowls Scotland. This brief document provides further information for clubs during the off season and is in line with the Scottish Government's Coronavirus (COVID-19): Scotland's Strategic Framework.

Club Meetings refers to the document to support Bowls Scotland affiliated clubs around holding club committee meetings and annual general meetings during the current pandemic. This guidance can be found [here](#). **Please note for Level 3 and 4 only virtual meetings are permitted.**

Carpet Bowls and Short Mat Recommendations for Play refers to the document developed to support Bowls Scotland affiliated clubs in delivering Carpet Bowls and/or Short Mat within their club house facility. This guidance can be found [here](#). **Please note for Level 3 and 4 this is not permitted.**

For Bingo, please note that face covering must always be worn, except when eating or drinking. **Please note for Level 3 and 4 this is not permitted.**

A reminder to clubs:

- Appropriate risk assessments should be in place for ALL activities and the club must ensure social distancing and good hygiene measures are followed. Face coverings must also be worn when not sitting at a table e.g., moving around the club house.
- Clubs must appoint someone responsible for ensuring the club has met all the relevant requirements for opening. This person, or COVID Officer, is the designated person (or a group of people) for all things related to COVID at the club. A short online e-learning module is available to support clubs: https://rise.articulate.com/share/gnk3gPoxD30r_1rmijUPJipuOksCwGs9#/
- People who are symptomatic and household members should self-isolate for 10 days as per NHS Scotland guidance. No one who is self-isolating should attend a sports facility or activity.

Additional information can be found at:

<https://www.bowlsscotland.com/clubs/club-support-covid-19>

<https://sportscotland.org.uk/covid-19>

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Overview of Sport & Physical Activity Protection Levels (in a Lawn Bowling/Bowling Club Context)

		Level 0	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
ORGANISED WINTER CLUB ACTIVITIES	Face to Face Club Meetings	Permitted	Permitted following social distancing, household and hygiene rules	Permitted following social distancing, household and hygiene rules	Not Permitted	Not Permitted
	Carpet Bowls & Short Mat	Permitted following guidance for play	Permitted following guidance for play	Permitted following guidance for play	Not Permitted	Not Permitted
	Pool & Darts	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Not Permitted	Not Permitted
	Bingo & Quizzes	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Not Permitted	Not Permitted

	Dominoes & Card Games	Not Permitted				
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Clubhouses and sports facilities which provide catering and/or bar services, can operate providing they adhere to Scottish Government guidance appropriate to the protection level in which they are operating.

Further information is available at [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): tourism and hospitality sector guidance.](#)

		Level 0	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
HOSPITALITY	Indoors	Normal Licensing Times Apply	Sale of Alcohol Permitted 21:30 Last Entry 22:30 Closed	Sale of Alcohol only with main meal 19:00 Last Entry 20:00 Closed	No Sale of Alcohol Permitted 17:00 Last Entry 18:00 Closed	CLOSED
	Outdoors	Normal Licensing Times Apply	Sale of Alcohol Permitted 21:30 Last Entry 22:30 Closed	Sale of Alcohol Permitted 21:30 Last Entry 22:30 Closed	No Sale of Alcohol Permitted 17:00 Last Entry 18:00 Closed	CLOSED
TOILETS & LOCKER ROOMS	Overview	Toilets and locker rooms can be used, specific guidance is available at Getting Your Facilities Fit for Sport . This is applicable at all levels where facilities remain open.				Changing Rooms CLOSED Toilets Open in line with

			Scottish Government Opening Public Toilets Guidelines
CONTRACTORS & STAFF	Green Maintenance, Buildings & Contents	Clubs must ensure that Scottish Government guidance on workforce planning in sport & leisure facilities is followed for contractors and staff undertaking essential maintenance and ensure existing health and safety advice is maintained and aligned. This should be detailed in the risk assessment.	
EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Overview	<p>All clubs should check with their local authority as to which activities are permitted for use of the premises at this time by an external organisation. As facility operator it is the responsibility of the club to ensure any external organisation follows all guidance in place for accessing indoor and outdoor sport and leisure facilities. This includes providing contact details for Test and Protect and adhering to good hygiene, household rules and physical distancing.</p> <p>Clubs should risk assess before hosting any external organisations and ensure the organisation/group is aware of their responsibilities.</p> <p>We recommend the club have access to the external organisations risk assessment and main contact details.</p> <p>More information can be found here: Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance on the opening of indoor and outdoor sport and leisure facilities</p>	CLOSED
TRAVEL	Overview	Clubs should refer to the Scottish Government Travel Guidance .	