



## Bowls Scotland Return to the Green COVID-19 Guidance 2021

### APPENDIX 1: LEVEL 4 GUIDANCE (STAY LOCAL)

#### Introduction

1. The guidance within this appendix is applicable to bowling club facilities where Scottish Government have identified the requirement for **enhanced Level 4 'stay local'** restrictions to be applied.
2. This guidance is not applicable to professional or performance sports activity which is approved through the 'Resumption of Performance Sport' process by Scottish Government or **sportscotland**.
3. The information outlined below should be used in conjunction with, and where appropriate supersede, the Bowls Scotland Return to the Green COVID-19 Guidance 2021.
4. It is the responsibility of the clubs COVID officer to ensure that full risk assessments, processes and mitigating actions are in place before any bowling activity takes place and to check if the activity is in an area which is subject to additional Scottish Government localised measures and restrictions.
5. Where a local outbreak has been reported, clubs should review their risk assessment and consider if additional mitigating actions should be put in place to reduce risk. This may, for example, include suspending activity, enhancing hygiene and physical distancing measures, or introducing additional activity restrictions.
6. Be aware that the Scottish Government may update or change Levels and restrictions at any time, including the local areas subject to them. Therefore, COVID officers should regularly check Scottish Government advice and guidance relating to local outbreaks and measures at [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Local Protection Levels](#).

#### Travel Restrictions in Level 4 areas

7. Young people 17 years and under may travel to and from a Level 4 area if for example they belong to a bowling club which is just outside their own local authority area. They should however travel no further than necessary.
8. Adults living in a level 4 local authority area may travel within, but not outwith, that area to take part in organised bowling activity.
9. When taking part in sport, exercise or recreation participants should at all times follow [Scottish Government 'stay local' guidance](#)

#### Bowling Activity

10. Clubs in Level 4 areas may continue to open their greens and facilities if documented risk assessments are undertaken and all appropriate mitigating actions including the guidance herein is put in place to ensure the safety of participants, staff, and volunteers. Please also refer to additional guidance produced by **sportscotland** at: [Getting Your Facilities Fit for Sport](#).

11. An outdoor 'bowling bubble' for can consist of up to 15 people, including coaches, at any one time. Physical distancing should always be maintained.

### **Club House Facilities**

12. Indoor sport and leisure facilities including club houses, changing rooms and activity areas should remain closed at Level 4. Exemptions are available as noted below.

13. Public Toilets

- 13.1 Clubs may open indoor toilets for public use if they follow [Scottish Government Opening Public Toilets Guidelines](#).

- 13.2 Public toilets are defined as any toilets accessible to the public. The opening of toilets should be accompanied by local risk assessment, and control measures should be proactively monitored by operators.

- 13.3 All appropriate cleaning procedures and equipment/disinfectant should be provided as per Health Protection Scotland guidance.

14. Storage Areas & Lockers

- 14.1 One off access to storage areas and locker rooms is permitted to retrieve personal equipment which is essential for an activity to be undertaken. Personal equipment should not be returned to these areas.

- 14.2 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.

- 14.3 Risk assessments should include mitigating actions to reduce the risk of virus transmission such as individual access, booking slots and cleaning/hygiene protocols.

15. Access to the Green

Where external access to outdoor sports facilities is not possible, access through the club house can be provided if suitable risk assessments and safety measures are put in place. These should include restricting access to one person at a time, ideally with a one-way system in operation, and no contact with hard surfaces such as door handles. Persons moving through the area should not stop or congregate at any time.

### **Hospitality**

16. Additional restrictions are in place for hospitality businesses with Level 4 areas subject to bar and café closures. Clubs providing catering or bar services should refer to [Scottish Government guidance for applicable guidance including takeaway services. Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): tourism and hospitality sector guidance](#).