



## Framework for return to play in a COVID-Safe Environment Queanbeyan RSL Memorial Bowling Club

It is recognised that there are members of the bowling community who are at greater risk in relation to COVID-19 because of age or underlying medical conditions. Those most at risk are:

- people aged 70 years and over;
- people aged 65 years and over with chronic medical conditions;
- people with compromised immune systems; and
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over the age of 50 with one or more chronic medical conditions.

If you are at greater risk, please consider carefully whether you should be bowling at this time.

The Queanbeyan RSL Memorial Bowling Club and restaurant is open and trading under their own Covid-19 restrictions and conditions of entry, which you will need to be aware of and abide by.

Entry to the club is through the main front door only. You will need to sign in to the main club on arrival if you want to use the club facilities before, during or after bowls.

### **Practice and social bowls:**

Social Bowls will resume on Tuesdays and Saturdays, names to the QRSLMBC bar staff by 11:30am on the day of play, games starting at 12.00pm.

The greens will be available for roll-up/practice from Tuesday - Sunday. As Covid-19 restrictions require bowls and the use of the greens to be supervised and monitored, members who are wishing to use the greens for a roll-up/practice must report to the bar staff before going out onto the green.

Social bowls are open to members and their guests, all bowlers will be expected to follow Covid-19 guidelines and exercise common sense in respect to health and safety principles.

Green fees will apply and regular prize monies will also recommence.

### **Managing numbers and keeping records:**

Any person using the greens during social games or practice sessions are to enter on the Daily Record of Attendance, their name, time arrived, time completed, contact phone number, and signature. You are signing that you understand the conditions of use of the club and conditions of play. A record of the use of club and grounds needs to be kept in case an incident occurs.

Please note that bowlers will also be required to sign into the club on the club register when they arrive for bowls as well as when they leave the green at the conclusion of the game and re-enter the club building.

A separate sheet will be kept for parents and carers entering a club, recording their details, arrival and departure times and who they are accompanying. They should also sign the sheet to indicate that they understand the club requirements.

## **Bowlers:**

- Daily entry sheet will be maintained by bar staff: Nominations for social bowls (pairs or singles) can be made by phone or in person to bar staff.
- Teams selection: Open pairs teams, selection as per past social day bowls. Rink allocation will be decided through a blind draw and conducted by the social bowls coordinator or nominated person.
- Daily record of attendance: At the time of paying green fees bowlers will enter their details onto the daily record of attendance. Players will be advised of conditions of use of the club and grounds before bowling.
- Support: The social bowls coordinator or nominated person will allocate greens, mats and jacks. They will supervise the Daily Record of Attendance and with club staff will see that sanitiser products are available. They will also supervise the cleaning of equipment (by players) at the end of play. They are volunteers, they might miss playing a game to allow you to play. Please listen to them.
- Outside toilets: The outside toilet next to greens 1 & 2 will be open for your use. The club will put in place appropriate cleaning protocols for this space.
- Member's health issues: Under no conditions should you enter the club or use the green if you are not feeling well, show symptoms of a cold or sore throat. Our concern is everybody else's health and safety; and that the club and greens remain open for members and patrons use and enjoyment.
- General Hygiene measures: Hand hygiene is very important, including washing hands before and after bowling. Hand sanitisers will be available to be used by bowlers on entry to, and exit from, the club, as well as pre, post and during play.
- All players must avoid physical contact.
- Bowlers are encouraged to use spray chalk.
- Bowls equipment eg bowls cloths, measures, should not be shared between bowlers. Club bowls should not be used.
- Bowlers need to ensure there is minimal joint handling of equipment. Where scoreboards are used, one person is to be responsible for using the scoreboard and changing scores. Mats and jacks are to be cleaned at the end of each game with the disinfectant spray and disposable wipes provided. This should be done, if possible, by the bowlers who have used the mats and jacks.
- Spectators: To minimise the number of people around the greens, spectators are asked to watch games from inside the club building. Where this is not possible, spectators will need to be seated on the benches along the side of the rink, adhering to 1.5m social distancing. Spectators **must** sign into the club at time of arriving at the club.
- Water bubblers are not to be used.
- A distance of at least 1.5m is to be maintained between persons on a green, in the area around that green and elsewhere on club grounds and premises (including carparks).
- The Laws of the Sport will be adhered to, when playing competition matches, i.e. rolling of jacks, marking of touchers, removal of dead bowls etc.

## **Conditions of play for social bowls:**

- Pairs is the preferred format but triples and fours is permissible. If playing triples or fours, rink spacing will be implemented to allow participants to adequately social distance. Observe the 1.5m distance requirement in relation to bowlers on neighbouring rinks.
- Pay attention to hygiene. All players are asked to wash their hands before & after games, (Sanitiser will be provided) and at other times where necessary.
- Players to only use and handle their own bowls. NO club bowls to be provided. Do not share personal equipment such as cleaning cloths, towels and drink bottles.
- Where equipment is needed to be handled by more than one person, players are asked to observe good hand hygiene and consider using disinfectant wipes/sanitiser and or disposable gloves between handling.
- Each skip will be responsible for their own score card, with one person being responsible to update the score board(if made available).
- Rink allocation will be by blind draw conducted by the Social Bowls coordinator or nominated person.
- Where a measure is required, common sense rules. It is a social game.
- 1.5m distancing rules to apply.
- Mats, jacks and scoreboards are to be cleaned, sanitised, and disinfected before returning at the end of the game.
- Bowlers should leave the club as soon as their session/game is finished and equipment has been cleaned, unless they wish to use the club's bar and other facilities. If so, they will be taken into account in the number of people allowed in the club.
- Spectators must sign in at the club on arrival.
- Don't congregate around the greens if you are not playing bowls. Spectators should be seated at the side of the green and must observe the 1.5m social distancing rule.

While all of this may sound complicated, these conditions are in line with BA recommendations and comply with State restrictions. These conditions have been trialled during the recent coaching, training, roll up opportunities over the past couple of weeks.

We all have simple responsibilities that in the big picture address the principles of health and safety for all bowlers. We may find that these practices will become the norm post Covid-19.

Enjoy your bowls.

QRSLMBC will keep its Framework under review to ensure that it complies with the current requirements laid down by the ACT and NSW Governments.