

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 aged 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 club building, including all internal facilities, remains **CLOSED**. The club greens are **OPEN** for **BOOKED** roll-ups only.

Practice only

- Greens may only be used for practice (no social bowls, club championships or barefoot bowls.)

Bookings

- Bowlers must book practice times in advance and may only come to the club when certain that a rink will be available.
- Bookings can be made by phoning the bowls sub-committee social bowls co-ordinator, Elio Ilijas on 0401046542
- The greens will be open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at the following times for rollups:
 - Session 1: 10:45 am - 12:15 pm
 - Session 2: 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
 - Session 3: 2:15 pm - 3:45 pm

“Get in, train and get out”

- Be prepared for practice prior to arriving at the club and leave when you have completed your roll-up and cleaned equipment.
- Bowlers must not enter the club greens area until their booked session time is to commence. Bowlers are asked to wait in the car park area if arriving early. Observing social distancing at all times.

Physical Distancing

- A maximum of 10 bowlers may practice per green at any one time. In keeping with guidelines from Bowls Australia, there is to be an empty rink between rinks in use. This reduces the risk of breaching the 1.5m distance requirement in relation to bowlers on neighbouring rinks.

- The guidelines from Bowls Australia state that, subject to state-specific social gathering and distancing restrictions, a maximum of four people may be allowed to play per rink. The club will assess the number of bowlers per rink based on available rinks and the number of bowlers booked for the session.
- Coaching will be limited to no more than a coach and one other person with both practicing physical distancing of 1.5m during the coaching session. They are to be counted as 2 of the 10 bowlers permitted per green.
- No spectators should be allowed at practice sessions. However, a bowler may be accompanied by a parent or carer.
- ***Please keep your distance*** - 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 car parks).
- A parent or carer accompanying a bowler should remain away from the green if possible.

General Hygiene Measures

- Do not attend practice if feeling unwell or leave the club immediately if you begin to feel unwell.
- Hand hygiene is very important including washing hands before and after bowling. Hand sanitisers will be available and are to be used by bowlers on entry and exit from greens as well as pre, post and during practice.
- Avoid physical contact between participants.
- Bowls equipment cannot be shared between bowlers. Club bowls cannot be used.
- Bowlers are to use separate mats and jacks (or ensure that the same bowler on each rink places the mat or places/rolls the jack).
- Mats and jacks are to be cleaned with disinfectant spray and disposable wipes after use by the participant.
- Water bubblers are not to be used.
- No sharing of personal equipment (e.g. cleaning cloths, towels, drink bottles, bowls). Please do not pick up any bowls but your own.
- Communal facilities such as change rooms are not to be used. The outdoor toilet will be open for the use of bowlers who have booked a roll-up time. The club will put in place appropriate cleaning protocols of this space.

Managing numbers and keeping records

- Bowlers must book practice times in advance. The booking sheet will record details of all persons practicing on a rink, and arrival and departure times of each person, to assist with contact tracing in the event of a COVID-19 positive result within the club. Bowlers will need to sign the booking sheet (using their own pen) to indicate that they understand the club requirements to practice. A copy of the requirements will be kept with the booking sheet.
- A separate sheet will be kept for parents and careers entering the club grounds, their details, arrival and departure times and who they are accompanying. They will also sign the sheet to indicate that they understand the club requirements.
- 15 minutes will be allocated between timeslots to ensure that bowlers have time to leave the venue prior to bowlers for the next timeslot arriving. This will also allow time to clean equipment in between uses.

- Bowlers from other clubs are welcome on the club greens, these bowlers are to comply with the same requirements as the club's own bowlers.
- A member of staff or volunteer will be on site to supervise practice sessions. If a member or visitor fails to meet the requirements for participating in a practice session appropriate action will be taken.

Communication

- This framework will be displayed prominently at the club premises and will be made available to all members through the club's bowls website.
- Contact tracing (register) to be undertaken for each individual session.

Penalties/Fines

- Penalties are in place for any individual or club that breaches this direction.
- Failure to comply with this framework may lead to penalties or fines being imposed.

Review and Monitor

- This framework will be reviewed and monitored. Restrictions will be reviewed in line with Government advice, updates will be made upon any changes made as progress through the phased approach to recommencement and/or aspects need alteration.
- This documentation is effective from 01/06/2020 until further notice.