



## 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, Thursdays and Saturdays, names to the QRSLMBC bar staff or social bowls organiser by 10:00am on the day of play, games starting at 10:30am. 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 required to sign into the club on the club register when they arrive for bowls, irrespective of whether they enter the club building.

### **Bowlers:**

- 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.
- Player nomination: The social bowls co-ordinator or nominated person will be responsible for handling the list of nominated players for each social session and will mark on that sheet their attendance. Players will be advised through announcements current 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 handle the green fees and mark attendance on the player nomination sheet, 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 should continue to avoid physical contact.
- Bowlers are encouraged to use spray chalk.
- Bowls equipment eg bowls cloths, measures, should not be shared between bowlers. Where club bowls are used they must be sanitised before being put away .
- Bowlers need to ensure there is minimal joint handling of equipment. 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: Spectators 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 only to be used to fill drink bottles or other drinking vessels.
- 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. 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. 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.