

Bowls Scotland Return to the Green COVID-19 Guidance

An Overview of Bowling & Club House Activity by Scottish Government COVID Protection Levels

KEY POINTS

- The table below provides a summary of the restrictions for each COVID protection level across Scotland, relating to bowling clubs.
- A list of Local Authority protection levels is [provided on the Scottish Government website](#), alongside details of the general restrictions for each level.
- There may be further travel restriction per level in place that clubs and players should be aware of: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance on travel and transport](#)
- Clubs and players should read and understand the [Bowls Scotland Return to the Green COVID-19 Guidance 2021](#)
- Reminder that physical distancing and good hygiene must always be maintained.
- Players can only be part of one bowling bubble per day as there MUST be no crossover between bowling bubbles at any level.
- Clubs should keep a record of everyone at the club as per Scottish Government Test and Protect requirements.
- Bowling bubble numbers are subject to further confirmation from the Scottish Government for Level 0-2. Further information will be provided as soon as this is available, however in the meantime clubs should plan activities based on current bowling bubble guidance.
- [An additional bowling bubble is permitted per club only if a comprehensive risk assessment has been undertaken.](#)

SUMMARY GRIDS

The following tables provide a summary grid covering bowling activity by level of restrictions:

- Bowling Activity
- Coaching
- Clubhouse Facilities

BOWLING ACTIVITY

SUMMARY

ACTIVITY	LEVEL 0	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
BOWLING BUBBLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An outdoor 'bowling bubble' can consist of a maximum of 30 people including coaches, officials, and other support staff at any one time* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An outdoor 'bowling bubble' can consist of a maximum of 30 people including coaches, officials, and other support staff at any one time* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An outdoor 'bowling bubble' can consist of a maximum of 30 people including coaches, officials, and other support staff at any one time* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An outdoor 'bowling bubble' can consist of a maximum of 30 people including coaches, officials, and other support staff at any one time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An outdoor 'bowling bubble' can consist of a maximum of 15 people including coaches, officials, and other support staff at any one time
ADDITIONAL BOWLING BUBBLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An additional bowling bubble of 30 permitted per club. Bowling bubbles cannot mix, no cross play permitted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An additional bowling bubble of 30 permitted per club. Bowling bubbles cannot mix, no cross play permitted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An additional bowling bubble of 30 permitted per club. Bowling bubbles cannot mix, no cross play permitted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An additional bowling bubble of 30 permitted per club. Bowling bubbles cannot mix, no cross play permitted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional bowling bubble permitted
PLAY FORMATS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours permitted in line with the above 'bowling bubble' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours permitted in line with the above 'bowling bubble' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours permitted in line with the above 'bowling bubble' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Singles, Pairs and Triples only permitted in line with the above 'bowling bubble' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Singles and Pairs only permitted in line with the above 'bowling bubble'
INTERNAL COMPETITIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted in line with bowling bubble 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted in line with bowling bubble 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted in line with bowling bubble 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted in line with bowling bubble 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Permitted
EXTERNAL/OPEN COMPETITIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted in line with bowling bubble 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted in line with bowling bubble 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted in line with bowling bubble 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Permitted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Permitted
CLUB FRIENDLIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted in line with bowling bubble 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted in line with bowling bubble 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted in line with bowling bubble 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Permitted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not permitted
OPENING/CLOSING DAYS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted in line with bowling bubble 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted in line with bowling bubble 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted in line with bowling bubble 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted for club members only in line with bowling bubble 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Permitted
TRAVEL (ADULTS 18+)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel across Scotland permitted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel across Scotland permitted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel across Scotland permitted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel locally or to another Level 3 area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay within local area, check Scottish Government website for any further restrictions
TRAVEL (17 OR UNDER)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel across Scotland permitted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel across Scotland permitted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel across Scotland permitted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel across Scotland permitted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel across Scotland permitted

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	TOILETS & LOCKER ROOMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toilets can be open Locker Room use permitted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toilets can be open Locker Room use permitted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toilets can be open Locker Room use permitted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toilets can be open Locker Room use permitted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toilets can be open Locker Room use permitted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toilets can be open Locker Room must not be used except for toilet access
	SPECTATING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted following all physical distancing and hygiene measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted following all physical distancing and hygiene measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted following all physical distancing and hygiene measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted following all physical distancing and hygiene measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted following all physical distancing and hygiene measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Permitted
	TRY BOWLS & RECRUITMENT EVENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted in line with bowling bubble 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted in line with bowling bubble 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted in line with bowling bubble 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted in line with bowling bubble 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Permitted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Permitted
	PHYSICAL DISTANCING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical distancing must always be maintained at all levels 					

COACHING							
SUMMARY	ACTIVITY	LEVEL 0	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4	
	UNDER 18S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaching is permitted, ratio 1:8 coaches to players, max 30 players 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaching is permitted, ratio 1:8 coaches to players, max 30 players 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaching is permitted, ratio 1:8 coaches to players, max 30 players 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaching is permitted, ratio 1:8 coaches to players, max 30 players 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaching is permitted, ratio 1:8 coaches to players, max 30 players 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaching is permitted, ratio 1:8 coaches to players, max 15 players
	ADULTS (18+)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaching in a 'bowling bubble' can consist of a maximum of 30 people including players, coaches, and other support staff at any one time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaching in a 'bowling bubble' can consist of a maximum of 30 people including players, coaches, and other support staff at any one time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaching in a 'bowling bubble' can consist of a maximum of 30 people including players, coaches, and other support staff at any one time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaching in a 'bowling bubble' can consist of a maximum of 30 people including players, coaches, and other support staff at any one time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaching in a 'bowling bubble' can consist of a maximum of 30 people including players, coaches, and other support staff at any one time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaching in a 'bowling bubble' can consist of a maximum of 15 people including players, coaches, and other support staff at any one time

CLUBHOUSE FACILITIES

ACTIVITY	LEVEL 0	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
CLUBHOUSE FACILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed to be open as per restrictions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed to be open as per restrictions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed to be open as per restrictions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed to be open as per restrictions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubhouse closed
INDOOR HOSPITALITY*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local licensing laws apply Max 10 people from 4 households per table 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23:00 Closed Max 8 people from 3 households per table 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 hour booking slots 22:30 Closed Max 6 people from 3 households per table 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No alcohol 20:00 Closed Max 6 people from 2 households per table 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubhouse closed
OUTDOORS HOSPITALITY*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local licensing laws apply Max 15 people from 15 households per table 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local licensing laws apply Max 12 people from 12 households per table 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local licensing laws apply Max 8 people from 8 households per table 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local licensing laws apply Max 6 people from 6 households per table 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubhouse closed
CONTRACTORS & STAFF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Clubs should risk assess before hosting any external organisations and ensure the organisation/group is aware of their responsibilities. We recommend the club have access to the external organisations risk assessment and main contact details. More information can be found here: Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance on the opening of indoor and outdoor sport and leisure facilities 				
INDOOR CLUB ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carpet bowls & short mat permitted. Pool & Darts permitted. Bingo & Quizzes permitted. Dominoes & Card games not permitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carpet bowls & short mat permitted. Pool & Darts permitted. Bingo & Quizzes permitted. Dominoes & Card games not permitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carpet bowls & short mat permitted. Pool & Darts permitted. Bingo & Quizzes permitted. Dominoes & Card games not permitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No other club activities permitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No other club activities permitted.

*Clubs should ensure they are following all Scottish Government hospitality guidance <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-tourism-and-hospitality-sector-guidance/>