



BOWLS NORTH INC

POLICY TITLE: COVID-19 POLICY

RELATED POLICIES:	NIL
RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS:	BOWLS NORTH BOARD
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**BOWLS NORTH COVID- 19 POLICY FOR PENNANT PLAY
ALL CLUBS TO FOLLOW STAGE 3 RETURN TO PLAY
BOWLS TASMANIA DOCUMENT**

CLUBS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT –

- ❖ **When operating Competitions (Pennant & Carnivals) – run under the Return to Play rules and Bowls North Conditions Of Play 2020-21.**
- ❖ **Once play is completed your venue will continue as a hospitality Venue and under hospitality regulations**
- ❖ **It is an individual club's responsibility to ensure that they are complying with all Government rules & regulations during this Time as each individual club can be heavily fined by the Government should they not comply.**



ALL CLUBS/PLAYERS TO FOLLOW STAGE 3 RETURN TO PLAY – THIS INCLUDES -

GENERAL HYGIENE RULES:

The following actions should be taken by all players to protect themselves and their co-bowlers from a potential coronavirus infection.

- Wash your hands after using the toilet, before eating, and if you cough/sneeze into your hands (follow the 20-second hand-washing rule). You can also use the sanitizers you will find around the clubs.
- Cough/sneeze into your sleeve, preferably into your elbow. If you use a tissue, discard it properly and clean/sanitize your hands immediately.
- Avoid touching your face, particularly your eyes, nose, and mouth with your hands to prevent from getting infected.
- If you find yourself coughing/sneezing on a regular basis, avoid close physical contact with other bowlers.

IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL OR SHOWING ANY COLD OR FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS, THEN PLEASE STAY HOME.

COVID SAFE PLAN

It is a mandatory requirement that all Clubs have a COVID Safe Plan in place before opening.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Social Distancing requirements of 1.5 metres must be adhered to both on and off the green. In addition, a density level of 2 square metres must be complied with.

SPECTATORS

Clubs are permitted to have a maximum of 500 players and spectators at their venues for OUTDOOR competition and 250 players and spectators for INDOOR competition. This is provided that the 1.5 metre social distancing and the 2 square metre rules can be complied with.

REGISTER OF PLAYERS

This will not be necessary on competition days because there will be a record through scorecards and the BowlsLink system should any contact tracing be required.



ON THE GREEN

- Hand sanitiser must be made available at the entrance to the Club and beside each green in use.
- Disinfectant spray must be made available beside mat/jack boxes. After each use, all mats and jacks must be thoroughly cleaned before being used again.
- Any club bowls that are loaned to players are to be thoroughly cleaned before and after use.
- Where possible, outdoor-accessible toilets should be open, if using an outdoor green. At the very least, hand washing facilities should be available
- It is recommended that only the opposing leads handle the jack where possible. Skips should centre the jack with their feet where possible.
- It is recommended that only the opposing leads handle the mat. Skips should remove the mat at the completion of each end.
- It is recommended that players handle their own bowls only where possible.
- Other bowls equipment should not be shared between players (e.g. bowls, cloths, measures)
- It is recommended that the home number two on each rink be the only person permitted to change the scoreboard.
- Players should consider using elbow bumps instead of shaking hands.

WATER FOUNTAINS

Public drinking water supplies are safe to drink, however the surfaces around the fountain including the sprout, button/lever and nozzles could pose a risk for the transmission of COVID-19 and other germs.

- Don't place your mouth on the sprout of the fountain or allow your water bottle to come into contact with the nozzle when refilling.
- Test the water flow and let the water flow for 10 seconds to allow for fresh clean water to come through prior to drinking
- If the fountain requires you to push a button or lever, clean the surface before and After, or use your elbow.
- Clean your hands afterwards with an alcohol-based rub or wash them with soap and water.

The Department of Health will advise asset owners and managers to carry out more frequent cleaning of drinking fountains.

(Source: <https://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/keeping-yourself-safe/food-and-drinks>)



IN THE CLUBHOUSE

The maximum number of patrons allowed is subject to public health advice. Stage 3 restrictions. Clubs are permitted to have a maximum of 250 persons inside their Clubhouse provided that the 1.5 metre social distancing and the 2 square metre rules can be complied with. Clubs should consider using their lounge and/or dining rooms to provide enough space to meet the required social distancing and 2 square metre rules.

Alcohol must only be consumed while seated. Alcohol should not be at the end of the rink. Alcohol must be consumed inside the licensed premises while seated or if there is a designated outdoor area with a similar purpose where people can be seated.

Spectators may consume alcohol while they are watching if they are seated in a designated drinking area. Club's may set up a designated 'wet' area for spectators to sit while watching. Players are not permitted to sit in this area while they are competing.

People attending an event in a licensed venue can move around freely, as long as they are not standing and drinking alcohol. For example, at a function or a networking event, people can stand and mingle, but they must be seated while drinking alcohol.

(Source: <https://coronavirus.tas.gov.au/business-and-employees/business-restrictions>)

RAFFLES

Raffles are permitted. It is recommended that only one person issues raffle tickets and collects the money.

MORNING & AFTERNOON TEAS

Clubs are not permitted to serve morning/afternoon tea, tea or coffee for Thursday and Saturday Bowls North pennant matches.

Thursday pennant players are encouraged to bring their own food for personal consumption at the conclusion of the pennant match with their opponent's.

Clubs are permitted to make food for sale to players provided that the food is made on the Club premises and that appropriate hygiene practices are followed, and all food is individually wrapped for sale.

AS GUIDELINES/RESTRICTIONS ARE CHANGING FROM WEEK TO WEEK. CLUB'S WILL BE INFORMED AS GUIDELINES/RESTRICTIONS ARE AMENDED.



SOURCE

The Bowls North Board has agreed to follow all Bowls Tasmania directives and recommendations regarding Coronavirus. In turn Bowls Tasmania is in regular contact with the Tasmanian Government's Communities, Sport & Recreation.

The above directions and guidelines are in accordance with the Tasmanian Government's Stage 3 Restrictions which come into effect on June 26, 2020. Refer also to Bowls Tasmania "Bowls Return to Play Stage 3" and being COVIDSAFE for pennant documents for specifics along with the Tasmanian Government Sport, Exercise and Recreation section of the Coronavirus Tasmania website.

<https://coronavirus.tas.gov.au/>