



Bowls Queensland



Outdoor Sport Industry COVID Safe Plan Stage 3

Following the Queensland State Government announcing stage 3 “Easing of Restrictions” regarding COVID-19, Bowls Queensland are part of the Outdoor Team Sports Industry COVID Safe Plan which covers affiliated Bowls Clubs in Queensland. This has been amended from the original Stage 2 document with an updated version for Stage 3 which has been approved by the Queensland Chief Health Officer (CHO).

Clubs QLD along with the QLD Hotels Association and the RSL & Services Clubs Association have developed an Industry COVID Safe Plan for the inside operations of clubs which has also been updated and awaiting approval by the CHO. The relevant plans relate to their relevant area, please refer to page 2 of the Outdoor Sport Industry COVID Safe Plan for more information.

All Bowls Clubs should be aware of and abide by the provisions in the Outdoor Team Sports Industry COVID Safe Plan, the Roadmap to easing Queensland’s restrictions and the QLD Chief Health Officer’s public health directions which apply to our industry. The QLD Health website provides these directions. This plan will be updated when any directions from the CHO change and will be emailed to clubs. The Industry Plans will form part of the venues overall COVID-Safe Operating Plan and Procedures.

Bowls QLD strongly urge people to abide by the rules set out by each club or risk penalty from relevant authorities.

Stage 3: From 12 noon on 3 July 2020

- Up to 8 people can bowl on a rink.
- All rinks can be used on each green.
- Competition play allowed.

Guidelines & Recommendations

- The responsibility lies with individual clubs to ensure that they are fully aware of and compliant with the QLD State Government advice and all guidelines are adhered to. Strict safety and health protocols must be in place. Clubs must engage any staffing/volunteers required as necessary to fulfil the guidelines including any marshalling to achieve social distancing.
- When on the green 1.5 social distancing is encouraged, 1.5 social distancing must be maintained off the green.
- Contact tracing information (attendance register) must be kept for all participants, officials, spectators and anyone else who attends the competitions, social activity, training, roll ups and information retained for 56 days.
- Disinfectant spray must be made available, all mats and jacks must be thoroughly cleaned by players, volunteers or staff between each session.
- Bowls equipment cannot be shared between players (e.g. bowls, cloths, measures etc), players should not touch other people’s bowls.
- Avoid participant interactions including team huddles, handshakes and high fives.
- Hand sanitiser is to be made available at the entrance to the club and beside each green in use.
- Bowlers should practice safe hygiene at all times, including washing hands for at least 20 seconds before and after bowls.
- No co-mingling of groups - on or off green.
- Clubs must display signage throughout the venue regarding COVID Safe practices.
- Clubs must have in place, and follow the Outdoor Team Sports Industry COVID Safe Plan checklist.

Review and Risk Management

- Clubs need to regularly review the effectiveness of the steps put in place to measure success or evaluate risks.
- Review systems to make sure they are consistent with current directions from QLD Health.

Current as of 3 July 2020