

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.
- 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.
- Clubs should ensure they are following all [Scottish Government hospitality guidance](#)

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	■ An outdoor 'bowling bubble' can consist of a maximum of 500 people	■ An outdoor 'bowling bubble' can consist of a maximum of 100 people	■ An outdoor 'bowling bubble' can consist of a maximum of 50 people	■ An outdoor 'bowling bubble' can consist of a maximum of 30 including coaches, officials, and other support staff at any one time	■ 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	■ An additional bowling bubble of 500 permitted per club. Bowling bubbles cannot mix, no cross play permitted	■ An additional bowling bubble of 100 permitted per club. Bowling bubbles cannot mix, no cross play permitted	■ An additional bowling bubble of 50 permitted per club. Bowling bubbles cannot mix, no cross play permitted	■ An additional bowling bubble of 30 permitted per club. Bowling bubbles cannot mix, no cross play permitted	■ No additional bowling bubble permitted
PLAY FORMATS	■ Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours permitted in line with the above 'bowling bubble'	■ Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours permitted in line with the above 'bowling bubble'	■ Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours permitted in line with the above 'bowling bubble'	■ Singles, Pairs and Triples only permitted in line with the above 'bowling bubble'	■ Singles and Pairs only permitted in line with the above 'bowling bubble'
INTERNAL COMPETITIONS	■ Permitted in line with bowling bubble	■ Permitted in line with bowling bubble	■ Permitted in line with bowling bubble	■ Permitted in line with bowling bubble	■ Not Permitted
EXTERNAL/OPEN COMPETITIONS	■ Permitted in line with bowling bubble	■ Permitted in line with bowling bubble	■ Permitted in line with bowling bubble	■ Not Permitted	■ Not Permitted
CLUB FRIENDLIES	■ Permitted in line with bowling bubble	■ Permitted in line with bowling bubble	■ Permitted in line with bowling bubble	■ Not Permitted	■ Not permitted
OPENING/CLOSING DAYS	■ Permitted in line with bowling bubble	■ Permitted in line with bowling bubble	■ Permitted in line with bowling bubble	■ Permitted for club members only in line with bowling bubble	■ Not Permitted
TRAVEL (ADULTS 18+)	■ Travel across Scotland permitted, avoid travel to level 3 & 4 areas	■ Travel across Scotland permitted, avoid travel to level 3 & 4 areas	■ Travel across Scotland permitted, avoid travel to level 3 & 4 areas	■ Travel locally or to another Level 3 area	■ Stay within local area, check Scottish Government website for any further restrictions
TRAVEL (17 OR UNDER)	■ Travel across Scotland permitted	■ Travel across Scotland permitted	■ Travel across Scotland permitted	■ Travel across Scotland permitted	■ Travel across Scotland permitted

BOWLING ACTIVITY						
SUMMARY	ACTIVITY	LEVEL 0	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
	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 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"> 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"> 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, in line with bowling activity guidance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaching is permitted, ratio 1:8 coaches to players, in line with bowling activity guidance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaching is permitted, ratio 1:8 coaches to players, in line with bowling activity guidance 	<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 is permitted in line with bowling activity guidance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaching is permitted in line with bowling activity guidance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaching is permitted in line with bowling activity guidance 	<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 & OUTDOORS HOSPITALITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs must ensure they are following all Scottish Government hospitality guidance and local authority licensing board/environmental services guidance. Bowls Scotland are unable to provide guidance in this area to clubs. 				
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 permitted. Bingo & Quizzes permitted. Darts permitted** Dominoes & Card games not permitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carpet bowls & short mat permitted. Pool permitted. Bingo & Quizzes permitted. Darts permitted** Dominoes & Card games not permitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carpet bowls & short mat permitted. Pool permitted. Bingo & Quizzes permitted. Darts not 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.

SUMMARY

****Darts can only take place in a club at levels 0 & 1 adhering to [Scottish Government Guidance](#)**