



COVID-19 Guidelines for Bowls New Zealand, Centres and Bowling Clubs



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Level 4 - Eliminate	Key Government Measures	Bowls New Zealand Internal Measures (and Recommendations for Bowls Centres)	Bowls New Zealand Recommendations for Bowling Clubs
	<p>People instructed to stay at home (in their bubble) other than for essential personal movement.</p> <p>Safe recreational activity is allowed in local area.</p> <p>Travel is severely limited.</p> <p>All gatherings cancelled and all public venues closed.</p> <p>Businesses closed except for essential services (e.g. supermarkets, pharmacies, clinics, petrol stations) and lifeline utilities.</p> <p>Educational facilities closed.</p> <p>Rationing of supplies and requisitioning of facilities possible.</p> <p>Reprioritisation of healthcare services.</p>	<p>Bowls New Zealand office shut - ALL staff working from home.</p> <p>Bowls New Zealand will conduct all business via email / videoconferencing / telephone.</p> <p>ALL Bowls New Zealand events and competitions postponed or cancelled.</p>	<p>NO activity permitted at any New Zealand bowling club. (with the exception of greenkeeping-see below)</p> <p>Shut ALL bowling club facilities and suspend all work and activities.</p> <p>All staff and/or volunteers should work from home.</p> <p>ALL bowling club events and competitions postponed or cancelled.</p> <p>Under the current Alert Level Four: Turf maintenance (e.g. golf courses, sports grounds) can happen for minimum operations necessary to maintain condition or value.</p> <p>All Bowling Clubs should be aware of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Only Greenkeeper's may work on a green. •No other person(s) may be at the Bowling Club. •Use the QR code (or an alternative contact tracing system), to record the movements of the Greenkeeper. <p>Further - all Greenkeepers MUST let their Club Secretary know (in advance) their entry into the facility and MUST let the Club Secretary know when they exited the facility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Basic hygiene measures must be maintained - handwashing and regularly cleaning surfaces. •If a Greenkeeper is feeling sick, they MUST stay home •Minimum maintenance ONLY – this means maintenance work only necessary to maintain the condition and value of the bowling clubs green. Absolutely NO additional gardening or club facility maintenance to be carried out under Alert Level Four.

Level 3 - Restrict	Key Government measures	Bowls New Zealand Internal Measures (and recommendations for Bowls Centres)	Bowls New Zealand Measures for those Bowling Clubs that believe that can operate in a LOW RISK manner.
	<p>People instructed to stay home in their bubble other than for essential personal movement – including to go to work, school if they have to or for local recreation.</p> <p>Physical distancing of two metres outside home (including on public transport), or one metre in controlled environments like schools and workplaces.</p> <p>Bubbles must stay within their immediate household bubble but can expand this to reconnect with close family / whanau, or bring in caregivers, or support isolated people. This extended bubble should remain exclusive.</p> <p>Schools (years 1 to 10) and Early Childhood Education centres can safely open but will have limited capacity. Children should learn at home if possible.</p> <p>People must work from home unless that is not possible.</p> <p>Businesses can open premises but cannot physically interact with customers. Low risk local recreation activities are allowed.</p> <p>Public venues are closed (e.g. libraries, museums, cinemas, food courts, gyms, pools, playgrounds, markets).</p> <p>Gatherings of up to 10 people are allowed but only for wedding services, funerals and tangihanga. Physical distancing and public health measures must be maintained.</p> <p>Healthcare services use virtual, non- contact consultations where possible Inter-regional travel is highly limited (e.g. for essential workers, with limited exemptions for others).</p>	<p>Bowls New Zealand office shut – ALL staff working from home.</p> <p>All Bowls New Zealand events and competitions postponed or cancelled</p> <p>Bowls New Zealand will conduct all business via email / video conferencing / telephone.</p>	<p>Practice bowls (single person or within bubble) ONLY.</p> <p>No use of bowling club mats or jacks</p> <p>All clubrooms / toilets will be closed</p> <p>Any person using the club green MUST email the club advising of their time / date of use, IN ADVANCE.</p> <p>Bowlers should take sanitising wipes with them to wipe down gate entry, seats, etc.</p> <p>No water fountains to be used.</p> <p>Do not arrange to meet fellow club members at the green.</p> <p>Keep physical distancing of two metres.</p> <p>Check first that your club greens are open - they may require maintenance and/or the club has made them off-limits.</p> <p>All club staff and/or volunteers should work from home with the exception of Greenkeepers.</p> <p>Greenkeepers may maintain their greens but must ensure they are operating in a safe manner and within Government and Ministry of Health guidelines.</p>
<p>People at high risk of severe illness (older people and those with existing medical conditions) are encouraged to stay at home where possible, and take additional precautions when leaving home. They may choose to work.</p>			

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Delta Level 2-Reduce	Key Government Measures	Bowls New Zealand Recommendations for Bowling Clubs	"Best Practice" at the Bowling Club.
	<p>Public venues can open but must comply with conditions on gatherings and undertake public health measures.</p> <p>Sport and recreation activities are allowed if conditions on gatherings are met, physical distancing is followed.</p>	<p>All clubs must have a QR codes and all members MUST either scan in or be recorded in a visitors book.</p> <p>Club house cleaning regime is "Best Practice" for members and visitors.</p> <p>Masks to be worn inside Bowling Clubs.</p> <p>All bowls on green activity is permitted, provided Government and Ministry of Health guidelines are observed.</p>	<p>Clean premises - ALL surfaces that are likely to be touched by members /visitors (doors, windows, bar and kitchen bench tops, lockers, toilets, handbasins, mats, jacks, scoreboards, club owned bowls, light and power switches, tv remote, computer equipment including touchscreens, watercoolers, glassware, etc.) are sanitised before the club is re-opened and continue to be sanitised on a regular basis once in use.</p> <p>Hand sanitiser product will be available for all members/visitors during their time at the club facilities, including the entrance to the clubrooms, adjacent to each green, toilets, kitchen and greenkeeper sheds.</p> <p>Disinfectant spray (trigger) will be made available beside mats & jacks and loan bowls. After each use, all mats, jacks and loan bowls must be disinfectant sprayed cleaned.</p> <p>Players should always practice safe hygiene, including washing hands for at least 20 seconds before and after bowls.</p> <p>1 metre social distancing practiced Maintain very high hygiene standards. Wash hands before and after play. No shaking of hands before or after play.</p>
	<p>Physical distancing of one metre outside home.</p>	<p>All bowls on green activity is permitted, provided Government and Ministry of Health guidelines are observed</p>	<p>All players are to ensure that the same player on each team places mats or places/rolls jacks. Bowls equipment (outside of mats and jacks) cannot be shared between players (e.g. bowls, cloths, measures etc.).</p> <p>All coaches / umpires / markers should practice physical distancing of 1.0m and not come into contact with bowler's equipment, unless necessary.</p>
	<p>People can travel inter- regionally, if they play it safe at their destination.</p>	<p>People can travel inter- regionally if they play it safe at their destination.</p>	<p>Bowlers should maintain a record of their travel and 'play it safe'.</p>
	<p>Gatherings of up to 50 people indoors & 100 people outdoors allowed while maintaining physical distancing and contact tracing requirements.</p>	<p>Bowling clubrooms limited to 50 persons or less (due to size of most bowling clubs and need for physical distancing).</p>	<p>Bowling Clubs need to maintain a register of all persons using the facilities and/or greens, prior to use.</p> <p>The register of attendees must contain: Date, time, name, address, email address and/or phone number.</p> <p>Bowling Clubs may elect to use their exiting Visitors Register or similar, to satisfy this obligation. Members are encouraged to adopt the Governments COVID-19 app</p>
	<p>Gatherings of up to 100 people outdoors & 50 people indoors allowed while maintaining physical distancing and contact tracing requirements.</p>	<p>Bowling clubrooms limited to 50 persons or less (due to size of most bowling clubs and need for physical distancing).</p>	<p>Tables and Chairs should be set up to comply with a 2.0 metre physical distancing protocol. Any club using bar leaners should either remove them or ensure they (and any associated seating) comply with a 2.0 metre physical distancing protocol.</p>
		<p>AGM's and Prizegiving Events are permitted provided there are no more than 50 persons and a two metre physical distancing rule is obeyed.</p> <p>It is recommended that bowling greens be limited to 50 persons (this is less than the 100 the government recommends, and is instead a reflection of the size of a bowling green)</p>	<p>AGM's - If physical distancing cannot be achieved then consider an electronic (video) meeting.</p> <p>Prizegiving Events - If physical distancing cannot be achieved then consider not holding the event until Alert level 1.</p> <p>Maintain physical distancing and err on the side of caution at all times.</p>
	<p>Sale of Food and Beverage, subject to highest levels of hygiene/ health practice.</p>	<p>Drinks for sale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider Bottled Beer, wine by the bottle and RTD's for sale. - If you are going for tap beer, wine or spirits from a bottle then you need to factor in volunteer/staff safety, as well as member safety. - Consider the risks of multiple hands handling glassware. - Look to the hospitality industry authority for "Best Practice". Food available? - Consider what food is available and how the sale of food is managed. - Again, look to the hospitality industry authority for "Best Practice". 	
<p>Businesses open, and business premises can be open for staff and customers with appropriate measures in place.</p>	<p>Clubs should use common sense, when considering the health of members and visitors.</p> <p>If in doubt, err on the side of caution and place health ahead of bowls.</p> <p>All clubs must have a QR codes and all members MUST either scan in or be recorded in a visitors book</p>	<p>Greenkeeper activities are no longer restricted, however the same "Best Practice" protocols that apply to the clubhouse and the membership should be followed by the greenkeeper in relation to greenkeeping equipment, sanitising of surfaces, social distancing, etc.</p> <p>Be aware of your membership/visitors and the need to provide safe and healthy facilities. Be flexible with your approach. Consider all the risks. Place health ahead of bowls. At all times use your best judgement.</p> <p>Consider appointing a Health Officer specifically dedicated to your club's response to Covid-19 and the four Alert Levels.</p>	



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Level 1 - Prepare	Key Government measures	Bowls New Zealand Recommendations for Bowling Clubs	"Best Practice" at the Bowling Club
	<p>Border entry measures to minimise risk of importing COVID-19 cases.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Intensive testing for COVID-19</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rapid contact tracing of any positive case.</p> <p>Schools and workplaces are open and must operate safely.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Physical distancing encouraged</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bowling clubs may open but with limitations (see Best Practice - at right)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bowls activity (any discipline) is permitted.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Club events and competitions (including AGMs, prizegivings, etc.) are permitted.</p> <p>Cleaning and hygiene protocols to be strictly observed (including hand sanitiser available throughout clubhouse for members and guests.)</p>

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