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**No: Memo 365.20 and C16/2020**

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**To: Zones, Districts & Clubs**

**Re: JOINT ADVICE FROM WOMEN'S BOWLS NSW AND BOWLS NSW REGARDING LATEST PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS & COMMUNITY SPORT**

As from, today, 1 July, NSW Public Health Orders have been issued concerning Community Sport (this includes Lawn Bowls). [https://rnswba.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Gazette\\_2020\\_2020-139.pdf](https://rnswba.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Gazette_2020_2020-139.pdf)

A link to the new Public Health Orders can be found [here](#).

A link to NSW Government website of What You Can and Cannot Do under the new restrictions can be found [here](#). Please note you will need to scroll to Community Sporting Activities.

The new laws allow for lawn bowls to be played, as per normal, however **venues (clubs) must have a COVID safe plan in place.**

The maximum number of participants must not exceed 500 persons.

A participant includes all players, officials, staff, and spectators.

Womens Bowls & Bowls NSW urges all clubs to ensure that their COVID safe plans include addressing the following requirements:

- Ensure the number of persons does not exceed one person per 4sq metres per green
- Provide staff and volunteers with information and training on COVID-19 including physical distancing; hygiene and cleaning; and how to manage a sick participant
- Minimise co-mingling of participants from different games and timeslots where possible
- Ensure any spectators adhere to 1.5m social distancing
- Reduce crowding wherever possible and promote physical distancing
- Encourage participants to bring their own water bottle
- Adopt good hand hygiene protocols
- Ensure hand sanitiser stations are available at all ends of a green
- Reduce sharing of equipment where practicable and ensure all equipment (jacks, mats, scoreboards, shared umpire equipment, seating etc.) are cleaned with detergent and disinfectant after each use
- Ensure communal facilities, such as locker rooms, have strategies in place to avoid crowding and promote physical distancing
- Ensure bathrooms are adequately stocked with soap and detergent and all facilities are regularly cleansed
- Encourage contact-less payment solutions for entry fees
- Maintain a register of all participants name and contact phone number for all sessions of activity on the bowling greens

COVID safe plans, may need to be updated to ensure it is current with above information.

For a copy of the Associations COVID safe plan template click [here](#)

For a copy of the Attendee Register template click [here](#)

Womens Bowls NSW & Bowls NSW also recommend the following practices:

- There is no need for rink spacing – Please ensure that the 4sq metre rule and social distancing are been adhered to
- It may be prudent to have a rink space if playing triples or fours, to allow participants to socially distance adequately
- The Laws of the Sport must be adhered to, when playing competition matches, i.e. rolling of jacks, marking of touchers, removal of dead bowls etc.
- Encourage participants to carry chalk spray
- Encourage participants to minimise contact with other participants
- Discourage use of another participants equipment
- Ensure participants regularly practice sensible hand hygiene by having hand sanitiser stations at each end of greens
- The consumption of alcohol whilst participating is up to individual club liquor license and COVID safe plans
- The serving of food prior/after a game would need to adhere to the clubs COVID safe plan and as per regulations for the Registered Clubs Industry COVID safe guidelines.

Please note, that these recommendations may change as restrictions change.

If you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact either office.

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