

Bowls Victoria update 17 Feb 2021

The 5-day circuit breaker lockdown appears to have had the desired effect, and we can re-commence bowls. Most restrictions have returned to what they were 5 days ago.

All bowls, both competition and social, can re-commence from tomorrow (Thursday 18th). That means for those in Metro Melbourne, Thursday pennant is back on tomorrow. Weekend pennant is back for all of Victoria on Saturday. Regions/Divisions, please communicate with your members to update them on the coming weeks' pennant round and share the below information.

Masks are not required for bowls so long as 1.5m physical distancing is maintained. However, The Premier has specified masks are required indoors unless eating/drinking, so please ensure you carry one with you at all times.

All other rules around density quotas, hospitality guidelines, etc, revert back to what they were 5 days ago.

Clubs must maintain their COVID-safe plans. This includes the use of a QR code for contact tracing purposes. It is imperative that adequate tracing is in place. Clubs MUST have a QR code set up, but can still use a manual log for those without mobile phones. BowlsLink can be used for players, but spectators and volunteers must use the QR code (or manual if needed). This is a timely reminder to ensure your members have mobile numbers and emails in their BowlsLink profiles.

Ensure plenty of hand sanitiser is readily available both indoors and outdoors, this does not mean just one bottle outside. Clubs should aim to have sanitiser for each rink.

Hand hygiene is as important as ever, so frequent washing and sanitising is recommended, and remember to refrain from shaking hands/hi-fives, etc.

Victorian Government QR Code Service (<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/register-to-use-vic-gov-qr-code-service>)

Additional Resources:

* Links to the latest COVID-19 information and resources, including current restriction levels, are available from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) here (<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>) .

Please stay safe and look after each other.

Kind regards,
Team BV.