

# CIRCULAR

**No:** 04/2021  
**Date:** 28 June 2021  
**To:** All Clubs  
**Re:** NSW – Lockdown and Restrictions



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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

### BOWLS NSW LIMITED ADVICE REGARDING NSW LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTIONS

#### Greater Sydney, Blue Mountains, Central Coast & Wollongong Areas:

The NSW Government and NSW Health have advised that the above stated areas are to be in lockdown from 6.00pm Saturday 26 June until 11.59pm Friday 9 July.

This means that persons residing in these areas must abide by stay-at-home rules.

Persons are only allowed to leave home for the following reasons:

- Shopping for food or other essential goods and services.
- Medical care or compassionate needs (people can leave home to have a COVID-19 vaccination unless you have been identified as a close contact).
- Exercise outdoors in groups of 10 or fewer.
- Essential work, or education, where you cannot work or study from home.

The current Public Health Orders does not include an exemption for licensed premises to be open, except for the sale of takeaway food and beverages.

Community sports, including lawn bowls, are not permitted during this time.

Lawn bowls has not been granted exercise status during this current lockdown.

Bowls NSW Limited strongly recommends that all formats of the sport cease for the period of the lockdown. This includes social, competition (Club, Zone/District/Region & State), barefoot, practice and/or roll ups.

#### Rest of NSW:

The NSW Government and NSW Health have advised that the remainder of NSW will have the following restrictions in place from 6.00pm Saturday 26 June until 11.59pm Friday 9 July:

- Visitors to households will be limited to 5 guests – including children.
- Masks will be compulsory in all indoor non-residential settings, including workplaces, and at organised outdoor events.
- Drinking while standing at indoor venues will not be allowed.
- Singing by audiences and choirs at indoor venues or by congregants at indoor places of worship will not be allowed.

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- Dancing will not be allowed at indoor hospitality venues or nightclubs; however, dancing is allowed at weddings for the wedding party only (no more than 20 people).
- Dance and gym classes limited to 20 per class (masks must be worn).
- The one person per four square metre rules will be re-introduced for all indoor and outdoor settings, including weddings and funerals.
- Outdoor seated, ticketed events will be limited to 50 per cent seated capacity.

People who have been in the Greater Sydney region (including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast and Wollongong) on or after June 21 should follow the stay-at-home orders for a period of 14 days after they left Greater Sydney.

**People across NSW should only enter Greater Sydney for essential purposes.**

Community Sports, including lawn bowls, are permitted.

Bowls NSW Limited advises that the wearing of masks whilst playing lawn bowls (outdoors) is NOT mandatory, however, may be required if specified within a club's COVID Safe Plan.

It also recommends that clubs ensure that participants, where possible, are abiding by social distancing rules – this includes spectators and officials.

Participants are reminded that, as part of the new restrictions, persons must be wearing a mask in any indoor setting (except for when eating and/or drinking), be seated at all times and that clubs must now abide by the 1 person per 4 sq metre rule (both indoors and outdoors).

**2021 Events:**

All club & zone (State) events within the lockdown areas (or part thereof) must be postponed until 10 July. All other areas can continue with scheduled matches.

The closing dates for State Championships (Open Gender, administered by the former RNSWBA at Zone level) has been extended from 12 July to 2 August to allow Zones to reschedule matches.

At this stage, no decision has been made on the State Pennant Finals (Open Gender, administered by former RNSWBA) Grades 1 – 7 scheduled to be played from 16 -18 July.

Bowls NSW Limited will monitor the current situation and is expected to make a final decision on the status of these Pennant Finals by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, after consultation with host venues.

At this stage, all other events are proceeding as scheduled.

For all information on current COVID restrictions and government advice, click [here](#).

To view the information within current Public Health Order, click [here](#).

If you have any queries, please contact Bowls NSW Limited on 02 9283 4555 or 02 9267 7155.

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