

# CIRCULAR

**No:** 16/2021  
**Date:** 16 September 2021  
**To:** All Clubs  
**Re:** Update on Restrictions for Areas out of Lockdown



This Circular replaces the information in previous Circular No. 15/2021. With parts of regional NSW out of lockdown, Bowls NSW Ltd wishes to provide further clarification on the return to play for clubs following further consultation with ClubsNSW and the Office of Sport on the Public Health Order.

## Areas out of Lockdown (Classed as General Areas)

Bowling clubs located in the areas of regional NSW out of lockdown can open their greens. The licensed premises must be open for greens to be open, and it is up to individual clubs to decide if they open their greens.

The following play is permitted:

- Roll ups
- Social bowls
- Internal Club Championships

Under the current Public Health Order, all permitted play on outdoor greens is restricted to 1 person per 2 square metres of space. However, for the health and safety of members, Bowls NSW Ltd recommends that clubs impose a limit of 50 people per green. This recommendation applies to all indoor and outdoor greens.

All clubs must ensure that they have a current COVID-19 Safety Plan – a link to completing a Club COVID-19 Safety Plan is provided at the end of this Circular.

District/Regional/Zone matches are not permitted to be played until further notice.

Tournaments are not permitted to be played until further notice.

## Areas in Lockdown (Classed as Stay at Home Areas)

In accordance with the current Public Health Order, for those areas which are in lockdown, bowling clubs remain closed except for the sale of takeaway food and beverage.

Bowls NSW Ltd has made numerous representations to NSW Health seeking an exemption for bowling greens to be open on behalf of our members. To date, these submissions have been denied, however we are continuing to pursue the matter.

**Resources:**

[Current Public Health Orders](#) (as of 10 September 2021)

[Club COVID-19 Safety Plan](#)

[NSW Government COVID-19 Information](#)

[NSW Office of Sport COVID-19 Information](#)

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