

## Introduction

The Executive of Bowls South Africa (BSA) recognises the eminent threat that exposure to the Covid-19 virus poses to the health of our society in general and our membership in particular and is committed to ensuring that through the actions of those individuals and organisations charged with organising activities at which our members may participate in, or be affected by, these are undertaken with due reference to the best accepted health and safety protocols that have the effect of minimising the mitigation of the spreading of this disease.

## Facility Preparation and Maintenance

As all activities relating to the participation in our sport will take place at various venues across our country, it is imperative that all these facilities are properly prepared to ensure that approved health and safety protocols are correctly and properly implemented at all times. A club **Certificate of Compliance**, as per **Annexure B**, sets out all actions that are to be put in place prior to bowls being allowed to resume. The management of each venue will be required to submit documentation to this, certifying that these activities and actions have been put in place before any return to sport is allowed. This document **Certificate of Compliance**, is attached as per **Annexure B**.

## Participants Requirements

As much as the facilities need proper preparation, an equally imperative fact in the need to provide a safe environment, is that persons using the facility recognise and comply with all regulations as required of them.

### 1. Screening

It is a requirement in terms of the *Disaster Management Act (57/2002)* and regulations that all employees and staff must be screened for Covid-19 symptoms.

It is also required that all clubs must screen all persons who enter the premises before allowing them access to either the club buildings or any other facility to be used at the club.

A record of all patrons entering the facility, as per **Annexure E - Club Record of Attendance** must be kept. The object is to provide the relevant authorities with details should the tracking of people who may have been exposed to the Covid-19 virus be necessary. These documents must be kept for Six months in terms *Section 6A para.3 (a)(b)(c) and (d)* of regulations as published in the *Government Gazette 43434 dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020*.

Alternatively, the **Club Booking Calendar** application on the Bowls SA Database may be utilised and the data may be retrieved in detail from the system if required by the authorities. Members when booking through this system, must acknowledge that they have read and understand the required regulations. The Instructions for use are attached as **Annexure F - 4ClubBookings.pdf**.

#### For preparation:

Clubs must acquire a digital body temperature measuring device.

Clubs should consider the most appropriate place where the screening should take place, for instance at the main gate or a dedicated station to be set up at the clubhouse or various points.

Clubs must identify who will be appointed as the designated person(s) who needs to be trained to fulfil the screening-related tasks.

Clubs must create Sanitizing Points, where visitors will sanitize their hands.

**Please note that any persons whose temperature exceeds 37.8 C may not enter the premises.**

## 2. Social Distancing

Clubs will be required to ensure sufficient distancing when patrons arrive at the facility and at all stages within the Clubhouse and all facilities.

### For preparation:

Clubs to consider how to manage arrival intervals of all visitors to the premises, as well as the time spent at the facility.

Protocols to be practised are as per those contained in **Annexure C - Good Bowls Practice Guidelines**.

## 3. Hygiene

Clubs are to Ensure that:

- There are sufficient quantities of hand sanitizer available. Such hand sanitizer must have an alcohol content of at least 70%.
- All work surfaces and equipment are disinfected before any access to the club premises and regularly during the operational hours for areas such as toilets, common areas, door handles, etc.
- There are adequate facilities for the washing of hands with soap and clean water. Only paper towels are provided to dry hands after washing.
- Specific protocols are put in place to avoid any person touching common surfaces on the bowls greens.
- Only access to the ablution facilities is permitted.
- The areas of the clubhouse that will be accessed must be disinfected prior to use.
- All surfaces and equipment must be sanitised between and after the completion and before the commencement of each session.
- Only individual pre-packed meals with disposable drinking bottles are allowed on the premises. Under no circumstances may meals or drinking bottles be shared.
- Ensure every person must wear a mask.

***People arriving at the premises without such mask will be denied access to the premises.***

## 4. Payment systems

Clubs should consider payment options to protect the safety of members handling cash such as EFT transactions.

## 5. Clubhouse and Greens Staff

- Ensure that all equipment, tools etc. are thoroughly cleaned after use.
- Ensure workers wash and sanitize their hands regularly while at work.
- Ensure workers interacting with the public sanitize their hands between each interaction with public.
- Ensure that there is a distance at least one-and-a-half metres between workers and members of the public at all times.

## 6. Control Measures

Clubs should create **signage/information** that will be posted at appropriate positions at the facility and generating an **Employer Responsibility Checklist**. Bowls SA will provide electronic versions which can be printed locally.

The number of persons at the entire premises must be limited to the protocols as per **Annexure C**. Taking into account safety issues, ideally doors in the facility should remain open to facilitate flow of air.

A dedicated isolation area must be identified for use by any individual who exhibits symptoms of Covid-19 whilst they are at the club.

Plans for a phased return to full competitive readiness are set out in **Annexure A Risk Mitigation Guidelines**.

- Members must be aware that such planned phased return will be subject to the conditions as established by the relevant government authority from time to time.
- Clubs will be advised of such changes and this document will be amended in accordance with these conditions.
- Clubs must immediately notify their members and the compliance officer of such changes.

#### **7. Compliance Officer**

A compliance officer must be appointed in writing before any resumption of activities at the club. The compliance officer must oversee:

- The implementation of all measures as set out in this document.
- Adherence to health and safety protocols as set out herein.

#### **Conclusion**

The Executive of Bowls South Africa recognises that the preventive steps outlined in the strategy above and all accompanying appendices will not fully prevent the unintentional spread of the Covid-19. The onus remains very squarely on each member of our sport to exercise maximum care in any environment they may find themselves. Their behaviour should at all times exemplify the standards to which we all should aspire and adhere to.