

The Government confirmed on Monday 1st June that groups of six can now meet outside provided people from different households observe social distancing (staying at least 2m apart).

This is good news for bowls, as we are aware many of our clubs that have opened, or wished to reopen, felt the previous Government guidance on numbers was restrictive, a number observing that pairs in particular could be played safely in accordance with social distancing.

Whilst the Government guidance now enables triples play, clubs may also wish to consider alternative formats with reduced numbers per rink – for example singles and pairs – in order for social distancing to be more easily maintained.

We have updated our guidance and FAQ accordingly as attached and encourage all clubs who do wish to open to take time to look at how they can operate effectively and safely within the new limits, while strictly adhering to public health guidance around hygiene and social distancing.

The key changes in the latest guidance reflect:

- The increase in number of people permitted to participate together on a single rink;
- Provision for clubs to consider attendance by spectators;
- Provision for clubs to consider additional equipment;
- Increase in number of people that can receive coaching at any one time

For the latest Government guidance for sport go to: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-phased-return-of-sport-and-recreation/guidance-for-the-public-on-the-phased-return-of-outdoor-sport-and-recreation>

As you can imagine, we are receiving a lot of enquiries and we would kindly request you digest the guidance and send us an e-mail if you need any more information. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

Please continue to share your experiences of getting #back2bowls and, if you are enjoying a return to the green, we hope please do so in a safe way.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS GUIDANCE AND FAQ SUPERSEDES ALL PREVIOUS VERSIONS