

Latest Guidelines from the W.B.A and the W.W.B.A.

I think everyone appreciates that it is an exceedingly difficult time for all concerned and we recognise that those wishing to return to the bowling greens are looking for more guidance from us.

Our priority is the safety and well being of all our members and we need to ensure the advice we give will not be detrimental to anyone using our clubs and facilities particularly those people within our clubs taking responsibility during these changes.

Welsh government guidance released on 10th July states “changes to regulations to allow larger gatherings of up to thirty people outdoors only where these are organised and supervised by a responsible person for sports and other leisure activities and classes”.

From the government site, it clarifies, organised outdoor activities, including team sports and classes, involving up to thirty people can go ahead from Monday 13th July.

The activity must be outdoors and organised by a business, a public body or charitable institution, a club or national governing body of sport or other activity.

The person organising the activity needs to have carried out an appropriate risk assessment.

We therefore think it is in order for clubs to allow up to thirty people on the green in whatever format they deem safe and appropriate to their individual settings, as long as they ensure the guidance above and the bullet points below, which should already be in place, are adhered to.

- Government Guidelines
- Social Distancing – Still two metres in Wales.
- Supervision by a responsible person
- Booking system
- Risk Assessment
- Test, trace and protect. Clubs are advised to appoint a designated officer to oversee the contact details of everyone who uses their facilities. This enables the club to track who is using the facilities should anyone show symptoms of the virus following activity.
- Test, Trace and protect guidelines from the Welsh Government can be found here. <https://gov.wales/test-trace-protect>
- Role description for a covid19 officer and covid19 club checklist support can be found here. <https://bowlswales.com/covid-19>

Further guidance will be issued as and when the government allows further relaxation or indeed tightening of the regulations to control covid19.

Please note that anyone showing any symptoms of the virus should follow the advice and seek help by calling 111 to see if they require testing and self-isolating.

See [https://111.wales.nhs.uk/coronavirus\(2019ncov\)](https://111.wales.nhs.uk/coronavirus(2019ncov)) for more help and advice.