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To: Districts, Regions/Zones & Clubs

Re: UPDATED ADVICE FROM NSW HEALTH REGARDING COMMUNITY SPORT RESTRICTIONS

NSW Health & NSW Office of Sport have updated and revised the guidelines for current restrictions on Community Sports, that were released last week.

The restrictions on community sport commenced, last Wednesday 19th August and are in place for 6-weeks, ending 30th September.

Womens Bowls NSW (WBNSW) and Bowls NSW (BNSW) advise that the revision of restrictions concerns mainly those areas outside of Greater Sydney Metropolitan Area and are as follows:

Districts/Regions/Zones outside Greater Sydney Metropolitan Area:

These affect Zones 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 11 – 14 – 15 – 16 for Bowls NSW.

These affect Regions 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 8 – 9 – 10 – 11 – 12 for Womens Bowls NSW.

The updated advice is that competitions within regional Region/Zone (this includes Districts) boundaries can be conducted.

It is still recommended that for tournaments a club should limit as much as possible

entrants/participants from Local Government Area (LGA) or neighboring LGA's.

Any competition that requires participants to travel and stay overnight, car pooling or shared travel arrangements should also be avoided.

Both Associations recognise that administrations in these areas may have already put in place alternative arrangements post the original 6-weeks' notice and it will be at those administrations discretion, if they would prefer to alter plans or keep in place the new scheduled dates.

Districts/Regions/Zones within Greater Sydney Metropolitan Area:

These affect Zones 5 – 9 – 10 – 12 – 13 for Bowls NSW.

These affect Regions 7 – 13 – 14 – 15 – 16 for Womens Bowls NSW.

The revised guidelines for Community Sport within Greater Sydney Metropolitan Area is for State Organisations to divide the area "into at least 8 specific regions".

This, is quite obviously, not a viable option for both Associations for Regions/Zones to conduct Association events.

Therefore, the above Regions/Zones are to remain with the suspension of all Association events for the 6-week period of original restrictions. This does not include Club Championships.

Club tournaments held within the Greater Sydney Metropolitan Area should be limited to entrants/participants from their LGA or immediate neighboring LGA's only.

In all areas:

Members who do not reside in their clubs LGA are advised to consider if it is necessary to participate in club activities during this time.

WBNSW & BNSW recommend to clubs with their social bowls programs to limit participation to club members and to affiliated members from other clubs within their LGA or immediate surrounding LGA's only.

Please note that individual clubs may also have restrictions on members & visitors allowed onto their premises, under their individual COVID safe plans, and especially in clubs within high alert and known hotspot areas.

WBNSW & BNSW understand and apologise for any confusion that may be caused due to these regular updating of guidelines, however, both Associations are attempting to keep members informed with all changes that are directed to community sporting organisations by NSW Health & Office of Sport, in an ever changing environment.

To view the updated NSW Health/NSW Office of Sport recommendations, click [here](#)

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