

**Subject:** Bowls SA COVID -19 Restrictions

Hi everyone

It has been brought to our notice that certain clubs are violating the lockdown restrictions by encouraging their members to play bowls under various rules etc.

The purpose of this mail is to inform you that Bowls SA, as the controlling body of the sport has not issued any permission for bowlers to start playing our sport in violation of the lockdown restrictions. Bowls SA reserves the right to discipline any individual who brings our sport into disrepute under the terms and conditions of our code of conduct policy.

Bowls SA has put a case to the government to allow the commencement of bowls under strict conditions. We are informed that they have received 675 submissions from various interested parties and that they will consider these and notify us in due course. Considering the volume of submissions we do not expect a response before the end of next week. Notwithstanding the above we understand that the government is considering allowing walking of dogs, jogging and maybe cycling to encourage a limited amount of exercise. We therefore do not expect a favourable response at this stage.

We wish to make it clear that should clubs allow bowls activity their members run the risk of being arrested. These bowlers should not expect any support from Bowls SA. The current restrictions only allow for sporting activity from level 1. There is currently no sporting activity under levels 2 – 5. Kindly circulate a copy of this mail to all the clubs under your control.

Regards

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