



## RETURN TO GOLF AND BOWLS - GUIDELINES



### INTRODUCTION

Yowani Country Club has a responsibility to protect not just the golf and bowls community but the broader ACT community and to assist in preventing outbreaks of COVID-19 where possible. All Yowani stakeholders must play a role if we are to slow the spread of COVID-19.

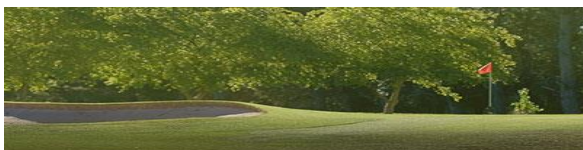
Access to golf and bowls facilities at Yowani is subject to the directions of the ACT Government and, more specifically, the ACT Department of Sport and Recreation and the ACT Department of Health.

### COVID-SAFE APP

Yowani Country Club supports the Australian Government's COVIDSafe app and we strongly encourage all members of the Club to download the app. For more information including where and how to download the app, please click [HERE](#)

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On Wednesday 13 May 2020, the ACT Government announced a relaxing of social gathering rules (phase 1) to allow the resumption of community sporting activity in outdoor spaces from Saturday 16 May, but at all times limited to a maximum of 10 people. However, it is important to stress that there have been no changes to the social distancing and personal hygiene directives which continue to apply to participation in the sports of golf and bowls. Phase 1 changes align with Level B activities within the AIS Framework (see below).



These “Return to Golf and Bowls Guidelines” have been developed and adopted by Yowani Country Club in line with the [Australian Institute of Sport Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 Environment](#) as well as directions from the ACT Government. The AIS Framework outlines 3 recommended levels of activity for community and individual sport. For Golf and Bowls, these are:

### **Golf**

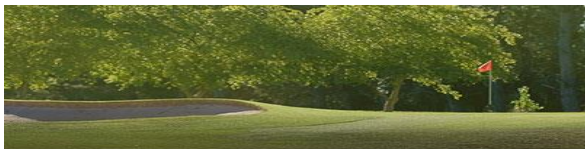
- **Level A** - Solo or pairs only (if permitted by local Government). Maintain at least 1.5m between players.
- **Level B** - Full training. Maintain at least 1.5m between players.
- **Level C** - Full training and competition. Maintain at least 1.5m between players where possible.

*NB: Competition Golf is permitted under Level A and Level B so long as appropriate physical distancing and hygiene protocols are adhered to.*

### **Bowls**

- **Level A** - A maximum of 2 people are allowed per green at any one time. All players are to use separate mats and jacks (or ensure that the same player on each rink places mats or places/rolls jacks). Other bowls equipment cannot be shared between players (e.g. bowls, cloths, measures). Coaching should be limited to no more than a coach and 1 other person at the time and all practicing physical distancing of 1.5m during the coaching session. No barefoot bowls activity.
- **Level B** – A maximum of 10 persons is allowed per green at any one time. Maintain at least 1.5m between players on green. Bowling Clubs may need to have a booking system in place to facilitate (Levels A and B). Bowling Clubs with more than one green need to ensure that compliance is achieved in respect to social gathering and personal hygiene restrictions.
- **Level C** - Coaching is permitted. Resume normal activities (including competition) and player numbers but maintain at least 1.5m between players on green. Barefoot bowls permitted.

These guidelines will be updated in accordance with advice and instruction from the ACT Government.



## DOS AND DON'TS SUMMARY

### **Do**

- Adhere to these guidelines and other COVID Safe Policies published by the Club
- Book your tee time and/or Bowls game prior to participation
- Practice good hand and personal hygiene before, during and after play
- Comply with the maximum of 10 people rule
- Maintain social distancing rules
- Adhere to non-contact principles
- Play/practice only – “get in, play/train, and get out”

### **Don't**

- Participate if unwell
- Exceed the number of people permitted per bowling green or golf group
- Use locker rooms, change rooms or showers
- Share equipment
- Share drink bottles, food, towels etc
- Stay at the Club after playing and/or practicing

## PERSONAL HYGIENE AND PHYSICAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS

- No handshaking, high fives or fist pumps – congratulate/thank your fellow Member with a thumbs up;
- Do not share food or water;
- Cover nose and mouth with tissue or flexed elbow when coughing or sneezing;
- Keep 1.5m distance from anyone at all times;
- No more than 1 person per 4 square metres;
- Use alcohol-based hand wash where available;
- Wash hands with soap and water and dry with paper towel before, during and after games; and
- Avoid picking up another player's bowl or golf ball.



## BEHAVIOUR REQUIREMENTS

- PLEASE CONTINUE TO OBSERVE AND PRACTICE ENHANCED HYGIENE MEASURES FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL MEMBERS AND STAFF AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, STAY AWAY FROM YOWANI IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL, REGARDLESS OF THE SYMPTOMS. IT IS ALSO VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT YOU SELF-ISOLATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES IF YOU HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO SOMEONE SUFFERING FROM COVID-19 OR IF YOU HAVE RECENTLY RETURNED FROM OVERSEAS;
- PLEASE CONTACT THE CLUB IMMEDIATELY (CLUB@YOWANI.COM.AU) IF YOU HAVE TESTED POSITIVE TO COVID-19 AND HAVE VISITED THE CLUB IN THE LEAD UP TO YOUR POSITIVE DIAGNOSIS; and
- NO SPITTING AT ANY TIME.

## INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

- In the event of a COVID-19 positive result at the Club, Yowani may be required to support contact tracing efforts by ACT Health (including access to records related to playing and/or practicing)
- To enable this, participants are required to record attendance at the Club on every occasion:

### **Golf**

- Competition golf via electronic timesheets
- Social golf via pre-booked rounds through the Yowani Pro Shop

### **Bowls**

- Competition bowls via pre-booked registrations with the Yowani Bowls Committee
  - Social (roll-up) Bowls via registering with Yowani Reception (6241 3377) or emailing [club@yowani.com.au](mailto:club@yowani.com.au)
- Protocols will apply related to quarantine/self-isolation for the individual/s and those contacts considered at risk.



## OTHER RESOURCES AND YOWANI POLICIES

### **Government Resources**

[Australian Government Information](#)

[ACT Government Information](#)

[AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport](#)

[COVID Safe App](#)

### **Yowani Policies**

[Card-Marking-Rules-under-Social-Distancing-Temporary-Local-Rule-002.pdf](#)

[Local-Golf Rules-Temporary-COVID-19](#)

[Yowani-Country-Club-Interim-Social-bowls-Procedures-18052020.pdf](#)

