

Update from the committee for ASC members from 13 July 2020

Following the FMs announcement on 10 July 2020 there have been some new requirements and some lessening of other restrictions in bowls and tennis.

GENERAL GUIDANCE

Please continue to follow all previous guidance including:

- hygiene
- social distancing
- staying at home if you have symptoms or anyone in your household has symptoms
- shielding
- the requirement to book rinks and courts in advance has not changed.
- facilities requirements including use of toilets
- car parks

Note: the 5 mile travel restriction was removed on 6 July 2020.

NEW REQUIREMENT

- the new guidance says more specifically that the venue should have a record who has been on the premises which should be kept for a minimum of 21 days. If you join a group session, the person nominated to organise that session must keep a list of all attendees and you agree to be on the list by playing

MAIN CHANGES

- there have been changes to the number of people who can play at one time as outlined in the bowls and tennis playing sections including club mornings/evenings
- there have been changes to the guidance for coaches. No bowls coaching currently takes place. Nigel Hunter, our tennis coach, needs to be involved in decisions around coaching and I will report to the committee for discussion on this in due course before any coaching takes place
- there have been changes to the guidance for events but this is not currently applicable to us
- tennis friendlies can now take place between clubs and within clubs e.g. club competitions
- there are minor changes to tennis equipment guidance but previous guidance remains the safest

PLAYING BOWLS

The statement from BowlsWales is:

BowlsWales Covid-19 Update

Following the First Ministers announcements today, 10th July, BowlsWales is pleased to announce that from Monday 13th of July gatherings of 30 people in organised activities may take place.

'The Welsh Government is making changes to the regulations to allow larger gatherings of up to 30 people outdoors only where these are organised and supervised by a responsible person for sports and other leisure activities and classes.'

This now means outdoor group coaching sessions can now re-start safely whilst following the Welsh Government and Industry guidelines.

<https://bowls.wales.com/news/>

As bowls requires a responsible person to be in charge of any larger gatherings, please:

1. Make sure there is a nominated person to run each session who has read and understood all the requirements
2. The nominated person should let the secretary know they are nominated and then make the bookings
3. The nominated person should make a record of all attendees and keep it for 21 days
4. The nominated person should be able to remind players of all the required hygiene and social distancing guidance
5. If anyone wishes to organise a competition they should make sure they understand the requirements and discuss this with the welfare officer first

PLAYING TENNIS

The headline you have all been waiting for is:

PLAYERS: UPDATED: Both singles play and doubles play is now permitted with people from outside of your household, as long as you remain 2 metres apart – meaning that four people from different households can play doubles. It is also possible to run sessions with certain restrictions such as having a person in charge.

However, the following is the full update from Tennis Wales. Please would all players ensure they read at least the full venue and player sections.

https://mcusercontent.com/fea3109b209ef1298c4ee5e6c/files/f69f9edd-b28d-43a9-9526-f14a8d59e8e1/Return_to_Play_Venues_Coaches_and_Players_in_Wales_13th_July_update_DRAFT.pdf

In order to fulfil the requirements of larger group and session based tennis, please:

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2. The nominated person should let the secretary know they are nominated and then make the bookings
3. The nominated person should make a record of all attendees and keep it for 21 days
4. The nominated person should be able to remind players of all the required hygiene and social distancing guidance
5. If anyone wishes to organise a competition they should make sure they understand the requirements and discuss this with the Welfare Officer first.

Enjoy your sport.