



## **Unvaccinated Players Bowls Policy**

### **Memo to all bowlers**

As from 5am 17 December, the Queensland Government has mandated that all patrons attending a non-essential business ie Buderim Bowls Club need to be fully vaccinated.

A person is considered fully vaccinated when they have had two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine recognised by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).

An exemption to this mandate is that unvaccinated bowlers can participate in lawn bowl events at the club if the club permits. At the November Management Committee Meeting, the committee agreed to allow unvaccinated bowlers to participate in lawn bowl events within the club.

Obviously, there are several government enforced restrictions surrounding the unvaccinated bowler. The main restriction being that the unvaccinated bowler cannot enter the main part of the club. For all reference purposes these areas will be the bar area & function room.

### **ENTRANCE TO THE CLUB**

All unvaccinated bowlers will be able to enter the club via front automated door. On entering the club, it is compulsory to check-in using the QR Code in the lobby area. All unvaccinated bowlers will then need to exit the lobby via the side door near the office and then walk down the first set of steps to the playing area.

### **LOCKER ROOM**

Unvaccinated male members with lockers will be permitted to gather their bowls. On gathering their playing equipment, they must immediately exit the locker room and exit the lobby area as described above.

Unvaccinated lady members with lockers will be permitted into the lady's locker room via the steps leading from the front green. On gathering their equipment, they must immediately exit the locker room via the steps leading to the front green.

### **GREEN FEES**

During this enforced period green fees will be collected at a window adjoining the front deck. Unvaccinated bowlers will be permitted to pay green fees from the deck at the window. Payment by EFTPOS is preferable.

### **PLAYING OF BOWLS**

There are no restrictions to the playing of bowls. Unvaccinated & vaccinated bowlers can play together as it's a designated outdoor area.

Unvaccinated players cannot use the club as a thoroughfare when changing greens. You must use the walkway between the club & the toilet block.

#### **UNVACCINATED BOWLERS' AREA**

At this stage an area at the western end of the deck will be reserved for unvaccinated bowlers. (This may change as we are seeking clarification regarding the deck area).

Unvaccinated bowlers will be permitted to sit in this area prior to the commencement of bowls at afternoon tea & for presentations. *NB. Unvaccinated players are not permitted to enter the club to obtain beverages or refreshments. These will need to be brought out by a vaccinated bowler.*

#### **TOILETS**

The disabled toilet in the toilet block at the western end of the club will only be used by unvaccinated players during the playing of bowls.

The Management Committee made the decision to allow unvaccinated bowlers to compete in bowls as Queensland Health has deemed it safe for both vaccinated and unvaccinated players. As a small club we need to continue to trade and make the club available for play to all members regardless of their vaccination status. However, there are rules set out by the government and as a club we must adhere to their requirements.

I would ask all members to be courteous and respect each other's decisions during this period.

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