



**The Irish Bowls Federation (IBF) is aware of the NI Executive's 'Pathway out of Restrictions' which has been announced on the 2 March 2021. A specific pathway for sport has been included in this communication as one of 9 pathways to lead society out of lock-down.**

Further detail can be found at the following link:

[The Executive's pathway out of restrictions | The Executive Office \(executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk\)](https://www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/news/2021/03/02/pathway-out-of-restrictions)

The 'Pathway to Recovery' places a return of outdoor sport, along with golf and tennis, at Phase 2 of the process.

This should allow a return to outdoor bowls this summer and the IBF are cautiously optimistic of the return to some form of competitive bowls.

Indoor bowls will be allowed to return in Phase 3.

The NI Executive plan to review the restrictions on 16<sup>th</sup> March ahead of the end of the current restrictions on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Once details of the implementation of phase 2 are announced we will provide guidance as to when we can return to the bowling greens with the mitigations used in the IBF COVID 19 Guidelines issued last year.

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# SPORTS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES

LOCKDOWN

## 1 Lockdown Restrictions

- Outdoor exercise with own household or one other person - stay in local area
- Training and competition for elite athletes permitted

## 2 By the end of this Cautious First Steps phase...

- Outdoor sports facilities re-open for training and organised group activities
- Outdoor competitive sport can resume with no spectators
- Outdoor sport for children can resume with accompanying responsible adults allowed to attend

## 3 By the end of this Gradual Easing phase...

- Leisure centres and all indoor sports facilities reopen, including swimming pools and gyms
- Indoor group activities and classes resume
- Leisure activity venues reopen, including soft play
- Indoor activities for children can resume with accompanying responsible adults allowed to attend

## 4 By the end of this Further Easing phase...

- Limited number of outdoor spectators allowed
- Limited number of indoor spectators allowed

## 5 Preparing for the Future

- Further outdoor spectators allowed
- Further indoor spectators allowed

RELAXATIONS

## EXAMPLES OF WHAT THIS MIGHT MEAN FOR YOU

