

OPERATION PROTOCOLS for LAWN BOWLING IN NEW BRUNSWICK 2020

Phase 1 (Orange) - training and practice, modified club play

Phase 2 - (Yellow) - Club play and competitions

Phase 3 - (Green) - Regional/provincial competition

It is essential that any and all decisions regarding the timing and protocol for a resumption of Bowls activity *must* adhere to Federal, Provincial and Local Public Health Authorities. The guidelines and legislations of Provincial and Local Health Authorities must be respected and will take precedence.

To determine readiness for return to play implementation, the following steps are required.

- Clubs **MUST** first contact their Municipal/City authority before implementing Operational Protocols. BNBB is working closely with BCB and Sports NB on what standards are required for sport and recreation facilities.
- Clubs must also confirm with their insurance providers that they are covered.
- Adhere to Provincial Physical Distancing Rules (2 meters/6 feet). Each Club must determine and post the maximum number of persons that can be accommodated at the club at one time (not to exceed phase protocols). No public access to facility.
- Orange Phase - double bubble (two families), maximum outside gathering of 10 persons.
- Yellow Phase - Close family & friends, gathering indoors limited to no more than 10 people, limit close contact at all times. Depending upon Provincial restrictions which must be adhered to, maximum outside gathering of 10 or 50 persons.

The following areas must be considered for any return to play implementation:

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OPERATIONAL PROTOCOLS

- Clubs should place signage at entrances and throughout the facility in all common areas including the clubhouse, greens, storage areas, etc. outlining pre-screening, physical distancing and hand-washing recommendations/protocols.
- Clubs should post and ensure that all participants are aware of signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
- Encourage participants to use the Government of Canada [tracking application](#) to monitor and track symptoms before coming out to play. Use of this application would also help with the implementation of a tracing protocol.
- Appoint a safety officer or safety committee that will be responsible for overseeing and monitoring the operational protocols, ensure all areas and equipment are appropriately cleaned and ready for use.

CLUBHOUSE

- The clubhouse should remain closed to activities to further reduce the potential of infection except for the use of the washroom. Use signage and tools to block all areas not to be accessed. For example the kitchen should be closed and no food or beverages allowed.
- Provide necessary sanitation supplies such as disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizers, etc.
- Dedicate resources to clean and sanitize all identified usable areas and equipment on a daily basis, before and after use. Create a cleaning log to identify when items are cleaned/sanitized throughout the day. Follow [Government of Canada disinfecting guidelines](#) for cleaning common areas.
- Water fountains should be closed. Bowlers should bring their own water.
- Limit washroom entry to only one person at a time. Post a cleaning and disinfectant protocol for each occupant to follow before exiting. Establish a clear recognition tool so others are aware of when a washroom is “in use” and do not enter.
- In the event the clubhouse is large enough to allow two washrooms being used, everyone inside should maintain physical distancing, no congregating inside.
- Provide bins for managing waste. Plastic bags should be inserted and used for disposal.

COMMON STORAGE AND EQUIPMENT USE

- Bowlers should bring and use their own personal bowls and equipment and store their personal equipment in their car. Only those using club bowls or those that use other methods of transportation such as bicycles should access the bowls room for bowls and only one at a time.
- Post signage outlining the Protocol for Equipment Storage and Use, designate a “sanitized” area and “un-sanitized area”.
- Only one person at a time may enter the storage areas to remove a set of sanitized bowls, jacks, pusher, UBI launcher and mat, etc.

- **Yellow Phase:** Outdoor tables may be used. They should be covered with a plastic mat that is easily sanitized. Sanitizing used table top area prior to leaving and physical distancing rules should be posted.

BOWLS ACTIVITY

Orange Phase - Have bowlers pre-schedule the use of a rink. Bowlers without a pre-scheduled time should not be permitted access. A maximum of ten persons are allowed at one time. No public access. Restrict the number of people on a rink to a maximum of two (singles game) or four (pairs game) maintaining physical distancing rules.

- **Yellow Phase** - Each club must determine the maximum number it can accommodate at one time (10, 50 or less depending upon Provincial restrictions). Should clubs decide not to pre-schedule access in the Yellow Phase, they must appoint a member to monitor access and limit entry as per club rules. No public access. Restrict the number of people on a rink to a maximum of four(pairs) or six (triples). Individuals must maintain physical distancing rules.
- Advise bowlers to ensure they meet the Provincial Pre-screening requirements prior to arriving at the club. Include as part of the sign-up process a commitment from participants that they have completed the pre-screening and will adhere to club protocols during their session.
- Have bowlers pre-schedule the use of a rink. Provide at least one hour between playing time slots to minimize contact between the participants of different slots and provide time for preparation, sanitizing and departure. Playing time slots should allow sufficient time so players do not cross paths unnecessarily.
- Keep a record of each person who arrives at the club and identify their arrival and departure times. This record can be virtual/digital if possible, to avoid multiple people using the same book/log.
- Do not permit bowlers to congregate in the parking lot, clubhouse or outside area before or after they have finished bowling. Post a sign to remind bowlers of this protocol.
- There should be at least one empty rink between rinks being used.
- All equipment used must be sanitized before and after play: club bowls, mats, jacks, pushers, UBI launders, pick up tools, etc. No use of scoreboards.
- If coaches are available, they should maintain physical distancing practices, and should not share equipment with participants (including bowls, jacks, and mats). Coaches must adhere to all return to play protocols.

BOWLER PROTOCOLS (Provide to all members and post at the club)

- Use COVID-19 pre-screening tool. If you are feeling unwell, regardless of the symptoms, stay home.
- **Orange Phase:** Pre-schedule when you would like to play, do not just show up and expect to play.
- **Yellow Phase:** Sign up for club/competition play. Bowlers without a pre-scheduled time are not permitted access to the club facility.
- Do not bring visitors with you to your **scheduled bowling time slot**, do not allow public access.
- Maintain physical distancing by staying a minimum of two metres (six feet) away from each other at all times. Yellow Phase: For close family and friends, please limit your close contact at all times.
- Bring your own refreshments (water), antiseptic wipes/sanitizer, pencil, and lawn chair. Rubber gloves may be used for sanitizing equipment. Hand washing techniques should be a priority.
- Arrive no more than 5 minutes before your scheduled time, and leave promptly when you are finished. Sanitize your hands prior to entry.
- Do not access closed spaces or equipment.
- Do not enter the washroom if there is already someone else inside or if the washroom has been closed. Sanitize after use. Use proper hand washing and hygiene techniques.
- Use your own bowls. If you use club bowls, ensure they are sanitized prior to and after play. Do not touch or share someone else's bowls or equipment.
- Mats/Pushers: If allowed by the club for use, designate one person to handle a mat and/or pusher for the entire game (not per team) at each end. The designated person should ensure the mat and/or pusher is sanitized before and following play. For the mat, the lead can give length instruction. Recommend placing the mat three meters from the ditch to ensure physical distancing. Otherwise, kick your bowls in or pick up your own bowls.
- Jack: Two jacks per game, one for each lead to be handled only by the lead. Ensure use of antiseptic wipe or pick-up tool, prior to picking up and delivering the jack. The skip must use a pick-up tool or foot to set the jack. No one else touches the jack.
- Measuring: Only one person measures the bowls and sorts out the bowls that have scored not actually touching the bowls to ensure physical distancing. A pick-up tool (UBI launcher or shelf grabber) can be used to move the bowls around and only one person per game handles the stick.
- Do not use scoreboards.
- Do not shake hands or high five.
- Do not visit with other people; stick to your assigned rink and maintain physical distancing.
- Do not sit on a bench more than one person at a time. Bring your own lawn chair.
- Should you not follow safety precautions or other guidelines, you will be advised and may not be allowed to return to play this season. Keep yourself and everyone else SAFE.

General Safety Protocols

- Educate volunteers and participants to recognize the symptoms of COVID-19. A list of symptoms is available from the [Government of Canada](#) and an information graphic is available as an attachment to these protocols.
- Establish a communication plan to keep volunteers and participants informed and updated on issues affecting the club.
- Establish a policy that requires volunteers, staff, and participants to inform you when they've been exposed to any highly communicable illness. Direct them to the local health agency for testing. Implement a screening program to ensure all staff/volunteers/participants are healthy and have not travelled outside of Canada. Consider using the Government of Canada [tracking application](#) for this purpose. Ensure you have a process to notify your members and those directly impacted should a participant test positive.
- Conduct meetings by phone or online where possible. If in-person meetings are required, maintain physical distancing.
- Deal with individuals who do not follow safety precautions or other guidelines that the club had adopted.

Tracing Protocol

- Follow the tracing protocols established by your local health authorities.
- Ensure you have a process to notify your members and those directly impacted should a participant test positive.
- Consider the consequences and ability to implement tracing protocols before allowing participants to return to play at your facility.

SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE FOR COVID-19

YOU SHOULD NOT GO TO PLAY IF YOU FEEL SICK.

If you have two (2) or more of the following symptoms, stay home, self-isolate and call 811.

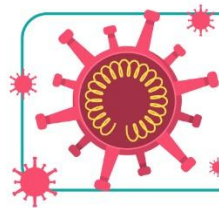
- Fever or signs of a fever (such as chills)
- New cough or worsening of a chronic cough
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Runny nose
- New onset of fatigue
- New onset of muscle pain
- Diarrhea
- Loss of taste or smell

If you answer YES to any of the following, then you must stay home and self-isolate for 14 days. If you develop symptoms, please refer to the self-assessment link on the Government of New Brunswick webpage.

- Have you had close contact within the last 14 days with a confirmed case of COVID-19?
- Have you been diagnosed with COVID-19?
- Have you returned from travel outside of New Brunswick within the last 14 days?
- Have you been told by Public Health that you may have been exposed to COVID-19?
- Follow Public Health advice if you are waiting for testing results for COVID-19.

CORONAVIRUS

Covid-19 or 2019-nCov



WHAT IS IT? Q

COVID-19 is a new virus and so health officials are still learning about its impact and severity. At this time, it appears to cause an illness similar to the flu with the most common signs of infection being fever, cough and shortness of breath. In severe cases patients can develop pneumonia, severe respiratory distress, kidney failure and death.



PREVENTION



Stay at home when you are sick



Avoid touching eyes, nose, & mouth with unwashed hands



Avoid close contact with people who are sick



Clean & disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces



Wash your hands at least 20 seconds



Use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue



Avoid crowded places and all unnecessary travel



SYMPTOMS

Common Less typical



INCUBATION

Because the early symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to other respiratory illnesses, if you have any of the common symptoms (fever, cough and shortness of breath) you should contact your doctor's office and arrange to have a consultation.



REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19. WASH YOUR HANDS.



1

Wet hands with
warm water



2

Apply soap



3

For at least 20
seconds, make
sure to wash:



4

Rinse well



5

Dry hands well
with paper towel



6

Turn off tap using
paper towel



palm and back
of each hand



between fingers



under nails



thumbs

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