

**Recommended Return to Play Framework
for the Burlington Lawn Bowling Club**

Phase 1

I. Pre-Screening

A. Burlington lawn Bowling Club will ensure that all participants are aware of signs and symptoms of COVID-19. A questionnaire will be provided to all members who wish to play to screen out any potentially infected members.

B. All members wishing to play will be encouraged to use the Government of Canada COVID-19 app to monitor and track symptoms before coming out to play.

C. Safety officers will be appointed by the Board to oversee and monitor the return to play protocol at each playing session.

2. **Recommended Protocols for Operations**

A. Clubhouse

1. The club house will remain **closed** to all bowlers except for one washroom for emergency use only.

2. The washroom to be used will be a unisex room. Signage will be placed by all entrances and storage facilities outlining the physical distancing guidelines in place, as well as hand-washing recommendations/protocols.

3. One stall will be designated for use. One sink will be designated for use.

Only one person will be allowed in the washroom at a time. A key will be required.

Signs will be posted for when it is in use. The room will be sanitized between uses by the user and sanitised by at the end of each session.

4. If the washroom is in use please wait outside the clubhouse and not inside the washroom area. The rest of the club house is off limits.

5. Resources will be allocated to clean and sanitize the club house daily. See Government of Canada disinfecting guidelines for cleaning common areas.

6. Disinfect all surfaces and materials before and after use. If you are unsure of which sanitizing products to use please see the safety officer monitoring that session.

7. The water cooler will be closed. Bowlers should bring their own water.
8. The kitchen is closed. No food or beverages in the club house.
9. When not on the green playing, **face masks must** be worn
10. Hand sanitizer and/or disinfectant wipes will be provided in common places, however, it is recommended that each member bring their own hand sanitizer and or disinfecting wipes.

B. Protocol for Common Storage and Equipment Use

1. It is recommended that bowlers bring and use their personal bowls. In those cases, where participants do not have access to their own bowls, the following will occur. At all times, the guidelines and legislation of Provincial and Local Health Authorities must be respected and will take precedence over these recommendations.
2. Only the safety officer may enter the bowls storage area to remove a set of sanitized bowls.
3. A specific set of bowls will be assigned to a specific person for their use during this Phase of RTP (Return to Play).
4. Members using club bowls will be required to sign out a set for this phase of RTP and will be responsible for the bowls. The bowls must be taken home each session and can not be left at the club.
5. Members will be issued a ball to use as a jack. They must bring it back disinfected for subsequent sessions. A member is permitted to use their own mat and jack if they own them, they must be taken home at the end of the practice session and disinfected after each use.

C. Protocol for Phase 1 Bowls Activity – Practice

1. Scheduling
 - a) Members will register by phone or email to reserve a rink.
 - b) Registration will be open until 7:00 PM on the day prior practice.

- c) Members who fail to register by 7:00 PM will not be permitted to play.
 - d) The draw master will be designated to manage the scheduling process for playing.
 - g) If nobody is registered by 7:00 PM on the prior day, the club will not open that day.
 - h) Included as part of the sign-up process is a commitment from participants that they have completed the pre-screening and will adhere to club protocols during their session.
 - i) The safety officer will record the entry and exit time for each participant.
 - j) Participants must register individually for time slots. Two members from the same house must still register separately.
 - k) Members may only register for one time slot per day, unless approved by the draw master prior to the day to fill any empty time slots.
 - l) We ask that you keep in mind your fellow members and be respectful of their desire to play.
2. Bowlers will be reminded to complete whatever screening tools the club has provided prior to arriving at the club for their pre-scheduled time to bowl.
 3. All players will enter through the patio gate and exit through the large gate from the greens.
 4. There is NO congregating on the patio area during this phase. The patio will be marked off and closed.
 5. The bar will also be closed during this initial phase.
 6. Bowlers will be instructed to arrive no more than 5 minutes before their scheduled time slot to discourage loitering.
 7. Bowlers will be instructed to wait in their cars until their rink is available.
 8. A maximum of one (1) individual will be allowed per rink or (2) two if from the same household during Phase 1.
 9. There will be a minimum of one empty rink between rinks being used.

10. Club mats will not be used during this phase. Members must bring their own mats or a towel for personal use.
11. Groundsheets are not to be used in Phase 1.
12. No competitions will occur during Phase 1. It will be for practice only.
13. Do not use scoreboards. Do not use pushers/rakes, but kick the bowls in or pick up your own bowls. Do not touch someone else's bowls or equipment.
14. Benches and tables on the patio should not be used. The benches under the shelters at the end of the rinks may be used only if necessary, provided members can assure social distancing practice.
15. Signage will be posted throughout the playing area to advise participants of the safety protocols in place.

D. Bowler Expectations

1. Pre-schedule when you would like to play; do not just show up and expect to play.
2. Arrive no more than 5 minutes before your scheduled time, and leave the green 10 minutes to the hour when you are finished.
3. Practice physical distancing by staying a minimum of two metres away from each other at all times.
4. Use your own bowls. If you do not own your own bowls, make sure you follow the posted safety protocols for using club bowls if they are available.
5. Bring a towel to use in place of a mat.
6. People should set their own jack (tennis ball)
7. Do not share equipment.
8. Do not shake hands or high five.
9. Do not visit with other people; stick to your assigned rink and maintain physical distancing.
10. Do not bring visitors with you to your scheduled bowling time slot.

11. Do not access closed spaces or equipment. This includes benches on the patio. Shelter benches should not be used if possible.
12. Do not loiter in the parking lot before or after you have finished bowling
13. Do not enter the washroom if there is already someone else inside or if the washroom has been closed.
14. Bring your own water.
15. Take home your own waste material.
16. If you are feeling unwell, regardless of the symptoms, stay home.