

BOCCE CLUB

RE-OPENING GUIDELINES

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This document includes actions to be taken by organizations that operate bocce clubs on behalf of the City of Hamilton. Each club will be responsible for implementing the below guidelines; each club must send to Recreation staff a copy of the communication that will go out to club members as confirmation that each mandatory action has been addressed prior to opening.

1. Physical / social distancing

- a. Players and volunteers must always be 2 metres apart, including while performing season opening cleaning and setup, waiting for playing time, during play, and celebrations (e.g., no high fives or hand shakes);
- b. A maximum of four people per court will be allowed;
- c. Leave one empty court between courts being used;
- d. Players on the same team must reside in the same household;
- e. Provide a buffer between scheduled playing times to prevent congregating and allow for cleaning of high touch surfaces;
- f. Players and volunteers must leave the premises immediately following play or volunteer shift;
- g. Cancel events such as tournaments or lessons if unable to ensure appropriate physical distancing and equipment handling;
- h. No indoor meetings are to be held and any outdoor meetings must employ physical distancing and be limited to provincial social gathering limits; and
- i. Remove all tables and chairs from common areas to discourage congregating (participants may bring their own chairs each time they visit).

2. Access

- a. Please refer to the list of symptom form the Ministry of Health:
http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/2019_reference_doc_symptoms.pdf
Players, staff, and volunteers must not visit the club if they:
 - i. Are exhibiting flu-like symptoms or any known COVID-19 symptoms (e.g., fever, cough, difficulty breathing, etc.);
 - ii. Have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 and/or flu-like symptoms in the previous 14 days;
 - iii. Have been outside of Canada in the previous 14 days; and/or
 - iv. Are considered vulnerable or at risk (e.g., elderly individuals or those suffering from a chronic medical condition).
- b. If an individual has symptoms of COVID-19, they should be told to self-isolate at home, encouraged to complete Ontario's self-assessment tool <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/> and to call their primary care provider or Telehealth Ontario (1-866-797-0000) or Public Health Services (905-974-9848) for an assessment; and

- c. Public Health will provide additional direct measures in response to a suspect or confirmed cases

3. Cleanliness and Hygiene

- a. Have a plan for sanitizing all high touch surface areas at the start and end of each day, as well as between games on all courts;
- b. Make readily available hand sanitizer to encourage hand hygiene;
- c. Forbid sharing of personal items (e.g., chairs, towels, etc.), except amongst household members;
- d. Develop plan for the sanitization of bocce balls before and after each game; and
- e. Clubhouse washrooms may be opened if the organization:
 - i. Can ensure sufficient physical distancing (e.g., one person at a time, space to pass when entering and exiting, etc.); and
 - ii. Has a plan in place for ongoing enhanced cleaning after each use.

4. Communication

- a. All members must be contacted before re-opening re: guidelines and if any new guidelines are introduced.

5. Record Keeping

- a. A record of ALL visitors (including volunteers and players) must be kept (preferably using an online tool) to assist Public Health in the investigation of a positive case of COVID-19.

Additional resources:

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet-covid-19-environmental-cleaning.pdf?la=en>

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet/factsheet-covid-19-guide-physical-distancing.pdf?la=en>

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet/factsheet-covid-19-hand-hygiene.pdf?la=en>

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet/factsheet-covid-19-how-to-wear-mask.pdf?la=en>

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet/2020/05/factsheet-covid-19-non-medical-masks.pdf?la=en>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/guidance-documents/risk-informed-decision-making-workplaces-businesses-covid-19-pandemic.html>

<https://www.hamilton.ca/coronavirus/workplace-and-public-places-settings>