

LAWN BOWLING CLUB

RE-OPENING GUIDELINES

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The guidelines below are meant to provide a basic outline for organizations that operate lawn bowling clubs on behalf of the City of Hamilton to follow in crafting their own protocols. Bowls Canada has provided a comprehensive set of measures and it is recommended that all clubs review the Bowls Canada Recommended Return to Play Framework document (available at <https://www.bowlsCanada.com/en/news/Coronavirus.html>)

In addition, the Ontario Lawn Bowls Association has specific requirements (available at <https://www.olba.ca/special-items.html>) that must be met by each club prior to reopening. These are above and beyond the City guidelines listed below.

1. Physical / social distancing

- a. Players, volunteers, and staff must be 2 metres apart at all times, 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 two people per rink will be allowed during phase one;
- c. Leave one empty rink between rinks being used;
- d. Players on the same team must reside in the same household;
- e. As recommended by Bowls Canada, phase one of reopening should only involve training and practice (no competitive play or games in this phase);
- f. Provide a buffer between scheduled playing times to prevent congregating and allow for cleaning of high touch surfaces;
- g. Cancel events such as tournaments or lessons if unable to ensure appropriate physical distancing and equipment handling; and
- h. Remove all tables and chairs from common areas to discourage congregating.

2. Access

- a. Athletes, volunteers, and coaches, spectators must not visit the facility if they are exhibiting any symptoms as indicated in the following:
<https://www.hamilton.ca/sites/default/files/media/browser/2020-06-04/passive-screening-sign.pdf>
- 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 Services will provide advice regarding any other measures that the track club or setting may need to take to reduce the risk of transmission.

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 matches on all rinks;
- 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; and
- d. 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 staff, 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>