

LBNS RTP Phase 4 – Revised June 30, 2021

All activities at each club must adhere to all policies and regulations established by LBNS and the club, in compliance with public health authority, Sport Nova Scotia, and municipal facility regulations.

General Club Safety Protocols

- Establish a communication plan to keep volunteers and participants informed and updated on issues affecting the club, particularly ongoing and changing public health restrictions and Sport Nova Scotia RTP requirements.
- Safety Officers at all clubs are responsible to review procedures for members.
- Education is mandatory for members about changes, especially regarding distancing, mask use, common use of equipment, and cleaning and hand hygiene.
- Set the club Daily Log Book in a commonly accessible space, accompanied with pens/pencils and sanitizing wipes.
- Establish a 'safe access' sign-in procedure, respecting distancing and use of indoor spaces.
- **Safe distancing during bowling activities will require a conscious effort by every participating individual.**
- All participants must follow public health physical distancing guidelines of 6 feet or 2 metres, on and off the green and during movement in and around the clubhouse and parking lot.
- Bowlers, visitors, and volunteers will wear masks while entering and exiting the facility or to access the indoor facility for washroom use, meeting, or other gathering purpose.

Phase 4 Bowls Activity – Games, Practices, Playdowns

Rink measures

- **When safe distancing can be maintained, the formerly used minimum measure of 4.5 metres (4.3 metres regulation minimum) for each rink width may be used.**
- **Each club is responsible to measure and mark the rink boundaries for consistency for membership use.**

Games

- All game formats are permitted as scheduled and arranged at each club, with clear information offered to members to enable safety and full participation.
- Regularly scheduled league play permitted, respecting gathering number limits.
- Inter-club play continues with adherence to all RTP protocols and procedures

Practices and Training

- Practices scheduled by coaches and club Match organizers and unscheduled, individual practices must be recorded in the Daily Log Book for the club.
- Instructional sessions, clinics, training will be scheduled at each club, independently, collaboratively, by club Match and Coaching Co-ordinators.

Tournaments

- Members may engage in club sponsored invitational 'tournaments' and provincially sponsored playdowns or tournaments by meeting the *Conditions of Play* for each specific event.
- Participation at other-than a member's primary club, will require the presentation of a primary club membership card, at the time of registration for the tournament, for the purpose of membership confirmation (insurance coverage and compliance agreement).
- *Conditions of Play* for invitational tournaments are the responsibility of the hosting club and must be circulated among all clubs' Provincial Match Chairpersons at least two weeks prior to event registration.
- Provincial Playdowns are the responsibility of LBNS Provincial Match Committee in collaboration with the host club(s).
- Participation at Provincial Playdowns will require the presentation of a primary club membership card, at the time of registration for the tournament, for the purpose of 'member-in-good-standing' confirmation (which includes insurance coverage and compliance agreement).

Common Storage and Equipment Use

- Bowls may be accessed from the bowls storage room, while participants are wearing masks and distancing in a queue and turn-taking can be safely maintained.
- All bowls must be wiped and sanitized after use before being returned to the bowls storage area.
- Jacks and other equipment to be used only once before being washed and sanitized.
- Each club will establish a procedure ensure that used jacks, mats, rakes, and any other common equipment, are appropriately cleaned, stored, and are ready for use for subsequent days.
- Consider making a separate area around the facility, outside the bowls storage area for placement and cleaning of jacks and mats.

Phase 4 Bowler Expectations

- All club equipment should be cleaned and sanitized immediately after use, before storing for next session of play.
- Each and every participant has the responsibility to contribute to clean-up tasks after practices and games.
- Masks may be removed (optional) while participating on the green, when distancing can be respected and maintained.
- Bowlers must stay within the boundaries of their own rink while playing.
- The bank, benches, or area behind rink ends are considered to be in the field of play for each rink so would not require mask -wearing during play.
- Hand washing, sanitizers, and wipes use are expected following play.
- Bowlers using the club's bowls are responsible to clean each bowl using sanitizing wipes before returning the set to the bowls storage area
- Bowlers participating together on any rink must be aware of the risk of common use of equipment on that rink.
- Mats and jack use may revert to the standard shared use, with careful application of cleaning procedures after use.
- Water containers may be used when a club has an instructional procedure for cleaning by members after use.
- No bowler should touch another bowler's equipment.
- Bowls in the ditch, if not touchers, can remain there until retrieved by owner.
- Scorecards, pushers, lifters, rakes. and measuring devices may be used commonly, by the minimum number of players as is possible through a single game or practice.
- Measurements must be conducted with minimal common touching of equipment and, preferably by one person assigned to the task.
- All club equipment should be cleaned and sanitized immediately after use, before storing for next session of play.

Reference link for Phase Reopening NS

Link <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/docs/reopening-safely-with-COVID-19-plan-overview.pdf>

SNS Communication

COVID-19 Update: June 4, 2021

*Today the province has made a change for sport participant numbers for phase three. For both phases **three and four**, 25 people will be permitted on the field of play indoors without social distancing, and **50 people will be permitted on the field of play outdoors without social distancing for games practices and competitions**. Sector-based plans are also being considered by the Province, and we will follow up as more information becomes available.*

Finally, the guidelines include references to no tournaments being able to be held. We recognize that for sport this language can mean different things. We'll also be working with the province to provide more detail about this, as we did when regulations regarding tournaments and events were in place previously.

Statement about tournament classification (the 'fit' for NS Lawn Bowls)

Can we have tournaments?

Games and competitions must be within your sport's regular competitive schedule. Teams can only play in a tournament against teams they regularly compete against and are part of their league. They cannot play in tournaments against teams outside their league, as this would bring together different groups.

This describes our 'competitions'. We compete with the same people all the time, in club leagues, club competitions, club invitationals, across clubs, and in provincial playdowns.

Who defines what our regular competitive schedule is?

The governing body or organization, in conjunction with the league organizer manages the competitive or league schedule.

Provincial championships are part of my sports regular competitive schedule. Can we have provincial championships?

Provincial championships that bring together teams or individuals that do not compete regularly throughout their competitive season would bring together different groups, and will not be permitted under the provincial guidelines. The goal is to maintain as much consistency as possible within groups while allowing competition or league play to occur.

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