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## Phase 4 – Intra- and Inter-club play

### General Club Safety Protocols

- Request an insurance certificate for inclusion of the municipality in the coverage by the *All Sport* insurance provided under Sport Nova Scotia. Club representative should email Scott Robinson, Broker, [srobinson@alliedinsurance.ca](mailto:srobinson@alliedinsurance.ca), for acquisition of the certificate. Contact your municipal consultant to inform that your club has done this.
- Register members, in writing, to include personal and contact information, and a signature indicating the individual's intention to comply with all LBNS and club policies and safety procedures and protocols required for participation.
- Educate volunteers and participants on screening, sign-in, general participation procedures, and safety protocols prior to opening the club.
- 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.
- Place signage at facility entrance for recognizing the symptoms of COVID-19 accompanied by the '**STOP**' sign health screening questionnaire for participation at the facility, and public health follow-up information.
- Post signs outlining the physical distancing guidelines in place, as well as hand-washing and mask-wearing recommendations/protocols.
- 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 public health for testing information.
- Establish a location for mounting an information board (white board), containing required Emergency Action and Safety information (EASI), including emergency contact numbers, civic address, phone number, and *Person-in-Charge*.
- Designate the **Person-In-Charge (PIC)** for each facility activity.

**It will be up to clubs, LBNS, and their local authorities, municipal and provincial, for how to deal with individuals who do not follow safety protocols or other guidelines that the clubs have adopted.**

- The Club's Safety Officer or Safety Committee is responsible for overseeing and monitoring the *Return to Play* protocols.
- LBNS member clubs are accountable to LBNS Safety Officer for compliance.

## Club Membership

- All regular participants must register for membership and fee payment with their primary club for participation at any facility through the season.
- Club membership registration is activated at the payment of fees for the season and member is issued a membership card.
- Each club must maintain an accurate daily record, daily sign-in or **Daily Log Book**, of participants at the facility, (for tracing purposes) at each event, each day.
- Sign-in for all participants will occur immediately UPON ENTERING THE FACILITY GATE OR ENTRANCE.
- **Sign-in signifies each participant:**
  1. **has met the stated health screening conditions (STOP questionnaire)**
  2. **intends to comply with all club's policies, rules, and safety protocols**
- One member is designated *Person-in-Charge* for each activity period.
- The name of designate is recorded on the EASI board and in the Daily Log Book. at the outset of each activity.
- Registered members of each club are required to sign-in on the Daily Log Book, with their name.
- Registered members of another LBNS member club (not this Primary club), are required to sign-in on the Daily Log Book with their name and Primary club name.
- Non-registered participants, visitors, and guests, must sign-in with name, contact number, and a signature under the Compliance/Waiver statement in the Daily Log Book.
- For 'visiting' under-aged-18 participants, an accompanying adult will sign-in

## Maintaining a Safe Facility

### Clubhouse

- Clubhouse and washrooms will be cleaned daily to reduce the potential of infection spread and to comply with public health and municipal facility use requirements.
- Provide a procedure for safe use of washrooms and individual and club responsibility for cleaning.
- Resources such as sanitizing wipes, liquids, foams, sprays, washing detergent, decided by the club, will be used to clean and sanitize commonly touched surfaces on a daily basis..
- Disinfect all commonly touched surfaces and materials after use.
- Provide hand sanitizer and/or disinfectant wipes in common places.
- Work with local health authorities on how to manage waste.

## **Common Storage and Equipment Use**

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

## **Washroom use and cleaning and sanitization**

Washrooms should be cleaned once daily when used at the facility.

Wearing of a mask is required while indoors and inside washroom

Individual use, one-at-a-time use, should be established, for the indoor space.

Signage indicating 'occupied' or 'unoccupied' status, or similar, is recommended to maintain safe distancing.

Washroom use by individuals requires each individual's sanitizing efforts before and after use.

For use by individuals:

Enter washroom only if 'unoccupied' status is indicated.

Before entering clubhouse/washroom, use hand sanitizer and take a sanitizing wipe with you.

Change 'occupied' status sign.

Avoid touching your face when using the washroom.

Lower the toilet lid, if there is one, when flushing.

Use sanitizing wipe on toilet/urinal handle, towel dispenser, door latch, taps, other surfaces.

Wash hands thoroughly.

Do not turn off lights.

Do not close entry door.

Deposit soiled wipes and hand towel in waste receptacle.

Change 'occupied' status sign.

Use hand sanitizer before leaving the space.

## **Phase 4 Bowls Activity – Games, Practices, Tournaments**

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.

### **Rink measures**

Safe distancing during bowling will require a slightly wider rink measure than has been typical. A measure of 5 - 5.5 metres width for each rink will allow for full participation of triples and 4's teams. This measure can include a mat placement of three (3) metres rather than the standard two (2) metres to allow for distancing for bowlers behind the mat placement.

For most clubs that will ensure six (6) rinks to be available for club recreational play and competition on a regular basis.

Each club is responsible to measure and mark the rink boundaries for consistency for membership use.

For singles and pairs competitions and coached/scheduled practices with a maximum of four (4) bowlers per rink, if and when safe distancing can be maintained, the formerly used minimum measure of 4.3 (4.5) metres may be used.

### **Games**

All game formats are permitted as scheduled and arranged at each club, with clear information offered to members to enable full participation.

### **Practices**

Most practices must be scheduled by coaches and club Match organizers.

Unscheduled, individual practices must be registered with the Club's Safety Officer and include information of time(s) and actual attendee(s) for the practice. Sign-in protocols also enforced.

### **Training**

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 tournaments by meeting the *Conditions of Play* for that tournament.
- *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.
- 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.

## **Phase 4 Bowler Expectations**

### **Club scheduling and regular seasonal play**

- 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.
- Masks may be removed while participating on the green, when distancing can be respected and maintained.
- Bowlers must stay within the boundaries of their own rink.
- One individual will be assigned to handle each piece of equipment, not to be shared across teams.
- Follow public health physical distancing guidelines of 6 feet or 2 metres, on and off the green.
- Mats may be placed at a 3 metre TEE when playing triples or 4's to allow more space for distancing for the number of bowlers.
- Two jacks, two mats, two rakes, one for each end, may be used on each rink. Designate which piece of equipment will be used by each bowler who share the same rink. Consultation as to mat placement choice may occur between teams.
- No bowler should touch another bowler's equipment.
- Bowls in the ditch, if not touchers, can remain there until retrieved by owner.
- Scorecards, pushers, rakes and measuring devices may be used but must be assigned and used by only one person for the duration of the game.
- All club equipment should be cleaned and sanitized after use.
- Bowlers using the club's bowls are responsible to clean each bowl using sanitizing wipes before returning the set to the bowls storage area
- Water taps/fountains will be closed. Bowlers should bring their own water.