

2021 BLBC Return to Play - Protocols & Procedures

The Beaconsfield Lawn Bowling Club has implemented for 2021, a set of controls described in this document to mitigate the risks of Covid 19 and to ensure the health and safety of members while on the club grounds. The protocols in this document conform with current Quebec health regulations. Members must strictly comply with these protocols at all times.

Please note that Santé publique du Québec directives takes precedence over club instructions. For more info, please refer to the Santé Québec website. <https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/basic-health-instructions/>

1. Health

Members should not come to the club if they exhibit **any** covid like symptoms including fever, cough, fatigue, chills or body aches, difficulty breathing, vomiting, diarrhea, pink eye, rash, loss of taste or smell or any other unexplained symptoms. If you feel sick in any way, do not come to the club.

If a member lives with anyone who has symptoms, they should isolate and not come to the club until that household member has been tested. If the household member tests negative, the member may return to the club.

If a member of the club or anyone in their household travels outside Canada they must quarantine at home for 14 days and not come to the club.

2. Annex

The Annex will be closed at the beginning of the season. Lockers and washrooms will not be accessible.

Sani-Vac (Portable Toilet) is provided for emergency use only when the annex is closed. Members needing to use this facility are responsible for hand sanitization before and after use.

3. Bowlers

- Sanitize your hands when entering and leaving the club using club supplied sanitizer.
- Practice physical distancing and stay a minimum of two meters away from each other at **all** times. Please remind anyone who is not.
- Wear a personal protective mask at **all** times. Masks can only be removed temporarily such as while drinking water or while a player is on the mat delivering a bowl. After delivering their bowl, the player must resume wearing their mask. The mask mandate will be re-visited at the end of June.
- Use your own bowls and equipment. Club bowls will be provided if they are available.
- Do not shake hands.
- Bring your own bottled drinking water.
- After your game, if you have been assigned to use screen, mat, or pusher, you must ensure the mat and screen edges, and pusher handle are sanitized using club supplied disinfectant and then return the equipment to the designated holding area.
- Only use jacks that have been sanitized and return them to the designated bucket after your game.
- Use the on line registration system at least 24 hours in advance to reserve your time to bowl or exceptionally by phone for those without a computer.
- A designated club member must read the enclosed procedure to visually impaired bowlers.

4. Game Protocols

- Activities: Tags down and other BLBC bowling events are permitted. Singles, pairs, and triples games are permitted. Spectators and gatherings for meals or drinks are not permitted.
- Bowlers should arrive no more than 15 minutes before their scheduled time.
- The number of people on each green is restricted to a maximum of 30 (5 groups maximum 6 players per group), follow physical distancing at all times.
- There will be at least one empty rink between rinks being used. Use the adjacent empty rink when crossing over, keep the 2 meter distance and keep on the right.
- One team at each end will be responsible for the mat, pusher, and screen at that end.
- **Mats:** One lead will be designated to place the mat for both teams at one end. Set the mat at the 3-metre mark instead of the 2-metre mark to allow for adequate space. A player on the mat must exit to the left side of the mat. Players must then step onto the mat from the right side in order to deliver their bowls. Skips should sanitize their hands when removing the mat after completing an end. (Carry a personal individual hand sanitizer)
- **Jacks:** Each lead will have their own jack. The skip will set the jack with their foot.
- **Pushers:** Two pushers are permitted per rink, one at each end. Only one member can touch their assigned pusher.
- **Screens** will be used when deemed necessary by the convener. Only one member may handle a particular screen.
- Players may not stand on the green directly behind the bowler delivering.
- Players can only pick up/touch their own bowls or jacks.
- **Measurements:** For tags down, a visual assessment will be used to determine the closest bowl while at all times keeping a 2 meter distance from each other. Both players must agree, otherwise no point will be awarded. A measurement device can be used by only one designated player during club match events.
- Scoreboards will not be available.
- Distancing: Only one player per team is allowed on the mat. Other players waiting their turn must maintain a distance of at least 2 meters from all other players. No other player should approach the mat while another player is on the mat.
- Benches: used for sitting only, not for holding equipment.

5. Tracing Protocol

Daily attendance records will be stored electronically by the registration system administrator.

6. Convener/monitor responsibilities

The convener of the event will also act as the safety monitor. The convener responsibilities will include:

- Arrival well before the start time and prepare for the event:
 - Ensure that sanitizers and disinfectants are available for use. Refill if necessary.
 - Sanitize the jacks.
 - Place mats, pushers, and sanitized jacks in staging areas for easy member pickup.
- Communicate to members their designated rink and remind them of the covid protocols.
- Record any additions/changes to the registration list and forward these to the registration system administrator