

**Recommended Return to Play Framework
for the Heritage Greens Bowls Club**

Phase 3 - Stage A

1. Pre-Screening

- a. Heritage Greens Bowls Club will ensure that all participants are aware of signs and symptoms of COVID-19. A questionnaire will be provided to all members who wish to play to screen out any potentially infected members.
- b. All members wishing to play will be encouraged to use the Government of Canada COVID-19 app to monitor and track symptoms before coming out to play.
- c. A safety officer will be appointed by the Board to oversee and monitor the return to play protocol at each playing session. The officer will be a Board member.

2. Recommended Protocols for Operations

a. Clubhouse

- i. The club house will remain closed to all bowlers except for one washroom for emergency use only.
- ii. One washroom will be converted to a unisex room. Signage will be placed by all entrances and storage facilities outlining the physical distancing guidelines in place, as well as hand-washing recommendations/protocols.
 1. One stall will be designated for use. One sink will be designated for use. Only one person will be allowed in the washroom at a time. Signs will be posted for when it is in use. The room will be sanitized between uses.
 2. If the washroom is in use please wait outside the clubhouse and not inside the washroom area. The rest of the club house is off limits.
- iii. Resources will be allocated to clean and sanitize the club house on a daily basis. The Government of Canada disinfecting guidelines for cleaning common areas.
 1. Disinfect all surfaces and materials before and after use. If you are unsure of which sanitizing products to use please see the board member monitoring that session.
- iv. The water cooler will be closed. Bowlers should bring their own water.
- v. The kitchen is closed. No food or beverages in the club house.

- vi. When not on the green playing, face masks must be worn
- vii. Hand sanitizer and/or disinfectant wipes will be provided in common places, however it is recommended that each member bring their own hand sanitizer and or disinfecting wipes.

b. Protocol for Common Storage and Equipment Use

- c. It is recommended that bowlers bring and use their personal bowls. In those cases, where participants do not have access to their own bowls, the following will occur. At all times, the guidelines and legislation of Provincial and Local Health Authorities must be respected and will take precedence over these recommendations.
 - i. Only the safety officer may enter the bowls storage area to remove a set of sanitized bowls;
 - ii. A specific set of bowls will be assigned to a specific person for their use during this Phase of RTP
 - iii. Members using club bowls will be required to sign out a set for this phase of RTP and will be responsible for the bowls. The bowls must be taken home each night and can not be left at the club.
 - iv. Members are permitted to use jacks but they must be obtained from the safety officer. They will be returned and put into the sanitizing solution.
 - 1. Please see note below for proper play using jacks.

d. Protocol for Phase 3 Bowls Activity – Intra-club play

- i. Scheduling
 - 1. The number of participants for any given slot will be 50. This total must include the safety officer(s)
 - a. The safety officer shall have the authority to reduce this number should there be any difficulty maintaining appropriate social distancing or for any other reason.
 - 2. Members will register through the clubs website to reserve a spot for the time slot.
 - 3. Registration will be open right up till the scheduled time. However members MUST register before coming to the club.

4. The Board of Directors will be designated to manage the scheduling process for playing.
 - a. If nobody is registered prior to the scheduled time the session will be cancelled.
 - b. Members are only permitted to be at the club when there is a designated time slot.
5. Included as part of the sign-up process is a commitment from participants that they have completed the pre-screening and will adhere to club protocols during their session.
6. The safety officer will record the entry and exit time for each participant.
7. Participants must register individually for time slots. Two members from the same house must still register separately.
8. Members can register for any time slot. There is no restriction on the number of times you can play per day.
9. We ask that you keep in mind your fellow members and be respectful of their desire to play.
 - ii. Bowlers will be reminded to complete whatever screening tools the club has provided prior to arriving at the club for their pre-scheduled time to bowl.
 - iii. All players will enter through the main gate to the club. Once their session is completed they exit through the far gate at the club by the maintenance shed. THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IN THIS PHASE.
 - iv. The patio can be used under the following guidelines.
 1. You MUST continue socially distancing. There are marks on the patio to ensure social distancing.
 2. You will need to bring your own chairs. Any tables or picnic tables are NOT to be used.
 - v. Bowlers will be instructed to arrive no more than 15 minutes before their scheduled time slot to discourage loitering.
 - vi. Bowlers will be instructed to wait in their cars until their rink is available.
 - vii. A maximum of six individuals will be allowed per rink during Phase 3.
 1. Please see note below regarding number of people per green.

- viii. There will be a minimum of one empty rink between rinks being used. Unless the rinks are set at a width of not less than 5m. If the rinks are set at 5m there will be 6 rinks per green available.
- ix. Club mats will NOT be used during this phase. Members may bring their own for personal use.
- x. Jacks may be used in Phase 3 under the following guidelines
 - 1. Jacks are not to be rolled. It is recommended that the jacks be placed. One person will place at the one end and another person will place at the other end.
 - 2. Jacks are NOT to be shared.
- xi. Groundsheets are not to be used in Phase 3. .
- xii. Do not use scoreboards. Do not use pushers/rakes; kick the bowls in or pick up your own bowls. Do not touch someone else's bowls or equipment.
- xiii. The patio may be used under strict social distancing precautions. In order to sit on the patio area you MUST have your own chair. Please adhere to the distancing markers provided. The benches under the sun shelters at the end of the rink may be used provided members can assure social distancing practices.
- xiv. Signage will be posted throughout the playing area to advise participants of the safety protocols in place.

e. Bowler Expectations

- i. Pre-schedule when you would like to play; do not just show up and expect to play.
- ii. Arrive no more than 15 minutes before your scheduled time, and leave prior to the next session.
- iii. Practice physical distancing by staying a minimum of two metres away from each other at all times.
- iv. Use your own bowls. If you do not own your own bowls, make sure you follow the posted safety protocols for using club bowls if they are available.
- v. Bring a towel to use in place of a mat.
- vi. Jacks will be provided. They will be sanitized and ready for use. HOWEVER jacks are not to be shared on the rink A jack will be given to each person or pair. Please set

your own jack. Do NOT deliver the jack. Upon completion of play please put the jacks into the bucket of sanitizer with the safety officer.

- vii. Do not share equipment.
- viii. Games are to be limited to Singles, Pairs and Triples. When playing triples you must ensure the rink is at 5m in width.
- ix. Please use your own scorecard. Please do not hand in scorecards when scores are being recorded. They must be submitted verbally if the occasion requires it.
- x. At the start of the end the bowls should be spread out to the side of the mat and not directly behind the mat. Players must remain socially distance while at the mat end.
- xi. Skips shall remain socially distant while in the head. Skips may NOT return to the head during play.
- xii. Agree with your opponent who will do the measuring if needed.
- xiii. When Changing ends players shall walk down the right side of the green and not the middle.
- xiv. Do not shake hands or high five.
- xv. Do not visit with other people; stick to your assigned rink and maintain physical distancing.
- xvi. Do not bring visitors with you to your scheduled bowling time slot.
- xvii. Do not access closed spaces or equipment. This includes benches on the patio. The benches under the sun shelters at the end of the rink may be used provided members can assure social distancing practices.
- xviii. Do not loiter in the parking lot before or after you have finished bowling
- xix. Do not enter the washroom if there is already someone else inside or if the washroom has been closed.
- xx. Bring your own water.
- xxi. Take home your own waste material.
- xxii. If you are feeling unwell, regardless of the symptoms, stay home.
- xxiii. Members' fees must have been paid prior to participating.

Appendix - Modified Rules for Phase 3

1. There will be no trial ends.
2. Touchers must be marked using spray chalk and bowls should not be touched by other people
3. Touchers in the ditch should only be removed by the person whose bowl it is.

