

## **INDOOR SHORT MAT BOWLING - BLBC – 2021-2022 SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

### PRE-SCREENING

All members must show their COVID-19 Vaccination receipt showing they have received 2 valid doses.

Ensure all bowlers are aware of signs and symptoms of COVID-19 – see signs.

Encourage all members to get their flu shot.

Safety officer to be appointed (Lorraine Negus) along with \_\_\_\_\_

### PROTOCOLS FOR OPERATIONS

Our clubhouse is able to abide by the physical distancing protocol plan in effect at this stage of readiness (3) – able to stay 6ft apart, maximum\_12\_bowlers per session. We are able to implement the ventilation, cleaning and sanitizing required by local health authorities for indoor common spaces. MASKS to be worn except when bowling.

- Visible signs to be placed at entrance outlining physical distancing guidelines and hand-washing recommendations.
- Clubhouse to be cleaned and sanitized once a week (Al & Sylvia Heywood). Also DSO (Drawmaster/Safety Officer) will ensure sanitizing of bowls/mats/countertops, handles, faucets, etc at the start and/or end of each bowling session.
- Kitchen is open for making beverages and serving packaged food.
- Chairs(sanitized) to be set up – 2 at the end of each mat – 6ft apart
- Washroom -- to be cleaned & sanitized on a regular basis.
- Regulations at present – limited to\_64 members for indoor meetings
- Hand sanitizer and/or disinfectant wipes (approved by Health Canada) placed in several areas
- Garbage/including used disinfectant wipes to be placed in large garbage bin with green bag liner
- Ventilation – all 3 large doors to be opened after each bowling session – DO NOT USE FANS

## PROTOCOL FOR COMMON STORAGE & EQUIPMENT

- Bowlers will use club bowls –size 0 –that have been cleaned/sanitized prior to use (D/SO or appointed person will do this). At end of play bowlers to sanitize own bowls.
- Designated area for “sanitized” or ”unsanitized” bowls and jacks
- Safety personnel to wear proper PPE when sanitizing bowls

## INDOOR BOWLS ACTIVITY

- Leagues are allowed to a maximum of 12 bowlers. Jitneys are allowed to a maximum of 12 bowlers (to be increased as protocols are lifted)
- No spectators until restrictions lifted
- Players should arrive no more than 20 minutes prior to their scheduled time
- Players to enter by side door – one at a time – with MASK on
- D/SO will have table set up – for players to sign their compliance/waiver & contact tracing forms. Members must present their COVID-19 Vaccination receipt showing they have received 2 valid doses
- After donning proper indoor shoes, player to proceed down the hall to the kitchen where he/she will wash hands with soap & water (see poster) or sanitizer. Then proceed to a chair placed behind/beside the mats & 6ft apart.
- Door to be locked after all bowlers scheduled to play have checked in(to avoid walk-ins)
- Physical distancing must be maintained & masks worn except when bowling.
- Markings on floor will indicate the 6ft distance
- 3 mats will be laid down but doubles only to be played at this time on the 3 mats. Triples may be played on the 2 outside mats only. Mat to be set so that there is adequate space behind the head to maintain physical distancing.

## PLAYING OF GAMES

- Club equipment such as wooden block to be handled by a single person during play to minimize contact points. Equipment to be sanitized at end of play-by appointed player.
- Scoring by sanitized pegs is acceptable.
- Touchers to be marked by a member of the team delivering the bowl – spray chalk is recommended or it may be just nominated as a toucher.
- Delivery mats to be placed by same lead to minimize contact points.
- Players should only pick up their own bowls. If bowl rolls off mat, any player may stop it with their foot, but only the player who delivered the bowl may pick it up.
- Jacks to be set by the skip – use 2 jacks-one at each end. Skips can centre the jack with their foot or lifter.
- Players, when not in possession of the rink, should stand at least 6 ft behind/beside the mat, maintaining a safe physical distance from other bowlers
- One player should be assigned to do any measuring during the game, if longer measures require 2 people –their hands & measure should be sanitized after completing measurement.

- Players must not share equipment or shake hands or high five.
- Players – when changing ends- avoid other bowlers by walking down opposite side. Arrows on floor will indicate direction.
- At end of play, players must enter the kitchen, sanitize hands then proceed to back hall one at a time to change shoes, don coats then exit through back door.

#### FACILITIES ARRANGEMENTS

- If bowlers have to wait outside, they should stay in their cars or if standing outside – maintain safe distancing
- Bowling sessions will be at 9:30/1.30 & 7.00 – plenty of time for bowlers to enter and exit before next session of bowlers.
- Bowlers should not congregate in the parking lot either before or after bowling.
- Appropriate signage will be posted throughout the playing area to advise players of the safety protocols in place.

#### GENERAL SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Establish a policy that requires all members to inform the Head Safety Officer when they have been exposed to any highly communicable illness. Direct them to the local health agency for testing.

Conduct meetings by phone or online where possible. If in-person meetings are required, maintain physical distancing.