

SAFE LAWNBOWLING DURING THE PANDEMIC.

Our goal at Johnson Lawn Bowling Club is to ensure the safety and health of our members. The risk of contracting the corona virus comes primarily from two sources.

1. Close contact with a person who has the virus. A person with corona virus expels droplets and aerosolized particles when they sneeze, cough and even when they talk. Droplets typically do not travel more than six feet before falling to rest on a surface such as the ground. Aerosolized particles can travel farther, but quickly disperse in an environment in which the air is moving, such as being outdoors.
2. The transfer of enough virus to constitute an infectious dose by touching surfaces which have been contaminated. Examples are shaking hands and touching objects that an infected person has handled. If the person then touches their mouth, nose or eyes before washing their hands or otherwise disinfecting, that person can contract the virus.

In order to address the above risks, the following procedures will be implemented until the pandemic has subsided. These procedures shall be mandatory and no variance shall be permitted.

1. Clubhouse To Remain Closed.

Typically, bowlers have congregated inside the clubhouse prior to the daily draw or other club activity. The clubhouse is small and it is impossible for members to maintain a safe distance from one another during the current pandemic. Consequently, the clubhouse shall remain closed until the pandemic subsides.

Members may, at the discretion of the monitor and/or the Board, be allowed to retrieve property from the player's locker. Such property shall then be kept at the member's home and not in the club locker. The monitor and Board members may enter the clubhouse to perform such club management functions as are necessary.

2. The Daily Draw.

You will need to show your rec card to the monitor. Do not sign in. The monitor will sign you in and assign leads, skips, rinks.

Prior to the daily draw, members shall assemble on the north side of the clubhouse. Members shall maintain at least six feet of separation from each other while pairs and rinks are assigned.

An empty rink will be maintained between each rink in play i.e. bowlers in rink 3, rink 4 unused, bowlers in rink 5.

3. Games Allowed: Play shall be limited to:

- A. Solo practice.
 - B. Singles matches.
 - C. Pairs matches.
- No triples or rinks play is allowed.

4. Jacks.

In a singles match, each player shall have a jack. The player shall only use his or her jack and shall not touch the other player's jack. In pairs play, each lead shall have a jack. Each lead shall only use their jack and neither the other lead, nor the skips shall touch that jack except the that lead's skip may use their foot to center the jack.

As an alternative in pairs play, Instead of a lead rolling the jack, one skip may be designated to set the jack at a location designated by the previous end's winning team's lead. Only the designated skip shall handle the jack during the entire duration of the match.

5. Bowls.

No player shall handle a bowl belonging to another player with the following exceptions: A bowl which comes to rest out of play may be retrieved by the use of a player's personal lifting stick or device or by means of being moved with a player's foot. At no time shall a player touch another players bowl with their hand.

6. Raking, mats and Scoring.

In singles play, one player shall be the designated scorer and the other player shall be the designated raker. The designated scorer shall also set the mat for each end.

As an alternative, each player may have a separate mat, which the player shall use during the duration of the match. This means that, for the duration of the match, only one player will handle the chalk and the other player will be the only one to handle the rake.

In pairs play, the green lead shall do all of the scoring and setting of the mat and the red lead will do all of the raking. No other player shall touch the mat, chalk or the rake other than the lead designated to do so. If the red team won the prior end, the green lead shall set the mat as directed by the red lead.

7. Separation. All players shall maintain a distance from each other of at least six feet.

8. Sanitation.

Prior to play, each player shall be responsible for sanitizing the equipment used by that bowler during play. For example, the raker is responsible for sanitizing the rake, the scorer for sanitizing the chalk and areas of the board which may be touched. Each lead shall sanitize the jack they will be using. Sanitizing means: Washing with soap and water; The use of a 70% or greater alcohol solution, or; the use of a chlorine bleach solution or wipe.

9. Masks.

All bowlers shall wear an appropriate mask while at the lawn bowling club with the following exception; Bowlers engaged in solo practice are not required to wear a mask. The wearing of a mask is intended to limit the spread of droplets or aerosolized particles.

10. Consent Mandatory.

All bowlers must sign a consent to abide by these rules and procedures prior to resuming play at Johnson Lawn Bowling Club.

11. Enforcement.

Participants must strictly follow the rules and procedures. Failure to do so not only risks exposing members to the virus, but also risks having the Recreation Center take steps to protect members by shutting down the activity due to a lack of compliance with the new safety rules and procedures.

Consequently, it is unfortunately necessary to enforce penalties for non-compliance. Monitors shall first attempt to bring an offending player into compliance voluntarily. In the event the player persists in flouting these rules of play, the monitor shall have the power to prohibit the offending player from further participation in that day's activities. Habitual offenders may be referred to the Johnson Lawn Bowling Club Board for further action

12. Common Sense and Courtesy

Be safe and help keep your fellow bowlers safe - follow the rules. If you are sick – stay home. Keep 6 feet away from the other bowlers – think of it like being from the ditch to the “T” from anyone. Wear your mask, wash your hands, if you touched it - clean it before you put it away.

See you on the greens!!