

**GRANVILLE PARK LAWN BOWLING CLUB  
PHASE 1 PROTOCOL  
COVID-19 MEMBER STATEMENT**

As we continue to monitor the effect of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) on our communities near and far, we have been following the directives of Bowls Canada, Bowls BC, the Provincial Health Ministry and the Vancouver Parks Board. We consider Granville Park Lawn Bowling Club (the Club) can honour public health guidelines by following the Protocols detailed below.

At this time, we are only permitted to open for Phase 1 which is defined as open for practice and coaching. Phase 1 opening will only be available to club members. No visitors are allowed. There will be no tournaments or other events.

Prior to commencement of any sport, each sport has to develop guidelines for safe play under the Provincial Health regulations. Bowls BC has prepared a nine point guideline and the Club has developed Protocols which every member must follow, no exceptions.

In order to ensure that these protocols are being followed, it will be necessary to have volunteer monitors present whenever the Club is open. The monitors will be responsible to ensure that the protocols are being followed and that members play at their allotted time. The monitors will have the authority to remove any member who is not following these protocols.

**PROTOCOLS**

- 1) **Health monitoring of all people attending the facilities or greens, prior to entry:**
  - A. A symptom screening questionnaire has been prepared. Each member must read, fill out and sign EACH time they visit the Club. A sample is available on line.
  - B. The Club will maintain a copy of each symptom screening questionnaire for contact tracing purposes.
  - C. A member must stay at home if they or anyone in their household have any symptoms of COVID-19 or have travelled outside of British Columbia within the last 14 days.

**2) Maintaining physical distancing (minimum of 2 metres at all times):**

- A. Members must keep an appropriate distance from other members. Safe physical distancing is defined as staying a minimum of 2 metres from other people at all times.**
- B. We are fortunate we are a 2 green facility and play will be on alternate rinks.**
- C. You will be assigned a rink by the monitor and shall stay strictly within the boundaries of that rink. The adjacent benches are not to be used.**

**3) A registration system for users of the greens and facilities:**

- A. The use of the greens and/or facilities will be by appointment only.**
- B. It is proposed that the Club will be open for Phase 1 play at the following times only:**

**Monday evening 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Wednesday morning 10:00 am - 11:30 am**

**Friday morning 10:00 am - 11:30 am**

**Sunday morning 10:00 am - 11:30 am**

**This schedule may be revised as we monitor members' usage of the greens.**

- C. It is proposed that requests for session bookings will be made available through our website. The website will be open for requests for session bookings on Thursday for the following week. Members may only request a booking for Monday to Sunday of the following week.**
- D. To safely stagger arrivals and departures, members should arrive no earlier than 10 minutes before their appointed time and leave immediately after they have completed practising.**
- E. Members shall report to the monitors and sign the attendance register when they arrive and leave and must sign a symptom screening questionnaire before playing.**

**4) Sanitation requirements for Sports Equipment during Phase 1**

- A. Members will not be able to access the locker rooms other than once to retrieve their equipment presently in their lockers.**
- B. Members will be required to take their bowls, footwear and other personal equipment home with them after each session.**

- C. There will be no rakes, scoreboards or Club mats. It is required that members bring their own mat or towel to use as a mat with them.
- D. The monitors will give the member a jack which will have been sanitized and the member will be responsible for returning the jack to the monitor at the conclusion of practise.
- E. When playing, you must only handle your own bowls. Do NOT touch another player's bowls.
- F. There will be no measuring.
- G. For the few bowlers who use Club bowls, they will be allocated a set and they will be marked for their exclusive use. The member will be responsible for sanitizing these club bowls outside.

**5) Sanitation of Facilities**

- A. The Clubhouse will be closed except for access to the washrooms.
- B. The Club will maintain the washrooms as per BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) guidelines.
- C. When using the washrooms, members MUST follow the instructions posted in the washrooms for hand washing and for sanitizing surfaces after use with the sanitizing supplies which will be available in the washrooms.

**6) Changes to the rules of sport required to comply with these protocols**

- A. Play will be limited to self-practising and singles.
- B. No measuring and scoreboards.
- C. It is recommended that practising start at the 3 metre mark to facilitate safe social distancing.
- D. Jacks to be centred and bowls moved by foot.
- E. One person will be designated to set the jack.

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- A. It is recommended that each bowler bring his/her equipment, refreshments, hand sanitizer etc. Bowlers are required to deposit any garbage in the municipal garbage container in the parking lot or take their garbage home with them.

- B. Each bowler will be responsible for sanitizing their personal equipment such as bowls, footwear, cloths and mats.**
- C. All personal equipment not to be left in the Club.**
- D. Jacks will be provided and sanitized before and after use.**

**8) What the Club will do should there be an outbreak within their members:**

- A. If after you leave the greens and at any time after you have been at the club you feel unwell, you are to contact your Health Officer immediately and also inform the Club President or other Executive Member.**
- B. It is every bowler's responsibility to help and ensure the safety of all and to make a timely report to a member of your Club's Executive.**
- C. If an outbreak should occur among club members, all club activities shall be immediately suspended until the cause of the outbreak has been determined and corrective procedures have been documented and followed and the members will be notified accordingly.**

**9) Greens and Grounds Maintenance**

**Mowing and Grounds maintenance will be scheduled on non-bowling days. A maximum of 2 persons will work on each green or areas of the grounds. All Greens and Grounds equipment will be sanitized before use. Personnel will be responsible for providing their own personal protection equipment. Sanitizing wipes will be available in the Maintenance Shed. Personnel will be responsible for safe distancing at all times while on site. Maintenance personnel will depart the Club as soon as possible following completion of their tasks.**

**10) Acknowledgement and Waiver**

**Before being permitted to access the Club to practice under Phase 1, each member will be required:**

- A. to have read these protocols and to sign an acknowledgement that they have read, understand and agree to follow the requirements of these protocols each time they visit the Club both as a bowler and a monitor;**
- B. to sign a waiver of liability; and**
- C. to complete and sign the symptom screening questionnaire and attendance register every time they visit the Club.**

**Failure to follow these protocols will result in a member's playing privileges being revoked.**

**Granville Park Lawn Bowling Club Board**

**June 9, 2020**

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**GRANVILLE PARK LAWN BOWLING CLUB**

**COVID-19 PHASE 1 ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

- 1. I confirm that I have read, fully understand and agree to comply with the above Phase 1 Protocols dated June 9, 2020;**
- 2. I confirm that I have read, fully understand and have signed the Phase 1 Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Indemnity Agreement attached to and forming part of this document.**

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**Name**

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**Signature**

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**Date**

**BOWLS CANADA BOULINGRIN - RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**  
**(To be executed by Participants who are the Age of Majority and older)**

**Participant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Participant's Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. This is a binding legal agreement. Clarify any questions or concerns before signing. Prior to participating, an individual who is the age of majority or older and who wants to participate in the sport of lawn bowling and the activities, programs, classes and services provided by, and/or in the events sponsored or organized by Bowls Canada Boulingrin, Bowls BC, and GRANVILLE PARK LAWN BOWLING CLUB, which may include but is not limited to: competitions, tournaments, practices, training, personal or strength training, dry land training, training using machines or weights, nutritional and dietary programs, orientational or instructional sessions or lessons, and aerobic and anaerobic conditioning programs (collectively the "Activities") must acknowledge and agree to the terms outlined in this agreement.

**Disclaimer**

2. Bowls Canada Boulingrin, Bowls BC, GRANVILLE PARK LAWN BOWLING CLUB and their respective Directors, Officers, committee members, members, employees, coaches, volunteers, officials, participants, agents, sponsors, owners/operators of the facilities in which the Activities take place, and representatives (collectively the "Organization") are not responsible for any injury, personal injury, damage, property damage, expense, loss of income or loss of any kind suffered by a Participant during, or as a result of, the Activities, caused in any manner whatsoever including, but not limited to, the negligence of the Organization.

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**Description and Acknowledgement of Risks**

3. I understand and acknowledge that
- a) The Activities have foreseeable and unforeseeable inherent risks, hazards and dangers that no amount of care, caution or expertise can eliminate, including without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury, permanent disability, paralysis and loss of life
  - b) The Organization may offer or promote online programming (such as webinars, remote conferences, workshops, and online training) which have different foreseeable and unforeseeable risks than in-person programming
  - c) The Organization has a difficult task to ensure safety and it is not infallible. The Organization may be unaware of my fitness or abilities, may misjudge weather or environmental conditions, may give incomplete warnings or instructions, and the equipment being used might malfunction
  - d) **(COVID-19)** The COVID-19 disease has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization and is extremely contagious. The Organization has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the Organization cannot guarantee that I will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, participating in the Activities could increase my risk of contracting COVID-19
4. I am participating voluntarily in the Activities. In consideration of my participation, I hereby acknowledge that I am aware of the risks, dangers and hazards associated with or related to the Activities. I understand that the Organization may fail to safeguard or protect me from the risks, dangers and hazards of the Activities, some of which are listed below. The risks, dangers and hazards include, but are not limited to:
- a) Health: executing strenuous and demanding physical techniques; physical exertion; overexertion; stretching; dehydration; fatigue; cardiovascular workouts; rapid movements and stops; lack of fitness or conditioning; traumatic injury; sprains and fractures, spinal cord injuries, bacterial infections; rashes; and the transmission of communicable diseases, including viruses of all kinds, COVID-19, bacteria, parasites or other organisms or any mutation thereof
  - b) Premises: defective, dangerous or unsafe condition of the facilities; falls; collisions with objects, walls, equipment or persons; dangerous, unsafe, or irregular conditions on lawn bowling surfaces, bowling greens, or other surfaces; extreme weather conditions; and travel to and from the premises
  - c) Use of equipment: mechanical failure of the equipment; negligent design or manufacture of the equipment; the provision of or the failure by the Organization to provide any warnings, directions, instructions or guidance as to the use of the equipment; failure to wear safety or protective equipment; and failure to use or operate equipment within my own ability
  - d) Contact: contact with lawn bowling bowls, jacks, other equipment, vehicles, or other persons; and other contact that may lead to serious bodily injury, including but not limited to concussions and/or other brain injury or serious spinal injury
  - e) Advice: negligent advice regarding the Activities
  - f) Ability: failing to act safely or within my own ability or within designated areas
  - g) Sport: the sport of lawn bowling and its inherent risks, including but not limited to walking, running, lunging, slipping on the bowling green, delivering the bowl, picking up the bowls, stepping onto the bowling green from the walkway or onto the walkway from the bowling green, or stepping over dividers that divide one bowls green from the next
  - h) Cyber: privacy breaches; hacking; and technology malfunction or damage

- i) Conduct: my conduct and conduct of other persons including any physical altercation between participants
- j) Travel: travel to and from the Activities
- k) Negligence: my negligence and negligence of other persons, including NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE ORGANIZATION, which may increase the risk of damage, loss, personal injury or death

(initial here) ☐ ***I have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 3 and 4***

#### **Terms**

5. In consideration of the Organization allowing me to participate in the Activities, I agree:
- a) That when I practice or train in my own space, I am responsible for my surroundings and the location and equipment that I select
  - b) That my mental and physical condition is appropriate to participate in the Activities and I assume all risks related to my mental and physical condition
  - c) To comply with the rules and regulations for participation in the Activities
  - d) To comply with the rules of the facility or equipment
  - e) That if I observe an unusual significant hazard or risk, I will remove myself from participation and bring my observations to a representative of the Organization immediately
  - f) The risks associated with the Activities are increased when I am impaired and I will not to participate if impaired in any way
  - g) That it is my sole responsibility to assess whether any Activities are too difficult for me. By commencing an Activity, I acknowledge and accept the suitability and conditions of the Activity
  - h) That I am responsible for my choice of safety or protective equipment and the secure fitting of that equipment
  - i) **(COVID-19)** That COVID-19 is contagious in nature and I may be exposed to, or infected by, COVID-19 and such exposure may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, or death

#### **Release of Liability and Disclaimer**

6. In consideration of the Organization allowing me to participate, I agree:
- a) That the sole responsibility for my safety remains with me
  - b) To ASSUME all risks arising out of, associated with or related to my participation
  - c) That I am not relying on any oral or written statements made by the Organization or its agents, whether in a brochure or advertisement or in individual conversations, to agree to participate in the Activities
  - d) To WAIVE any and all claims that I may have now or in the future against the Organization
  - e) To freely ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME all such risks and possibility of personal injury, death, property damage, expense and related loss, including loss of income, resulting from my participation in the Activities
  - f) To FOREVER RELEASE the Organization from any and all liability for any and all claims, demands, actions, damages (including direct, indirect, special and/or consequential), losses, actions, judgments, and costs (including legal fees) (collectively, the "Claims") which I have or may have in the future, that might arise out of, result from, or relate to my participation in the Activities, even though such Claims may have been caused by any manner whatsoever, including but not limited to, the negligence, gross negligence, negligent rescue, omissions, carelessness, breach of contract and/or breach of any statutory duty of care of the Organization
  - g) To FOREVER RELEASE AND INDEMNIFY the Organization from any action related to my becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 as a result of, or from, any action, omission or negligence of myself or others, including but not limited to the Organization
  - h) That the Organization is not responsible or liable for any damage to my vehicle, property, or equipment that may occur as a result of the Activities
  - i) That negligence includes failure on the part of the Organization to take reasonable steps to safeguard or protect me from the risks, dangers and hazards associated with the Activities
  - j) This release, waiver and indemnity is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by law of the Province of British Columbia and if any portion thereof is held invalid, the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect

#### **Jurisdiction**

7. I agree that in the event that I file a lawsuit against the Organization, I will do so solely in the Province of British Columbia and further agree that the substantive law of the Province of British Columbia will apply without regard to conflict of law rules.

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#### **Acknowledgement**

8. I acknowledge that I have read and understand this agreement, that I have executed this agreement voluntarily, and that this agreement is to be binding upon myself, my heirs, spouse, children, guardians, next of kin, executors, administrators and legal or personal representatives. I further acknowledge by signing this agreement I have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against the Organization on the basis of any claims from which I have released herein.

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Name of Participant (print)

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Signature of Participant

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Date