



# Return to Play Framework for Lawn Bowling in Alberta

## PHASE 2 based on BCB's Phase 1/2

### STAGE 1 AHS



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## Introduction

Bowls Alberta, as the governing body of the sport of Lawn Bowls in Alberta, and a member of Bowls Canada Boulingrin (BCB), has prepared this Return to Play document for our member clubs. We are thankful to BCB for their preparation of general Return to Play Phases that we can amend to comply with the recommendations of the Alberta Health Services (AHS) and of the mandatory provincewide public health measures.

Using the AHS measures issued on May 26, under Alberta's Open for Summer Plan, [Stronger public health measures | Alberta.ca](https://www.alberta.ca/stronger-public-health-measures-1-alberta-ca), the board has updated and approved this **Phase 2 and its protocols to begin on June 1, 2021**. These protocols are very similar to Phase 1 except for the number of people now allowed on the greens and the activity that they may engage in. Clubs should continue to follow a phased in approach to Return to Play to ensure clubs can assess their readiness to fully implement local health authority requirements as well as help their members reacquaint or become familiar with the protocols and expectations. We will continue to carefully monitor the lifting of restrictions and be ready to implement Phase 3 for our clubs which would then correspond with Alberta's Stage 2 of Alberta's Open for Summer Plans.

## *Disclaimer*

All Federal, Provincial, and local Government and Public Health Authority information, guidelines and directives supersede this information. The Board of Bowls Alberta expects that if stronger restrictions are put in place, all clubs will comply. The current situation is fluid and we need to ensure we are ready to respond to new restrictions and hopefully lifting of those as we move through the next few weeks and months.

## *Clubs can move into Phase 2 on June 1 or later if they wish to remain in Phase 1 longer*

Clubs must still adhere to the protocols set out in the Phase 1 Framework for their safe turf maintenance, for Clubhouse and Common Storage Areas, for Equipment Use, for playing on the greens, pre-screening and tracing.

## *Notification of moving to Phase 2*

Clubs must have their Safety Officer notify Bowls Alberta when they move to Phase 2. Clubs are encouraged to update or prepare their own club protocols and continue to communicate these to members and ensure they are followed for the continued safety of all their members.

### ***Bowls Activity – socially distanced play***

- Bowlers without a pre-registered time should not be permitted access to the club.
- Bowlers should arrive no more than 5 minutes before their scheduled time slot.
- All individuals should sanitize their hands upon arrival at the club and upon leaving.
- Bowlers must wear a mask for indoor spaces and when unable to social distance outside as per AHS protocols.
- **Restrict the number of people per green to ten for solo practice and singles or pairs play.** Clubs with more than one green may have up to ten on each green but those two groups may not intermingle.
- Only training and practice activity currently; no tournaments or league play.
- Ensure the rinks (Max 6) are spaced to assist bowlers in maintaining social distancing.
- Minimize the sharing of equipment and ensure any shared equipment is cleaned between use.

### ***General Safety Protocols***

- Ensure a safety officer is present for all activities at the club or on the green.
- Drop-ins are not allowed at this time as all players must pre-register.
- All bowlers *must* be members.
- Regardless of vaccination status, bowlers must adhere to club protocols.
- Coaches may offer sessions for new members complying with all social distancing and cleaning protocols and limiting the numbers to no more than ten on one green which would include the coach. The coach must remain masked while coaching.
- Outdoor gatherings /recreational activities are limited to ten so maintain this whether on the green or socializing on a club patio always practicing social distancing.