

BOWLS CANADA BOULINGRIN

COVID-19 Policy and Protocol Statement regarding national championships

Preamble

Bowls Canada Boulingrin ("BCB") is committed to providing and maintaining a safe participation environment for all participants.

Requirements

BCB requires all athletes, coaches, spectators, volunteers, media, event staff and contractors on site for a BCB sanctioned national championship to comply with local public health guidelines. Not every jurisdiction has the same policies; participants are advised to have knowledge of what current public health policies are in place at the host destination.

BCB will also require all athletes, coaches, spectators, volunteers, media, event staff and contractors on site for a BCB sanctioned national championship to comply with the relevant provincial bowls association and host club policies and guidelines as they pertain to COVID-19 policy and protocols.

Anyone who has or who develops symptoms upon arrival to the event and/or during the event will be considered a presumed COVID positive case and must follow the local public health COVID positive protocol for self-isolation.

While public health policies have been lifted in various Canadian provinces and communities, please note that athletes, coaches, and support personnel are advised that certain international events still require proof of vaccination. Athletes and coaches should be aware of any vaccine requirements or other policies they will need to comply with when competing or training abroad.

Participants at national championships are expected to be vigilant in continuing to conduct a daily self-assessment (Attestation) for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 prior to attending all BCB-sanctioned lawn bowling activity, and to follow all remaining public health measures.

Recommendations

While BCB is not mandating a COVID-19 vaccine at the present time, BCB strongly recommends that all participants be fully vaccinated where possible. BCB also endorses the other recommendations of the Sport Medicine Advisory Committee including:

- Full vaccination, including booster dose(s) as appropriate when eligible
- Frequent hand washing
- Mask wearing at all times indoors, except for during specific training
- N95, KN95 or equivalent masks are recommended
- Respect social distancing of 2 meters
- Ideally, individual rooms for accommodation of staff and athletes
- Whenever possible, limit group and social gatherings, especially when indoors

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The above policy guidelines may not replace Federal, Provincial, Territorial, and/or Regional Public Health Guidelines that may require higher level of restrictions.

Revisions

Bowls Canada reserves the right to implement a mandatory vaccination policy, or any variation of a policy / mandate regarding pandemic protocols, at its sole discretion.

Bowls Canada will continue to closely monitor any changes in public health measures. We appreciate the commitment of our membership in adhering to the various measures that have been in place to date.

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