

SLBC Rules for bowling during Covid-19

- The Club can operate so long as we follow strict physical distancing and safety procedures. By doing so, we are making it possible for our members to take healthy outdoor exercise and recreation whilst remaining safe and curbing the spread of the virus.
- We take the health of our members and the community very seriously.
- We follow the City of Sarasota, Florida and Centre for Disease control guidelines, as follows:

The number of new cases of COVID-19 both in the USA and in our community has been increasing at a worrying rate. This disease is not just flu – Covid-19 has claimed over a quarter of a million lives in our country so far. Because of this, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has recommended a new mask policy, which we have adopted, and **must be followed by members whilst on the club premises/grounds.**

Under this policy, members must wear face masks when around people not of their own household. Note that masks are no substitute for social distancing, so please wear a mask AND keep socially distanced. The CDC makes an exception when you are outside alone and away from others. We interpret this to apply to anyone on a rink playing or practicing alone, and a mask is not required in this case, so long as there is at least one empty rink between that member and anyone else on the green. Otherwise, we ask that you wear a mask whenever you are on club premises/grounds, unless you have valid medical exemption. We recognize that this can be an inconvenience, but it is a small thing to ask when our goal is to keep everyone safe in the face of this serious pandemic.

- **Please wear a mask at all times on club premises/grounds, except when playing or practicing alone on a rink – so long as there is at least one empty rink between you and anyone else on the green.**

Adhering to the above rules and guidelines is important and the failure to support them is against our operating policy. Numerous factors have been considered, but please remember the safety of players is a priority. If members or guests are observed blatantly not following these procedures, further action may be taken up to and including suspension.

Below we have laid out additional detailed rules/guidelines which we expect all members and guests to follow whilst on club premises/grounds:

DO NOT come to the club at all if any of the following apply:

- You exhibit or experience any of the symptoms of COVID-19 (new, persistent cough, loss or change in taste or smell, running a fever or having an elevated temperature)
- You received a positive test result for COVID-19 or had recent contact with someone who has had a positive COVID-19 test result.
- You had recent contact with someone believed to be infected with COVID-19.
- You have been advised to self-isolate or shield

Guidelines for a Safe Player Experience:

- Activity should always be in line with 6-foot social distancing measures
- Face coverings are required as noted in the CDC policy above.

Hygiene Protocol for Players:

- Hand sanitizer and sanitized/disinfectant towels/wipes will be readily available on site for your use.
- Players shall clean and wipe down their own equipment, including bowls.
- Ensure no physical contact during games – do not shake hands or high five.
- No spitting or licking of fingers.

Provision of Equipment for Play:

- Only one “designated person” per session must access the storage shed to bring out mats and rakes and place them on the greens/rinks for use. That same person should return them afterwards.
- Only one designated person will provide jacks for play for all rinks, and will return them after each session.

Handling of Bowling Equipment during Play on Each Rink:

- Only one person per game will touch the scoreboard and must sanitize it before and after each use.
- Jacks must be sanitized before, during and after each game, and must only be handled by only one player on the rink.
- One player on the rink will be responsible for placing the mat for the entire game and must sanitize it before and after use.
- Rakes will be used by only one person on each rink and they must sanitize it before and after use.
- Measures should only be used if absolutely necessary, and then only one player per rink must carry out all measuring, sanitizing the measure before and after use. DO NOT touch the jack or bowls when measuring.
- Players must only touch and handle their own bowls and should sanitize them before and after play.

Safety Considerations when using the Club Facilities:

- Please arrive at the club no more than 15 minutes prior to start of play and do not congregate in groups awaiting the start of the session.
- Start of Play announcements must be done in an open area, allowing for social distancing. Face masks must be worn.
- Clubhouse access is limited to three persons at any time, socially distanced and wearing face masks.
- When on club premises, avoid touching surfaces, and sanitize any that you do touch afterwards.
- No food will be offered by the club at this time, though members may bring their own. Beverages will be available from the fridge and water dispensers, but these must be sanitized after using. If having a drink/chat after the session, please remember social distancing must be observed.
- Only one person should use the restroom at a time.
- Wash your hands frequently – following the 20 second rule.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Have fun and STAY SAFE!