



British Columbia Tenpin Federation

RETURN TO PLAY GUIDELINES

The guidelines in this document work in conjunction with the BC Tenpin Federation (BCTF) COVID-19 Policy document and will be amended as required.

These guidelines have been approved by the BCTF Board of Directors and each local association must approve its own COVID-19 Policy document and return to play plan. BCTF strongly encourages everyone to review these documents in addition to the viaSport return to play information at:

<https://www.viasport.ca/return-sport>

All guidelines must be in compliance with all orders and restrictions from the Provincial Health Officer and the Local Health Authorities, as well as any restrictions from Bowl BC, the Provincial Sports Organization.

GENERAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

The following guidelines apply to anyone involved in sanctioned tenpin bowling activity or practice, which includes, but is not limited to: Athletes, coaches, officials, administrators, volunteers, and spectators.

- Anyone displaying ANY symptoms MUST NOT attend
- Wipe down, with disinfectant, any surface that an athlete may touch, prior to the session. Centre staff can confirm this in advance. “House balls” must be wiped down, with disinfectants, by the participant, before use in league or tournament play.
- Remind participants to avoid touching face and mouth.
- No gum chewing.
- No sharing of personal equipment or items, such as: bowling balls, tape, towels, and rosin bags. Rosin bags and towels MUST NOT be placed on the ball return.
- Coaches must not share equipment with athletes.
- Avoid ride sharing, when possible
- Water fountains should only be used to refill water bottles.
- All participants are encouraged to clean their equipment after each session.
- All participants are encouraged to wash all clothing and themselves after each session.

VIASPORT PHASE 3 (Effective August 24, 2020)

Phase 3 is the Progressively Loosen phase and the following guidelines may apply:

- Refer to PHO or local authorities for restrictions.
- Limited spectators.
- Local Association or Inter-centre tournaments may be considered.
- Increased hand hygiene.
- Some shared equipment.
- Enhanced cleaning protocols in place.

See the viaSport Guidelines for all the Phase 3 requirements.

BC TENPIN FEDERATION PHASE 3

The following guidelines apply to all activities.

- **Maximum of 48 bowlers in one shift of league, effective January 1, 2021.**
Maximum of 50 participants, including spectators and officials.
- Maximum of 1 parent or spectator per participant.
- Participants must sign compliance form prior to the first league session, or any tournament; this form is kept on file and can be re-used for each league session.
- All government expectations and requirements met, including viaSport Phase 3 guidelines.
- All BCTF General Health and Safety Guidelines must be reviewed and enforced.
- No touching other athletes, including high fives. Increased hand sanitization.
- Take attendance at each session, including all spectator's names and phone numbers, and store for 30 days for contact tracing.
- No shared use of personal equipment.
- **Tournaments are restricted to CRDBA, MVITA, and SVITBA.**
Limited Travel. No overnight trips.
- Participants should only arrive at an activity immediately before the scheduled practice or activity time, and should wait in their car, or away from other people, until their activity area is sanitized.
- Participants should leave the bowling centre immediately following the activity.

Additional Youth Leagues/activity Guidelines:

- Maximum of 6 participants and one coach per pair.
- Coaches, volunteers, and officials must wear masks and remain 2 metres from all participants, whenever possible.
- No physical correction of athletes.
- No huddles or smaller league groups for coaching or talks, unless 2 metre physical distancing can be observed.
- Only one coach per pair should touch the scoring console.
- Maximum one spectator per participant and spectators must sit in the designated spectator area, at least 2 metres away from the other participants.

Additional Tournament Guidelines (permitted November 15, 2020):

- **Maximum of 4 participants per pair.**
- **Maximum bowlers per shift as follows:**
 - **44 bowlers per shift, if no spectators.**
 - **36 bowlers per shift with spectators. Spectators are permitted on a first come, first served basis.**
- **All bowlers and spectators must pre-register, for attendance purposes. No walk-up entries or spectators.**
- **Bowlers may only participate in tournaments in their home centre, in their home local association.**
- All participants aged 11 and over must wear masks, except while delivering the ball or eating/drinking, or due to medical exemption.
- All tournament staff, volunteers, spectators, and coaches must wear masks at all times (except while eating/drinking).
- **Set up registration and check-in desk close to front door of bowling centre. Team captain may complete an attendance form and check-in for their team.**
- **Staff members/tournament official/or volunteers must be 2 metres apart if sharing a tournament desk.**
- Bowlers may not arrive prior to the stated check-in time, as indicated in the tournament rules. Bowlers will be permitted access to starting lanes prior to each shift, as directed by tournament staff.
- Bowlers must remove ALL equipment at the end of their shifts so that staff may sanitize the bowling area. Bowlers must re-check in and complete a new attendance form. Tournament staff will decide when it is safe for bowlers to return to the assigned lanes.
- **Bowlers may not change lanes during a shift, except due to breakdown.**
- Only tournament staff, volunteers, or centre staff may touch the scoring consoles. Tournament staff **or one person per pair may record scores.**
- **Fundraisers and brackets are permitted. Tournament prizes may be paid following the tournament.**
- Add 20-40 minutes between shifts.
- Attestation and waivers must be signed prior to tournament.
- Other restrictions may apply.

VIASPORT PHASE 4 (TBA)

Phase 4 is the New Normal phase and the following guidelines may apply:

- Refer to PHO or local authorities for restrictions.
- Large groups allowed.
- No restrictions on spectators.
- No restrictions on activity types.
- Provincial competition and large events may return.
- Shared equipment permitted.

See the viaSport Guidelines for all the Phase 4 requirements.

BC TENPIN FEDERATION PHASE 4 (TBA)

All programs may resume; some restrictions may be required.

Note: Anyone using the Guidelines does so at his or her own risk. BC Tenpin Federation shall not be responsible for any loss or damage of any kind arising directly or indirectly from the use of the Guidelines including, without limitation, reliance on the completeness or accuracy of the information provided.