

SOP for Legion Sports under COVID 19

1. BASIC PROCEDURE

- The purpose of this policy is to outline the procedures to be put in place for the safety of Members and Guests that will allow In-house Sports to be played.
- This SOP outlines what needs to be accomplished to maintain physical distancing and minimizing the risks of spreading COVID 19.
- All inter-branch, zone, provincial and national sports have been suspended until further notice.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES:

a. Branch President

- Is ultimately responsible to ensure physical distancing and all procedures put in place as outlined in this SOP.

b. Manager/ Volunteer Manager/Duty Legion Representative

- Shall be required to enforce this SOP.

c. SPORTS REPRESENTATIVE

- Shall be responsible to ensure all sports teams participating are aware of the requirements and restrictions that shall be needed to be followed and if not followed sports shall not be conducted.

3. SPORTS CONDUCTED WITHIN THE BRANCH:

Social distancing of 2 meters or 6 feet should be maintained when playing any sports. If this is not possible participants **MUST** wear masks. ALL PLAYERS shall be required to sanitize their hands before and after playing. Players not following these guideline or direction from the Duty Legion Representative and staff may be removed from playing.

a. Cribbage/Card Games

- Due to physical distancing and having to share a deck of cards, there is no safe method of playing cribbage or any other type of card game, because the danger of infection cannot be mitigated and it is suggested that this sport not be brought back until Stage 4.

b. Pool

- All players shall be required to bring and use their own pool cues and chalk, all legion supplied cues shall be removed. Cues should not be shared.
- Pool ball sets shall be kept behind the bar until required and returned there after each game. It is suggested that the branch have an alternate set of pool balls available to allow proper sanitization between games.
- Staff will wipe all balls with sanitizing wipe before giving out balls again.
- The branch shall have either 2 sets of pool balls per pool table available or allow up to 30 minutes time between games to allow for sanitization of the pool balls by staff.
- All players before starting any play shall sanitize their hands.
- All players shall wear a glove on their non-playing hand which shall be used when handling the pool balls (cloth or surgical glove that covers the entire hand).
- All tables, chairs and participants shall be at least 6 ft (2 M) apart.
- Upon completion of each game, players shall be responsible to wipe down the outside rails prior to the start of the next game with sanitizing wipes.

c. Shuffleboard

- Shuffleboard in it's current form is almost impossible to play without significant efforts to minimize the chances of contamination from COVID-19 therefore the following shall be done to reduce the risk:
- Gloves shall be used when handling the shuffleboard rocks.
- Access to the shuffleboard rocks shall be controlled by having them behind the bar.
- The branch shall have either 2 sets of shuffleboard rocks per table available or allow up to 30 minutes time between games to allow for sanitization of the shuffleboard rocks by staff.

- Only 1 player at a time shall be near the shuffleboard, the remaining players shall be seated at least 6 feet away.
- The shuffleboard shall be located at least 6 feet away from other tables, if this is not possible then shuffleboard games cannot be conducted.
- All tables, chairs and participants shall be at least 6 ft (2 M) apart.
- Upon completion of each game, players shall be responsible to wipe down the outside rails prior to the start of the next game with sanitizing wipes.

d. Darts

- Dart games may be conducted provided there is a 6 ft (2 M) distancing surrounding the dart playing area including the foul line and the following are conducted:
 - Only 1 player at a time shall occupy the dartboard playing area.
 - All players shall provide their own darts, house darts shall not be made available.
 - Each player shall provide and use their own piece of chalk to keep score.
 - At no time shall players come within 6 feet of each other.
 - Darts shall be held at all times and not placed upon the table.
 - If dart boards are surrounded by an outside ring, they shall be sanitized by the players before the start of the next game.
- All tables, chairs and participants shall be at least 6 ft (2 M) apart.

4. CONCLUSION

- If the above is followed the risk of infection from COVID-19 should be minimized.
- If the branch cannot follow these or similar guidelines, then they should not conduct sports within their premises until the Province announces Stage 4 restrictions.
- Players who either repeatedly ignore or indicate that they will not follow these rules must not be allowed to play any further as they will be placing others in harm in which case they can be asked to leave the premises.
- Questions can be directed to the sports committee or staff.