



BOWLS CANADA

“Just Roll With It” Pilot Project - Introducing Lawn Bowls to Canadians with Disabilities

What is the “Just Roll With It” program?

The “Just Roll With It” pilot project is a nationally sanctioned and Sport Canada funded program designed to address the existing gap in coordinated lawn bowls programming for Canadians with disabilities. The goal of this pilot project is to develop programming and resources that could be implemented by any lawn bowls club wishing to offer programming for bowlers with disabilities in a safe and welcoming way. Bowls Canada has partnered with two lawn bowls clubs in Canada, Commonwealth Lawn Bowls in Edmonton and Nepean Lawn Bowls in Ottawa, in order to run an adapted version of the existing *Learn to Bowl* program, for Canadians with disabilities.

Why is it being run at my club?

Your club has agreed to become one of two pilot project sites in Canada for this program. The club was selected due to the size of the population of the city in which it is located (and thereby ensuring a large enough population of Canadians with disabilities from which to draw a target pool of participants) but also because of the support for inclusive programming that is visible within your city and your club. *You should be proud to be a member of a club that values inclusivity and diversity!*

Who is involved in the program from within my club?

Club organizers will be looking for members from within three bowls clubs located in Edmonton to volunteer in such areas as coaching and program support. Training will be provided to all volunteers.

Who will participate in the program?

Participants in this program will come from the local community and will consist of any individual with a disability who is interested in learning to bowl. Recruitment is well underway through the assistance of various local and provincial organizations that



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support individuals with disabilities. Promotional flyers will be shared throughout the community and your club and you are welcome to share these with your own networks should you know of anyone interested in participating.

When will the program be run?

Programming will occur in the summer of 2021. The program is scheduled to run once per week (for a duration of one hour) for 6 weeks total. It is scheduled for mid July 2021 to the end of August 2021.

How will this program impact me as a club member?

A short Club Member Orientation session is being planned for the middle of July 2021 to let club members know what they can expect when this program rolls out. The goal is to have a club environment that is safe, welcoming and inclusive to bowlers with a disability.

How will COVID-19 impact this program?

Programming will be entirely dependent on the COVID-19 restrictions that are in place at the time the “Just Roll With It” program is due to be run. All COVID-19 safety protocols that are in place at the club, will be in place for the “Just Roll With It” program. As of June 14, 2021, Bowls Canada and your club are moving forward with planning for this program with the expectation that it will run this summer.

Who can I contact if I have more questions?

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