Games and activities in licensed establishments

You are required by law to adjust your activity to meet any additional regional or community restrictions in place. To see if any additional restrictions are in effect in your area visit https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/county-restrictions/

Games and activities such as darts, pool, cards, bowling, bingo and others are allowed in licensed establishments as long as the following criteria are met. If you have further questions about these activities in licensed establishments, please contact Alcohol and Gaming at 902-424-6160.

The same criteria can be used for these types of activities when they are hosted by non-licensed establishments such as recognized charities or community groups. The establishments must follow the gathering limit for recognized businesses and organizations, which may vary depending on regional or community restrictions. They must adhere to groups of no more than 25 people as outlined below.

The same criteria can also be used for these types activities when they are hosted by organized clubs. The clubs must follow the gathering limit for organized club meetings which may vary depending on regional or community restrictions.

In all cases, the establishment or club takes on responsibility for ensuring that public health measures and these guidelines are followed.

• All the requirements in clause 11.1 (b) of the Health Protection Act Order are being met.
• The game or activity must be conducted in a manner that ensures participants are able to maintain at least 2 metres/6 feet of physical distance between them throughout the activity, except when they are from a single group of up to 25 people seated at the same table.
• If there is dedicated seating for teams in a specified playing area, then the tables need to be separated by at least 2 metres/6 feet and there can only be a single team of people per table.
• Masks must be worn at all times by participants, except if they are seated at their table and eating/drinking.
• Eating and drinking can only take place when a person is seated at their table.

• During an activity, there can be no sharing of equipment such as cards, darts, etc except within the single group of up to 25 people seated at a single table.

• Between activities, all equipment that is meant to shared between participants must be wiped or cleaned with a disinfecting cleaner.

• The establishment must have protocols and processes in place to facilitate handwashing/sanitizing by participants before and after they play, and to ensure cleaning of common surfaces between groups of players.

• Singing activities such as karaoke are permitted and must follow COVID-19 guidance for musicians.

• Regular leagues and one-time tournaments that can adhere to these requirements are allowed.