



August 31, 2021

COVID-19 Policies and Protocols

Assumptions

These policies and protocols are developed and updated by the Board of Directors in line with the most recent public health protocols. **Check back often to make sure you are aware of the most recent updates.**

Persons participating in indoor activities will be restricted to current provincial capacity limits.

Masks must be worn except when on the ice or using tables for kitchen or bar services. **Being vaccinated does not lessen the need for wearing a mask and keeping 2M apart.**

The bar facilities will be available for evening draws only. Limited food service (coffee, snacks etc.) will be available for day curlers according to provincial guidelines and dependent on the decisions made by League Convenors. Disposable cups and plates will be used, and condiments will be provided in single serving packages.

The club will provide adequate hand sanitizer and wipes at locations throughout the club, including entry, lounge, locker rooms, washrooms, and each end of each ice surface. Disposable masks will be available in the event a member fails to bring a mask. Members are required to bring their own masks, tissues, water, brooms or delivery sticks, helmets, grippers and sliders.

Washrooms will be available with limited occupancy and will be sanitized each day.

Registration

Members will register to curl on-line only. If members do not have access to internet or are unable to complete registration, they will contact the responsible registration person by phone and provide the required information.

Members will be encouraged to pay fees by 'e transfer' to reduce the number of cheques and cash to be processed. Other arrangements will be provided for members

who are unable to use 'e-transfer' service.

Pro-rated fee refunds will be provided should any member not be comfortable with the level of compliance of other members to these protocols or should the pandemic situation seriously degrade during the season to the point of having to close the club.

Lounge, Kitchen and Bar Operations

Limited kitchen services (coffee, cookies, muffins etc.) will be provided for day curlers as specified in the 'Assumptions' section. Bar services will be provided for evening draws only per the 'Assumptions' section.

Tables and chairs will be provided in the lounge for one complete draw (32 persons), observing social distancing. The tables and chairs may not be rearranged as that action will inhibit the distancing requirement. Masks must be worn while in the lounge unless seated at a table for the purpose of using the kitchen or bar services.

The tradition of winning team buying the first round is suspended. Everyone buys their own.

Pre-Game Arrivals and Post Game Departures

Any member who is not well or who has family members not well is asked not to participate.

Players will be requested to arrive before their scheduled game dressed appropriately for curling and are required to maintain physical distancing. Masks must be worn until reaching the ice surface

Players arriving will be allowed access to the change rooms and the lounge to don curling shoes but must keep strict 2M separation. **Lockers are available on a first come, first serve basis. Masks must be worn at all times in the locker room.**

Day games will be held to a strict two hour time limit where a second league is scheduled to play. At the end of two hours, participants are required to leave the ice surface and don a mask. There will be no extra ends played. Players are required to change their footwear and leave the building within one hour. Players are required to take all personal curling equipment home with them unless they are renting a locker.

The above game time restrictions do not apply to evening curling as there is a single draw only and bar services are available after the game. Players are requested to leave the building within one hour.

Scores for each team are to be transmitted by the winning skip to the league convenor electronically.

On Ice Protocols

Physical Distancing (6 ft/2M – a broom's length!) According to our Public Health Unit, this is the most important rule to follow.

- All skips and vice-skips when in house must stay 6 feet/2M apart.
- Do not congregate at the back boards when coming on and leaving the ice. Enter and leave with 6 feet/2M between you and the next person.
- **Sheets 1 and 3 will begin their game at the scoreboard end.**
- No physical contact before, during or after the game. No fist-pumps or high-fives.
- At the completion of the end, only one player from each team should move their team rocks to the back boards.
- Just because you are wearing a mask does not mean you can be closer than 6 feet/2M.
- There will be no handshakes or other form of contact prior to, during, or on completion of the game.
- The leads will determine who has hammer before proceeding to the ice. They will then each sanitize the handles of the rocks for their team and then proceed to their designated positions.
- Seconds and Vice-Skips will go immediately down ice. Once hammer is decided they will proceed to their designated positions.
- Skips will immediately proceed directly to the target end.
- Each player is responsible for selecting their own rock for play and will not touch other rocks. If other rocks need to be moved, they will be moved using a broom.

Sweeping

- In all cases, there is no sweeping of the opposition rocks.
- In 4 person games, there is no sweeping by either skip on any rock. (Or vice-skip when holding the broom.)
- There is to be one sweeper only on each rock thrown. Sweeping allowed from delivery hog line until all rocks come to a halt.
- In the 2-person game, only the throwing team skip can sweep from the hog line until all rocks come to a halt. The idle skip cannot sweep any rock.

Masks

- Masks must be worn off ice at all times unless you are seated and using the kitchen/bar services. This includes while entering and leaving the ice.
- Masks are optional on the ice but strongly encouraged. If you can wear a mask, please do so. Our Public Health Unit advises that masks are an extra precaution and do not replace physical distancing.
- Masks are intended to keep the wearer's droplets (coughs, sneezes, heavy breathing) to themselves. They should cover the nose, mouth and chin to be effective. It is all about containing droplets.
- If you have trouble with glasses fogging up, try different masks and anti-fogging products. Consult your eyeglass provider for ideas. Also, here is a link to a face mask product that has been effective for some
- <https://spidertech.com/ca/ready-face-mask>
- Just because you are wearing a mask does not mean you can be closer than 6 ft/2M.

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