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Brighton and District Curling Club

Covid-19 Policies and Protocols

Assumptions

No club activities will take place before August 29, 2020. The first club activity scheduled is the AGM that is scheduled for August 29, 2020.

Work parties required for season preparation and maintenance may access the club providing proper social distancing, sanitizing, and PPE is observed.

Persons participating in indoor activities will be restricted to current paid up members only and will be restricted to 50 persons at any time. Masks must be worn except when on the ice or using tables for kitchen or bar services.

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 after each league has finished play each day.

Pre-Season Registration

Members will register for the upcoming season 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.

The usual opening receptions will not be held this year.

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.

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.

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.

The Monday morning men's league will be restricted to a single draw with extra teams being accommodated with 'byes'. There will be a two hour break before the Monday afternoon Ladies league commences.

Two person leagues will be scheduled according to pre-Covid scheduling in view of the reduced number of players involved at each time slot.

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 valuables (e.g. Ladies purses) should be taken to the ice surface and kept on the backboards during play.

Players arriving will be allowed access to the change rooms and the lounge to don curling shoes but must keep strict 2M separation. No lockers will be available until physical separation distance requirements are eliminated.

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.

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 of completing their game.

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

On Ice Protocols

On entering the ice surfaces, teams will proceed to their assigned sheet observing physical distancing. Players may wear masks as they desire during the game.

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 and sanitize the wheel. 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 to the designated position.

Skips will 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.

Physical distancing is recommended but not required by Health Department regulations for team sports. Teams will use one sweeper only for each delivered rock. Relay of sweepers is not permitted. The sweeper may sweep the rock from the delivered hog line to the head of the house at the target end only.

Team skips may sweep rocks from the head of the house per normal curling rules but should observe physical distancing where possible.

Idle players on sheets one and four will station themselves appropriately on the side boards, and idle players on sheets two and three will station themselves on the right sides of the sheet. Physical distancing is recommended.

Skip and Vice-skip conferences can be completed in the house, maintaining distancing.

All players should attempt to maintain physical distancing as much as possible.

Adult Learn to Curl

Participants will adhere to the protocols outlined elsewhere in this document. In addition:

The Adult Learn to Curl program will be held from January 11 to March 8 inclusive. Enrolment numbers will be capped at 16 students to conform to group gathering and physical distancing rules.

Students will be spaced at 2M intervals throughout the lounge

Each curler will be issued dedicated grippers with a deposit at the start. They will bring them to each session and return them at the end for a return of deposit.

Curlers will use the same rocks, slider and broom throughout each session. The equipment will be sanitized by the instructors before and after each session.

In lieu of an autumn ALTC program, a 'rookie league' will be offered. This league will be restricted to ALTC graduate curlers or curlers with 1-3 years experience. Persons who have not curled previously will not be eligible.

The 'Rookie League' will start on October 19. This schedule will allow instructors and coaches to become familiar with the Covid-19 protocols.