

CN Curling Club Return to Play Guide

Overview:

It is important to note the situation around the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve and requires ongoing monitoring to either add, maintain, enhance or remove some or all of the following **temporary procedures**.

They will be implemented in complete alignment with the evolving suggestions and directives of public health and the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) and monitored on an ongoing basis.

Goals:

Provide a facility that permits as normal a curling experience as possible while adhering to the evolving best practices as set forth by Public Health and the SHA

Implement additional measures to assist in protecting the health and well-being of our Members, Staff, and Guests.

Respect your team mates and fellow Club members

If you are not feeling well, please stay home

Rigidly follow public health and SHA regulations.

Familiarize yourself with the Club's temporary changes (below).

Observe and follow various guidelines that are posted throughout the Club.

If you have been in contact with a person who has tested positive:

- advise us immediately
- if you have travelled recently you must follow public health and the SHA guidelines

Frequently and thoroughly wash your hands with soap and warm water.

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Registration

On-line Registration is available this season and is strongly encouraged. The on-line registration is available on the CNCC website. However, in-person registration is still available.

Once on-line registration has been performed, you will receive an invoice via email and you can make payment by E-Transfer to gmcncc@shaw.ca. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept credit or debit cards over the phone. Payment of your fees can also be made on your next visit to the club - credit, debit and cheques will be accepted.

A Declaration of Compliance and Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Indemnity Agreement form part and parcel of the registration.

Arrival

Everyone entering the club (including members, spares, guests and tradespersons) will be required to sign-in. This takes the form of a physical sign-in sheet at the front entry, an electronic sign-in via the CNCC website or a QR scan code available on our website and at the rink.

The purpose of signing-in is two-fold:

1. Facilitate contact tracing, if necessary, by allowing us or the health authorities to contact you in the event of a positive Covid-19 case or outbreak at the rink; and
2. Obtain agreement with the terms and conditions of the Declaration of Compliance & Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Indemnity Agreement. These documents are posted in the front entry, in the lobby and on the CNCC website.

Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the Club and is to be used upon entry to each individual area of the Club.

Unless using the food or beverage services, Members should endeavour to arrive no more than 15 minutes prior to game start.

Members, guests and staff must wear masks in the common areas – lobby, stairwells, locker rooms, etc.

Lobby tables and chairs are designated for kitchen/ lounge patron use only.

Members are encouraged to arrive in their curling clothes, however, may opt to use a dedicated locker. Members **must** supply their own curling equipment - equipment rental is temporarily discontinued.

Boots and shoes will be allowed to be kept in the lobby area. However, all other outerwear and personal belongings are to be kept in a locker or in a personal duffle-type bag that is taken out to the ice shed and placed in the designated areas at the start of the game.

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Pre-game

To minimize congestion while teams enter the ice shed, signs will be posted indicating which sheets shall be accessed from which door.

To assist in social distancing between the sheets, sheets two and four will start their first end from the scoreboard end of the ice shed while sheets one, three and five will commence their first end as normal from the lobby end of the ice shed.

Rock handles will be cleaned by staff prior to each game; however, cleaning materials are located at each end of the ice shed should you wish to clean the handles of your two rocks.

Traditional pre-game hand shaking is to be temporarily discontinued.

Tossing of a personal coin by one person to determine who has last rock in the first end is permitted, however, rock-paper-scissors or any other social distancing method is preferred.

Game Play

Social distancing between and within the playing teams shall be achieved by following the recommendations of Curling Canada and CurlSask. (See links below).

Score boards will be used with one "hanging marker" for each team. It is to be moved along the scoreboard as you score.

The third of the team that lost the toss will be designated as the official person to perform all measurements. In the event the opposing third seeks further validation, masks are to be worn by both thirds to validate the measurement; however, only the official measuring third is to touch the measuring device. Prior to collecting the measuring device, hands are to be sanitized and re-sanitized after the measuring device has been returned to its designated position.

The provision of amenities such as facial tissues and water is suspended.

Cleaning the bottom your rock by hand or glove is temporarily discontinued and you must use a broom head only.

Setting of the opposing teams rocks near the hack is discontinued. You may only touch your own rocks.

Rock clearing at the completion of each end is to be done by one person from the team that scored. He or she will push the rocks toward the appropriate side where a person from each team will place them in the designated staging areas. Note that this shall be done by foot movement only and rocks will be "randomly" positioned, as opposed to being organized sequentially. Delivering players are responsible for retrieving the appropriate numbered rock from the designated area.

Sweeping. *One sweeper only on all delivered stones*, in accordance with Curling Canada and CurlSask recommendations. In addition, relaying is not permitted (second sweeper taking over halfway down the sheet).

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Sweeping behind the T-line. The skip of the non-delivering team cannot sweep any rocks and is to remain at or behind the hack until all of the rocks come to a rest.

The skip of the delivering team can sweep their own or the opposition's rock behind the T-line, providing the front-end sweeper stops sweeping before or at the top of the house. Alternatively, the front-end sweeper of the delivering team can sweep (own or opposition's stones) behind the T-line provided his/her skip maintains 6' distance from the sweeper.

Bell Rule Change. The bell will ring one hour and fifty minutes after the designated league start time, after which only the current end may be completed. The practice of allowing one more end after the end in which the bell rang is discontinued.

NOTE: The bell rule does not apply to the daytime Senior curling leagues.

The Friday Evening leagues' start times have been changed to 6:15 and 8:45 to allow for the additional cleaning protocols.

Post-Game

Congratulatory handshaking is discontinued.

The winning team is to complete the game score card as per normal practice.

Curling clothing, equipment and personal belongings are not to be left in the lobby, stairwell or lounge areas and must either be placed in your vehicle or your locker immediately following each game.

Locker Rooms

In addition to expanded cleaning protocols, locker rooms are equipped with cleaning supplies for those wishing to wipe down their individual locker prior to accessing.

Washrooms

All washrooms are available and have been outfitted with touchless soap and paper towel dispensers.

In addition to expanded cleaning protocols, cleaning materials are present for those wishing to wipe down touch points and bathrooms prior to use.

Kitchen

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Lounge

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Lining up at the bar to order a beverage is temporarily suspended; table service shall be provided at all times as quickly as possible. Consider pre ordering.

Cleaning

In addition to having numerous locations and endless amounts of hand sanitizer throughout the Club, we have increased the frequency of cleaning in all areas, particularly “high traffic” and “touch” areas such as door handles and jambs, switch plates, hand rails and washrooms.

Most manual dispensers (paper towel, soap, etc.) have been replaced with touchless devices.

Score markers, measurement sticks and rock handles have also been added to the cleaning protocol.

A Cleaning Log is located in the lobby and indicates when a disinfection was last performed. As well, a Cleaning Checklist is located in each washroom and area of the rink to provide transparency to our cleaning policy and procedures.

COVID-19 Outbreak Procedure

While upholding privacy laws, should a Member, Staff or Guest test positive, we will:

- Strictly following direction from public health and the Saskatchewan Health Authority.
- Notify you at the email address on your registration form or attendance sheet

NOTE: In the event you do not have a personal email, please provide the email address of a family member or close friend so they may notify you immediately.

- In the event of a mandated permanent closure for the season, the refund policy will apply.
- In the event of a mandated temporary closure, the Board of Directors will establish a policy at that time.

Refund policy

Posted in the lobby.

General info

Signage regarding safety measures, physical distancing requirements, the new rules of play, et al are placed in numerous locations throughout the Club.

Resource materials:

Curling Canada return to play guidelines/suggestions:

<https://www.curling.ca/blog/2020/07/06/return-to-play-guidelines/>

CurlSask return to play guidelines/suggestions:

<https://s19511.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Return-to-Play.-August-25.2020-1.pdf>

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